

**Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – 12:00 p.m.**

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

**Members Present:** Leisure Services Advisory Committee Chairman Dana Miller; Leisure Services Advisory Committee Member Bonnie Jones, Ron Adams, Heather Johnson, Craig Andersen, Christy Hugh, Christy Florence, Dave Holmes

**Staff Present:** Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Parks & Outdoor Facilities Division Head Wade Orme; Leisure Services Executive Assistant Ruth Sessions

**Visitors:**

Dana – I'd like to welcome everyone to the Cedar City Leisure Services Advisory Committee. We'd like to welcome Derek and your daughter, Shea, here today.

1. **Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, April 24, 2019:** Christy Florence made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Christy Hugh seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

2. **Division Reports:**

Larry Olds – Cross Hollow Arenas Manager – We got \$50,000 from the RAP Tax and the City is going to match that for more stalls. The Equine Herpes was going around and some of our events were cancelled because people were afraid to travel. We have a Monster Truck Show coming in August. I'm excited for that because I'm kind of a car guy anyway. We've had additional revenue this year because of the CDL training we have going on out there. Dana – Did you get Bonnie's escape plan worked out? Bonnie – Yes, I'll be the first one out of there. Larry - I announce it every time but people don't hear it.

Jennifer Weaver – Sports & Recreation Manager – The past couple of months we finished up Adult Volleyball. We started Adult Softball three weeks ago. We play men's league on Monday, co-ed league on Tuesday, a big men's league on Wednesday and a big co-ed league on Thursday. We're getting ready to start machine pitch and T-ball. We have about 50 teams so there's lots of communication needed. It's fun to talk with the kids when they come in. I have Paula Jensen returning to help with things all summer. We have a little bit of money left over, so I bought some picnic tables and benches for the Bicentennial Park. Dana – Have you worked out the dirt problem at the Hills yet? Jen - Ken's been working on lots of Parks project but we're getting to the top of his list and then he's going to try some things to make the fields better. Kenny's on it! If we had \$200,000, we'd have it all done. One thing I've noticed this year because we switched the Men's League to play at the Field at the

Hills and Little League to play at Bicentennial is that the adults have a louder voice and things are getting done because of their complaints.

Steve Carter – Golf Course Superintendent – Ken – Steve’s here in place of Jared because he’s out of town. Steve - There’s a lot of things going on at the Golf Course. During the last six months, we’ve started working on an irrigation project, adding a new pond and pump station out behind Hole #7. We’re in the process of getting that finalized and finishing up. The grass looks great with all the rain and cool weather. Jared is getting ready for Jr. Golf which starts in June. We’re grateful for the support of this Committee and the City Council. Dana – Is #7 on the south end of the Golf Course? Steve – You go up towards Thunderbird Gardens and it’s up there. It will probably give us 3.7M gallons of water from that pump. The Street Department said that they’d dig the pond for us during their slow time. Christy Florence – Have they had people move into those apartments? Steve – Yes, I think there have been a couple of golf balls break some car windows. Ron – I warned them! We told them that would be a problem before they built the apartments. Steve - Ron’s right. We told them from the beginning that they were responsible for putting up a screen or something. Now they have a project that they want to work on where they want to develop some property near Thunderbird Gardens and build more apartments up there. If you haven’t been out to the Golf Course, come out. It looks awesome and again we’re just really appreciative of the support we get from everyone. Ken – We need you to tell them a little about trespassing issues. Steve – As the homes have gone in, they just go out and use it as their back yard and use the golf course as their own land. We’ve had quite a bit of trouble with trespassers this year. We even had a truck drive through the Golf Course. People will ask, why are they pointing the sign at my house? We tell them that they’re not but we have to put them up. Bonnie – You’ve had some flags missing this year. Steve – Yeah, we have missed a few flags this year.

