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Parks, Trails, Arts & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

North Salt Lake City Hall

6:00 p.m.

(Final)

Attendees: Camille Thorpe, Steve Aase, Conrad Jacobson, Paul Ottoson, Natalie Gordon, Lori Seppi, Nola Lucke, Sally Beyer – Minutes

Topic of Discussion:

- Follow up discussion of NSL Kite Festival.
 - a. Poster art
 - b. Local business outreach
- Follow up on Sandy's Health Project.
- Discussion of Trail Markers.
- Follow up on Children's Theater.
- Follow up on Book Club & Writing Competition
- Parks, Trails, Arts & Recreation Committee Discussion

Minutes:

1. Follow up discussion of the NSL Kite Festival.

Camille Thorpe had a concern from a resident that the swings at Hatch Park are loud and squeaky and needs to be greased. Conrad Jacobson told her to call Sally Beyer and she would refer it to T.J. Riley (Parks Superintendent). Conrad also asked Sally to check on bathrooms at the Parks with T.J. Riley when they will be opened. The Kite Festival posters are starting to be distributed and Conrad mentioned it would be a good idea to have a list of where they have been distributed already. There was discussion of who was responsible to place the posters at the different businesses (see minutes of March 11, 2013 for complete list). Steve Aase asked if the poster was the original and Camille said that the poster is the original and was not done in silk screen but is done digitally and was not numbered. Camille reminded everyone to ask the businesses to donate whatever they could and there are 250 posters and should be able to be generous in giving out the posters. Sally was asked to copy 800 of the Kite Festival instructions

so that the Youth City Council could staple them to the kites. Sally was also asked to keep the coupons and hand them out to the Fire & Police Departments by April 19th. Coupons should be handed in by April 1st and half will be put in the Easter eggs and the other half will be distributed to the Fire and Police Departments. There was discussion about the next meeting on April 8th. Paul Ottoson said that there is always a conflict with the Planning and Zoning meeting being on the same evening. He asked if it was possible to meet a half hour earlier at 5:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm so that he and Ken Leetham could attend some of the meeting. A majority said that would work but wanted to contact Tayler Clough and Hal LaBelle who were absent.

2. Follow up discussion of Sandy's Health Project.

Taylor Clough was not in attendance and was not able to be discussed. This discussion will be tabled for later date.

3. Discussion of Trail Markers.

Paul Ottoson said at Wild Rose Trail Head Park the kiosk will have a detailed map that will be showing the name of all the trails and be put under plexiglass. There are signs out there now but people get confused. The City Council has requested smaller detail maps with "you are here" arrows. Paul mentioned that he did not want hikers to be on the biker flow trails. They do have warning signs at the intersections. Paul talked about signage for the two bike flow trails that are downhill bike trails only and would like to make sure that there are no hikers when the bikes are going down. It will take some time to get these signs in place and was decided to table this until May 6th for further discussion.

4. Follow up discussion of Children's Theater.

Steve Aase brought up the "Spotlight Children's Theater" packet that he had e-mailed to everyone but apparently many did not receive it. Steve said that a date still needs to be selected and asked Laura Brown if she still wants to go for the outdoor venue and she would as long as there is the ability to have power for the microphones and sound system. Paul said that right now we do not have power there and received a cost estimate which was twenty one thousand dollars but they will take some extras off and ask for a new cost estimate. It will go before City Council and a budget adjustment/amendment will have to be made as there is not currently money for this. The funds could be available by May and project could be done by first of June. Steve said he would like to see the production done in late June. Paul said it all depends on the City Council and if they approve the cost and budget amendment.

Steve talked about a brief overview of the program. Spotlight Children's Theater has been invited and they are a theater group that specializes in doing theater for children. They bring all the costume, makeup, props, microphones and run all the rehearsals. The City would have to pay for all the rights and be in charge of the marketing and they do everything else. They are a Davis County business and are working with schools with their productions and also community productions. There is a participation fee and the cost for licensing a play is between four to six hundred dollars as long as you can have a school co-sponsor with a City. The schools get a big discount from these companies for doing a production. Orchard Elementary is the closest Elementary school to North Salt Lake City Hall and they would act as an emergency venue for inclement weather, also rehearsals could be done on their stage. The school would benefit by

the participation fee that is charged for each child that is in the play. The packet recommends for a North Salt Lake resident \$60.00 per child, if a parent volunteers it would be reduced to \$40.00, for non-residents it was \$85.00 and \$55.00 for volunteer. Steve said the numbers could change and examples of \$80.00 for non-resident, \$60.00 for volunteer, \$50.00 for students going to the school and \$30.00 for parent volunteer were mentioned. There was also talk about if you have multiple participation from a family there would be a discount. Natalie Gordon asked if the School has been contacted and it has not. She also mentioned that the school will need to be opened during the summer and have staff there for which the City could be charged. Conrad Jacobson said that it has been talked about the rehearsals being done at City Hall. The Elementary Schools at Foxboro do not get out until July 3rd because of being on year round and would like to see the rehearsals be around 3:30 or 4 pm instead of at noon. Steve said he would talk to the production company and see times they are targeting for rehearsals and go from there.

Steve also brought up that Matt Jensen had talked in a previous meeting that there could be scholarships donated by the City for those children who could not afford the fee. There would be ticket sales of \$4.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door which would go to Spotlight Children's Theater to help with their cost. The concessions were also proposed that it go to Spotlight Children's Theater. It is negotiable and if the City decides it would keep the proceeds for ticket sales and concessions then there would be a fee charged. There was discussion on how the plays would be presented at the City Hall Park and there was concern with the sprinkler heads and Paul Ottoson said he would look at where they are at. Camille summarized that what they are waiting for is the City Council to approve the cost and budget, need to contact the Orchard Elementary School to see if they will co-sponsor and the logistics of the City Hall Park. Steve said he thought that Matt Jensen would check on the school in a previous meeting and will check back with him. Steve mentioned that if the first production goes well, then a series could be looked at. Natalie Gordon suggested that we use the Spotlight Children's Theater this year and then look into talent within North Salt Lake.

