

**Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – 12:00 p.m.**

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

**Members Present:** Leisure Services Advisory Committee Chair Pro Temp Bonnie Jones; Committee Member Heather Johnson, Christy Hugh, Dave Holmes, Ron Adams, Christy Florence

**Excused:** Dana Miller, Committee Chairman

**Staff Present:** Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Leisure Services Executive Assistant Ruth Sessions

**Visitors:** None

Bonnie – I'd like to welcome everyone to the Cedar City Leisure Services Advisory Committee meeting today.

1. **Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, November 20, 2019:** Christy Hugh made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, November 20, 2019. Heather Johnson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
  
2. **Canyon Ranch Multi-Sports Complex (Attachments) - Ken:** It's good to see you folks. We have a few updates for you. This is the rendering that they came up with for the Canyon Ranch Multi-Sports Complex after we talked about the first three renderings. On the south side, we talked about taking out one side by side field and everyone has agreed that it would be better without it. It was brought to Council after they finished this rendering with a very large price tag. We're talking about anything from football, rugby, soccer, etc. Sunrise put together Phase I, so we aren't biting off so much to begin with. They want to start on the south end with the pickle ball courts and roads. They're going to design a pavilion and restroom and pickle ball and flat fields to begin with. Bonnie – Who was it that had some money to put into this? Ken – It was soccer but that money is gone. Ken – It's over \$100K just for fields, with pipes, etc. We don't have any funding sources at this time, but we've gotten down to where we like parts of this and we can work on phasing it. They have taken it to the Council, so they are aware of what's happening at this point. Ron – What road was going to take us into the Complex? Ken – Fennwick Way. Dave – Fennwick Way winds down to Cottontail and dead ends. Ron – I'm trying to figure out where the road is because I know that they put it on there. Ken – The one thing I wanted to bring up is if you've been out to Littlefield in St. George, it was done in five phases. Little Valley build a couple of soccer fields and a pickle ball court and then went back and added another couple of soccer fields, etc. If anyone asks you, at least you're aware of where it stands currently.
  
3. **Pool Renovation Update – Ken:** You may not know but we closed the pool on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and it won't open again until March 16<sup>th</sup>. We are replacing the entire pool liner in the Leisure Pool and doing some updating. There are no cracks or big surprises, which is a good thing. They are on time and we're glad about that. We decided we were going to redo the play

structure and everything so we could do maintenance and paint things. We'll be doing the tile and deck before it reopens. They have a crew of about 10 guys.

4. **Columbarium Update – Ken:** The Columbarium is up and being used. So far, two have been bought and used. They need to do some landscaping around it in the Spring, but the road is in. Dave – How much is it to buy one? Ken – I don't want to misquote you but there are singles and doubles that you can buy. They're big enough to hold the urn.
5. **Golf Course Pond Updated – Ken:** The Street Department has finished digging the pond and it is ready to have the liner put in. The irrigation company is coming next week and will be here for about 90 days to finish it up. The course will remain open, but they will have people golf where they've finished or not working.
6. **Stalls – Update – Ken:** The stalls are ready to be installed and Larry's just waiting for a little warmer weather. They are going to be put on the northeast end of the Diamond Z arena. The panels are here as well and again, Larry is just waiting for it to get warmer to get them installed. Some of you might know Jean Lapour. She donated \$100,000K to the arena to have some changes made. Jean is into rodeo big time and is a great person. We will get things going when things are warmer.

I have a meeting with the Little League's tomorrow. The Bicentennial parking lot is getting striped this week. They'll landscape around the beginning of the trail and around the one opening to the complex. We're getting a new storage shed at Bicentennial which will provide storage for Jen. With trails, we found some ways to extend the trails in different areas that have opened up.

Christy Florence asked about the Glacier's event they are having and invited everyone to this Saturday. I was wondering what's going on as I thought they weren't going to proceed with it. Ken – The Staheli's came to the City Council a few weeks back and because they weren't able to come up with their part of the money to match the City's, they said they couldn't proceed. I guess we'll wait for future information from them. Ron – They're pushing things a lot on social media about fundraising. Ron – At our retreat, Council and staff said that they are ready to move forward with the gym. The City Manager stepped in and said we could see construction starting in the fall on the gym. The funding is there to take care of the gym and we'll have some extra next June when our bonds are all paid off with the Heritage Center. We like the aspect of getting the gym built and having that available for our programs. Ken has done a great job educating others to see that there is no overhead to have a gym, other than to refinish the floors occasionally. The Council just feels that it's time to get it done. I wish that the ice rink could've worked out, but it was time for us to move on. Some of the rumors we've heard are that if they can get enough signatures then they could get it on the ballot but that's not going to happen as the City is moving on with the gym when this ice-skating season is over. When the community was surveyed, an ice rink was not the number one thing the City wanted. We're not opposed to them using some land, but we've always turned down doing anything major where it is to make it more permanent. We didn't approve those things because we didn't want it to become more permanent. They've got everything they have to this point for free and yet there are some feelings. Ken – I'm a gym guy because I'm into basketball. The basketball is just one aspect but a gym can entertain so many other sports and things as well. We'll need a few more seasonal people to maintain it, but we won't need a full-time person to run things. The walking track will be awesome because you'll be able to look out on the east side towards the lake and it will be awesome. I

look forward to having a place for kids and families to go to play in the winter. There are a lot of programs that we can run, especially for those who don't make teams at the high school level that want a place to play. We've waited a long time for a gym, and it will be very welcome.

Dave – There's a place that my grandkids go to up north like a Community Outreach Program that's called "Touch a Truck" where kids can come see big trucks and get in them. There much have been 10,000 people there. There isn't a lot for young children to do in the area recreationally. They had the Highway Patrol and then truck safety. It keeps growing into more and the kids love it.

7. **Next Advisory Committee Meeting – March 18, 2020**

Our next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at noon. Dave Holmes made a motion that we adjourn. Christy Florence seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Ruth Sessions, Executive Assistant  
Cedar City Leisure Services

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