Chris Hudson – Aquatics Manager – Sorry, I had a school group today and no one to run concessions so I was handing out pizzas. I’m still in the process of comparing exact numbers from our new system to our old system. I know our water walk has gotten busier. Last year we had a lot of staff issues but this year I haven’t been as picky. As long as they could do the work, and even needed a little help I took them. We also gave the guards a raise which was good because everyone in the State was raised. Tomorrow, I have my biggest group of 300 coming. When we get over 250 kids, it’s kind of scary when you have under 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. That’s a lot of drownings waiting to happen. 4<sup>th</sup> grade is ideal but it’s the Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> that are hard. If there are 30 that’s one thing but when there are 300, it’s different. Christy – I have a 17-year old daughter. Can I send her up? Chris – Sure! I’ve had a couple of trainings that we didn’t charge for and I’m probably going to teach one more group. I’m the only one that can teach the lifeguard class. I can teach others but then they leave. That’s kind of where we’re at. We have to close the pools at the end of the month to replace a seam in the pool that is leaking. They’re going to do a temporary fix, but they will have to come back in the fall to do a permanent fix. It’s a heat tape. If

you swim laps, you probably notice that it's kind of bumpy and that's because they used two different generations of product.

3. **Feedback on Canyon Ranch Complex Renderings:** Dana – How smart are we supposed to be on this? Ken – We're just hoping to get some community opinions and staff comments to take to Sunrise before we finalize things. We want to let Sunrise know what we want to have in there. It's early in the process but we need to get going in the right direction. Dana – Does this project have any traction because I understand it's going to cost about \$7M to build it? Ken – I think so. That area is designated for Recreation and that's not going to change to something else. Ron – It's not going to happen right away, but we need to get a plan in place and show that we're more serious about moving forward. I don't know how many are playing pickle ball but it's a growing sport and we need to address it. Ken – My kids like to play it. Eventually, I think they might teach it in school. Ron – I think we should leave that southeast corner for pickle ball. That end of town has been hounding us to get a park or something out there and I think this would be good. I know we'd have some pavilions along with other amenities. Dana – Will this be like that one in St. George? Ken – Not like Little Valley. They had a lot of people give money for more facilities and amenities there. We want multi-use for football and other things. Bonnie – There's several couples that go with us to play pickle ball every week and sometimes on Saturday too. It's so much fun! Heather – Ken, what's the chance of them filling that wash in? In #2, it's filled in so can it be filled in on #1? Ken – That's a question for our City Engineer, Kit Wareham. It takes a lot of expertise for that because it's very involved. Heather – I'm not a fan of #2 at all. Most of the Committee agreed. Ken – Sunrise likes #1 the best. Dana – Would there be any advantage to doing #3 and having a simpler road? That might be a consideration. Another thing, I would be interested in having our group go out there and walk that area sometime. Ken – Sure, we could do that. Dana – When was the last time we bonded for anything recreational? Ron – The Aquatic Center. Ron – I think I need to share some things with you. The ice rink really wants to stay where they are so they want us to put the gym somewhere else. Ken – It wasn't proposed but now they've changed their mind. In our climate, gymnasiums get used all year and for multi-use sports. This other project is like 9 months. A gym is your revenue maker, because all it costs is those LED lights. When someone rents it, they just turn on the lights and you don't need extra people to work in the gyms like you would if it was a single-standing unit. We have two high schools and they're getting busier all the time. We don't have the option to say we have a gym that we can run from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Bonnie – It seems like the Staheli's have money and they're going to push us out of this gymnasium that we have waited so darn long for. Ken – I've had lots of people say that we're trying to have a community center without legs? Gymnasiums are the legs and we've never had the gymnasiums to schedule. We could have people in there from 5:00 a.m. all day. It's like Ron said, you hate to see that go. Several staff members are meeting with the architect to see his design tomorrow. We're not going to a stand-alone gym. Ron – They were looking for another area all together but I think they've quit looking. Ken – They were going to be temporary from the beginning but that's changed. Heather – It's not like anyone

dislikes hockey but when we must choose one over the other then that's different because a gym would offer so much to our community. Ron – There's so much varied interest and I think lots of things are great. Christy – Ron, what can we do? What do you need from us? Ron – I think they're going to want a contract in a couple of months. We gave them an MOU just to say we may support this if they can get the money but it's not a guarantee. We haven't signed a lease or worked out any of those details but I'm guessing that they're going to want a contract in the next couple of months.

Ken – Before, we go to Chris' report, the Rotary Club is still working on the splash pad. GEM Engineering is doing studies at the site and the architect has a rendering.

**4. Next Advisory Committee Meeting:**

Our next meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at noon. Christy Florence made a motion that we adjourn. Bonnie seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Ruth Sessions, Executive Assistant  
Cedar City Leisure Services