5. Follow up discussion of Book Club & Writing Competition.

Lorri Seppi handed out a packet to everyone present. The first sheet is a list of potential themes and the different books were discussed. The second page is a proposed writing contest rules which listed: Categories, Prizes, Judge & Submission Specifications. Advertising was suggested with flyers, NSL website, newsletter, schools, word of mouth, at the Bountiful Library and different bookstores and ask that they have a display with the different books on the theme. Lori's idea of the Book Club Meeting would depend on the actual topic that was picked. She would like to divide the groups by the book they read. The young adults & adults could stay for a panel lecture, featured speaker or group discussion. For the kids she would like to have the Youth City Council involved and do a craft which would be applicable to the book they read. She would have everyone brought together at the beginning to announce the winners of the competition and allow the winners to read excerpts from their writings and then end with refreshments. Three dates need to be picked. The date that the Book Club will be announced, the date the writing entries are due and the date of the Book Club meeting. The first date suggested was the first of May, second date was end of August and third date was end of October. The council chambers was suggested for a meeting place and a smaller group could meet in the Police training room. Steve Aase also suggested that Hatch Park could be used for the crafts and the City Hall Amphitheater could be used with good weather in October. Lori talked about what she would need to make this happen. She needs the committee to

pick a theme and books. Lori will do the flyer. The book club meeting will take a group effort and she would like volunteers from the community to help and that can be done with the newsletter sent out. She needs three judges for the writing contest. Conrad Jacobson said he has a daughter who is the Director of the Children's Services of the Salt Lake Library system. Natalie Gordon said there is an author in their neighborhood. Conrad Jacobson volunteered to be the 3rd Judge.

The theme decided on was "Keep Calm and Carry On-World War II". Lori suggested a personal essay contest and the instructions would be to tell a personal story of someone in your family who experienced serving in the armed forces or interview someone who served and write a story about that. Camille said that there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the amphitheater that they hope will be around Memorial Day and wanted to share her thoughts that students could have a quick, short essay. There would be students from each school participate in the ribbon cutting and read their story.

In September there is an Army Band but wasn't clear on the details. Paul Ottoson said that it takes place every year at the golf course and Matt Jensen belongs to the military band that comes and plays. Conrad Jacobson said that it is in conjunction with the 9-11 tribute. It is done on the Sunday evening before 9-11 but this particular year, they have another commitment and might need to be done the Sunday after.

Paul also mentioned another ribbon cutting ceremony at Springhill Geologic Park that is still in the planning stage. Camille asked if there was going to be signage in this area with the ribbon cutting. Paul Ottoson said that they are going to be putting up a sign at the top of Cynthia Way and will be a nice stone plaque. It is going to be called the "Gregerson Park" and will also be doing a ribbon cutting ceremony. Art Gregerson donated that 20 acres to the City. An estimated time was this summer.

Lori summarized that if everyone agrees with the World War II theme she will bring a flyer at the next meeting with list of books and a list of instructions for the writing competition. The judges will need to be contacted. She would also like their names and bio brought back for the next meeting. Prizes for the competition was talked about and how that will be handled. Lori said she might be able to get a sponsor but to her knowledge there are no book shops in North Salt Lake. Barnes and Noble was mentioned along with the refineries. Natalie Gordon suggested gift cards from Barnes and Nobles or Amazon. Paul Ottoson suggested the announcement of the Essay at the Book Club Meeting could be held at the September Military Event as there is a big crowd and they have a sound system. Steve Aase brought up the timing as kids were just getting back into school. Natalie Gordon said that if they write it on a Military personal essay then they don't have to have the kids read the book before they write the essay. Conrad Jacobson suggested that the essays could be submitted in August and still present the awards in September. Camille asked if the enthusiasm is great in the summer would there be more titles to add to the list? Lori's thinking was to ask Barnes & Nobles and the Bountiful Library to do a display and add more books to tie into the theme.

6. Discussion of Parks, Trails, Arts & Recreation Committee Discussion

The official name for this meeting is Parks, Trails, Arts & Recreation Advisory Board and the acronym is PTAR and was wondering if it could be changed. Several different acronyms were mentioned but was told that to change the name, it would have to go before City Council. It was decided to leave the name and no change will be made at this time. Camille would like to table this discussion when Matt Jensen is present.

Conrad Jacobson brought up Pickle Ball and wanted to know if Hatch Park was able to have enough space for 3 courts. Paul Ottoson said they could fit 3 courts at the previous Skate Park. There was a discussion about why the Skate Park was not brought back and Paul Ottoson explained that the equipment at the Skate Park became old and unsafe. The Insurance Agent said to get rid of it or replace it. It was very expensive and it was then determined to get rid of it and close it up. Camille would like to keep the options open. No one was sure if the Pickle Ball courts were used a lot and would need to talk to someone from Davis Rec and the benefit of Pickle Ball. Conrad said they are used at the times allotted at the Davis Rec Center. Steve Aase asked if the City has ever done a survey to see what people would like at the parks. Paul said that there has not been a study done. Steve suggested an online survey at our city website for recommendations or suggestions from the public.

Next meeting will be held on April 8th at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Camille Thorpe adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Chairman

Secretary