

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, June 27th, 2022 @ 3:30pm

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

In attendance: Candice Janes, Clayton Cutler, Michael East, Danny Johnson, JR Quarnberg, Chelsea Perkins, Danielle Ramsay and Donnie Riddle.

A motion was made by Clayton Cutler and 2nd by Danny Johnson to approve the minutes from the May 16th, 2022 Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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Public Comment – Russell Duff commented on the growth of pickleball in the community. The local pickleball group currently plays indoors at the Kanab Center. The group is worried about not being able to play there in their future. Russell asked about the possibility to play in the elementary school once the new building is complete. He also commented on tourists playing pickleball and the need for good facilities.

Carrie Duff spoke about having 19 people that played pickleball earlier in the day for close to two hours.

Michael East asked Russell and Carrie about their thoughts on painting lines at the current Kanab City Tennis Courts. Russell commented that additional courts would be better and that the current pickleball lines are facing the wrong direction making it difficult to play in the sun. Michael spoke about the commitment that previous city management made with the tennis community about keeping one court exclusively for tennis. He also spoke about the efforts made by the tennis community to have the courts built.

Carrie commented that the pickleball group is working on becoming an affiliation and seeking grant funding for pickleball.

Russell also talked about the possibility of installing a sports court – it's a temporary type court that can be laid down on different surfaces.

Park Director Report: Donnie Riddle – The Parks Department is waiting on supplies for the Ranchos Park sprinklers near the newly built wall at the elementary school site. The slide for Jacob Hamblin Park won't be delivered until August. Donnie is waiting on the bids for the lights at the baseball complex. It's being itemized, then it will be given to Donnie. Michael mentioned there is a private donor that will donate to the project. Clayton added the Recreation & Transportation Special Service District is possibly willing to donate to the project as well. The Parks Crew will start working on the baseball fields in the coming weeks.

Recreation Director Report: Danielle Ramsay – The Heatstroker Baseball Tournament was held on Just 3rd & 4th with the 39 teams playing. The pool opened on Memorial Day and it's been busy so far. There have been parties booked most nights. The pool is functioning well and there haven't been any major maintenance issues. Danielle mentioned the pool staff this year is doing a great job. Kanab is hosting their annual swim meet on July 9th. Tackle football registration is currently open and flag football will be opening in July. Football helmets are being re-conditioned and the Rec Department is waiting on an update for Riddell on when they will be sent back. Danielle applied for a grant through Utah Leagues of Cities & Towns and the rec department received \$4,340.

Michael asked about the Archery Range and Danielle reported that the soil test came back and there is no lead in the soil where the archery range was planned to go. Alternative locations are being discussed and there is no set location for the range at this time. Danielle added that Kanab City received a grant from the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation for \$150,000 for an archery range. There is a 24-month period in which the project needs to be completed and there is about 10 months left to complete the project or file an extension. Planning and Zoning is discussing an ordinance that would allow for a range within city limits.

Discuss - Begin creating a priority list of potential projects as a Board – Michael would like to create a survey and send it the public for input. JR feels that the survey is a good idea but there are some things that don't require a survey such as basketball gyms, grass area for football, etc. Michael talked about tax increases and having TRT (Transient Room Tax) drive a lot of our budget to pay for projects that will benefit the tourists and locals alike. The County is limited on how they can spend TRT. Michael added that if we are going to be asking for the public to ultimately pay for projects and a rec center by taxes, we should ask for their input on what it should include. If we were to do a survey we would include; demographics, number of people in the household, how active of a lifestyle do they have, etc. From the survey results, we can then choose which projects to pursue based on priorities of the public. Michael asked if a survey is something the Board would like to pursue? He tasked Danielle with creating they survey. The Board discussed the survey as far as activities. The following were mentioned: indoor pool with lanes, basketball/volleyball courts, pickleball courts, tennis courts, activity rooms, open field space (soccer, football, kickball, ultimate frisbee), disc golf, archery, indoor walking track, racquetball, rock climbing wall, batting cages, baseball/softball pitching area, dog park. Clayton asked about the RAP Tax. Danielle commented that the City is projected to collect close to \$100,000 annually. She added that she would like to see the RAP Tax fund more projects and events. Michael added that the RAP Tax isn't going to fund many projects so we need to invest and get our facilities up to a higher standard and use the RAP Tax can enhance them. Danielle commented that the City Attorney is working on an agreement with the County for the funding for the Rec Center. Candice commented that the likelihood of whatever is built is what is what we will get. Cedar City built a facility with a swimming pool in hopes they would add on in phases and they haven't been able to after many years of the facility being open. It's important to build what is needed from the beginning.

Board Member Updates – JR talked about the Gatorade Bowl taking place on August 5th! He's hoping to make it bigger and better this year and get more people involved, especially the youth!

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