

## Chapter 7: Parks and Recreation

### 7.1 Introduction

Providing quality parks, trails and recreation facilities and services enhance the quality of life of Kanab City. An emphasis is also placed on supporting and providing cultural activities and services that enhance the community's quality of life.



### **Goal:**

#### **Prepare Trails System Development Plan**

- Detailed plans for funding and phasing.

### 7.2 Parks and Trails Master Plan

In 2009, the Kanab Parks and Trails Master Plan was adopted which utilized a study prepared by Utah State University to meet the current and future recreational needs and desires of the community. The plan is intended to provide a proactive "road map" for guiding future planning, design and

implementation decisions. (see *Appendix C*, Kanab Parks and Trails Master Plan. Plans for parks and recreation in Kanab should be kept current to meet the needs of the community.

### 7.3 Planned Facilities

Several proposed new parks, trails and open space areas have been identified in the Kanab Parks and Trails Master Plan.

In addition to the facilities identified in the Parks and Trails

### **Goal:**

**Support the needs for future parks, trails and facilities.**

### **Goal:**

**Maintain support for parks and recreation programs.**

Master Plan, Kanab City is cooperating with the Bureau of Land Management to develop hiking trails and other open space activities outside of town. In addition to these, more city-wide, neighborhood scale parks should be encouraged with new developments throughout the town. Private and commercially owned recreation facilities should also be encouraged which, in addition to offsetting the expense to the City, would provide more diversity in recreational facilities available to residents and the traveling public.

### **Goal:**

#### **Implement the Kanab Parks and Trails Master Plan.**

- Review needs for future parks.
- Provide sufficient recreation facilities.
- Promote the preservation of open spaces.

## 7.4 Recreational Trails

The quality of life in a community is enhanced when it has a system of recreational trails and facilities. A trails system is also an asset to the community transportation network.

There are many beautiful natural areas within minutes of the Kanab community, which can have easier access through a well-planned hiking and equestrian trails system. A system of trails in and near Kanab has been planned, with details as shown in the Kanab Parks and Trails Master Plan - *Appendix C*. Further trails detail and planning should be undertaken in a Trails System Development Plan, defining funding options and trail construction standards.



Both existing and planned Kanab trail alignments are defined and recommended in the master plan.

7.5 Parks And Recreation Goals		
Goals	Strategies	Actions
<b>1. Implement and keep updated the Kanab Parks and Trails Master Plan.</b>	A. Review the need for parks to meet the future needs of the community.	i. Target areas in need of parks and follow recommendations of the Parks and Trails Master Plan and the Capital Facilities 1, 5, 10 and 20 year plans.
		ii. Coordinate with Parks and Recreation Committee for future plans.
	B. Provide for sufficient recreational facilities for residents and visitors of all ages.	i. Encourage and support developing an indoor community recreation center.
		ii. Assess needs and develop plans for additional playground and picnic areas throughout the city.
		ii. Create and update priority list for the improvement of existing and development of other needed facilities.

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Goals	Strategies	Actions
<b>1. Implement and keep updated the Kanab Parks and Trails Master Plan.(cont.)</b>	C. Promote the preservation of open spaces and greenways throughout the city. (cont.)	i. Encourage and enforce the allocation by new developments of open space for planned neighborhood parks, recreation trails or other open spaces where possible.
		ii. The Parks and Recreation committee will recommend additional areas / parcels to be preserved as part of Kanab City's open space preservation efforts.
<b>2. Prepare a detailed Trails System Development Plan.</b>	A. Prepare development details and a plan for funding the construction of the trails system in phases to implement trail alignments identified in the Parks and Trails Master Plan.	i. Ensure that new developments have a trails plan that connects to regional trail system.
		ii. Plan for trail connections with Highway 89 and the Great Western Trails system
		iii. Prepare plans in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Committee.
		iv. Seek and acquire any available funding.
		v. Approve the plan and budget for each trail.
		vi. Arrange the participation of any in-kind and volunteer assistance.
<b>4. Review and support the projected needs for city-wide parks, trails and recreational facilities.</b>	A. Ensure the Capital Facilities Plan and Capital Investment Plan are updated and reviewed on an annual basis.	i.. Submit the Capital Facilities Plan for City Engineer Review.
		ii. Adequately apportion impact fees to maintain the expected level of service over the life of facilities.
		iii. Consider funding through the Capital Investment Plan annually.
<b>4. Maintain support for parks and recreation programs.</b>	A. Coordinate plans with the County and regional agencies.	i. Combine plans and resources where possible.

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<b>4. Maintain support for parks and recreation programs. (cont.)</b>	B. Support and encourage community cultural activities.	i. Offer assistance and support to the continuance and improvement of the annual Symphony of the Canyons Concerts and the Western Legends event.
		ii. Foster an environment where cultural and art organizations can develop and flourish in the community.
	C. Assess needs for and sponsor additional community events and celebrations.	i. Establish a volunteer community events board.
		ii. Review options and abilities to sponsor new events, celebrations, outdoor concerts and community theater presentations.