

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 3:30pm

City Council Chambers - 26 N 100 E Kanab, UT 84741

**In attendance:** Candice Janes, Jr Quarnberg, Michael East, Clayton Cutler, Danny Johnson, Chelsea Perkins, and Danielle Ramsay.

A motion was made by Clayton Cutler and 2<sup>nd</sup> by JR Quarnberg to approve the minutes from the April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Clayton Cutler and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Danny JR Quarnberg to approve the agenda for the May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

No public comments were made.

**Park Director Report: Donnie Riddle** – Donnie was able to speak Saunders’ dad at Kearns High School during the high school state baseball tournament and do a walk through of the field. He received some good pointers on how to prep and maintain fields. Donnie is working on updates for the island in the swimming pool parking lot. Three employees have been hired for the summer season. Baseball fields and parks got fertilized and seeded. After the baseball season, his crew is going to work on the infields and packing down the dirt. Dirt has already been removed from fields 2 & 3. The school district took down the temporary fence at the Ranchos Park where the property line is so Donnie will begin working on the sprinkler system in that area. The slide for the Jacob Hamblin Park has been ordered and will be replaced due to vandalism.

**Recreation Director Report: Danielle Ramsay** – The softball Heatstroker is taking place on May 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. The Baseball Heatstroker is being held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Football helmets have been sent off to Riddell for re-conditioning. Riddell has stopped all new orders for helmets due to supply issues so ordering new helmets will be issuing. The pool will be opening on May 28<sup>th</sup>. All of the schools in Kane County & Fredonia will be having a swim day during the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It’s a great time to train our new lifeguards during that time. Danielle got an update on the current elementary school property once the new school is complete. The district plans to keep the property and maintain to be used for local events, programs and other needs in the community. It will be great to have that space for flag football and soccer. The 10K was on May 7<sup>th</sup> with close to 150 participants. Kanab City Recreation applied and received an Outdoor Recreation Grant from the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation in 2021 for an Outdoor Archery Complex. We’ve received feedback from neighbors in the area about safety concerns and lead in the soil. A concept plan has been drafted by Civil Science and we’re addressing the concerns. This project would be done in phases to enhance the entire area near the baseball fields and trails. JR mentioned the area near the Kane County Rodeo Grounds as a potential location for the Archery Complex. Michael East spoke about Mike Noel’s

vision for the area near Jackson Flat Reservoir to be a recreation hub. A conversation with Mike Noel is something Danielle will pursue. Clayton spoke about the Recreation & Transportation Special Service District being able to apply for grants as well. It could be a good partnership to get projects done.

Kade Glazier is the new athletic director for Kanab High School and will be a good contact for fundraising opportunities through Kanab City Rec.

**Discuss – Current Recreation Mission Statement** – Danielle gave an update on the current mission statement. The mission statement was discussed in March’s meeting. Kanab City Rec’s current mission statement is “KCR is committed to health & wellness opportunities by providing programs, events and facilities that improve the quality of life for citizens of all ages.” Clayton asked about the City’s General Plan’s mission statement. His thought is that the Parks & Rec Board could influence the direction of the City’s general plan to align with the vision of the Board. Michael stated it is the purpose of the Board to influence the direction of the general plan for the recreation section. Danielle will send out the mission statement(s) to the Board via email and we will continue to discuss changes as needed.

**Discuss – Junior Jazz Basketball Program** – Danielle received an email for the Jr. Jazz organization letting us know that they will be raising their membership fees. JR asked if the cost is lower not being a part of the organization. Danny recommended reaching out to the high school coaches and asking them if they have a preference on how we manage our youth basketball program. JR likes the idea of a condensed version of the program so there’s time and gym availability for a more advanced league for players that want to continue. Michael added that budgets are extremely tight right now so we should evaluate if we think it’s worth the money to stay a part of the Jr. Jazz organization. Chelsea would like to see the high school program offering camps and have City Rec make a donation in exchange. Clayton asked about what rules we use for our different leagues. Consistency is key when it comes to rules. Clayton asked if Kanab City Recreation seeks donations from private donors. Danielle asked if the Board would be willing to help with donations and funding. Danny added that there are businesses that want to donate but they aren’t being approached as much as they should be. He likes the idea of doing one large sponsorship annually. Danielle’s concern is the money received going to the correct program? Danielle needs to figure out the best way to budget the money and making sure it goes to the correct programs. Michael talked about requesting donations for specific programs and needs. JR added soliciting donations for specific projects. People in the community are willing to donate for projects. Michael asked if this is something the Board would want to support? We need to pick a couple of projects to seek donations for and see that they happen. Clayton ended the discussion by saying it’s not necessary to be a part of the Jr. Jazz organization.

Danny added to get the high school coaches involved and have them influence the youth programs. Kanab City Rec should be viewed as feeder programs for our high school programs.

Michael suggested all board members bring a couple of projects they would like to see happen and as a Board, create a list of priorities as well as funding opportunities. Danny asked for a list

of potential projects with costs associated. Michael added having a brainstorm session in our next meeting.

A motion was made by Clayton Cutler to adjourn. A 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Danny Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.