

CEDAR CITY PARKS AND RECREATION
RAP TAX ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MEETING
JUNE 26, 2019

The Cedar City Parks and Recreation RAP Tax Advisory Committee held its action meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 1:02 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

PRESENT: Board Members: Ron Adams, Mauri Bleazard, Randy Phillips, Mark Johnson, Vicki Christian, Len Badertscher, City Attorney Tyler Romeril, Executive Assistant Onjulee Pittser.

OTHERS:

EXCUSED: Chad Westwood

CALL TO ORDER: **Tyler:** One thing the board should be aware of over the last decade, there have been organizations that have requested RAP tax funds and didn't come in and get them. They have 1 year to spend them and if not, they go into a reserve fund. That fund now for parks and rec, there's \$120,000 in there. The arts had \$60,000 allotted to them. Talking to our finance director there was a couple of reasons why we can use them now. The ordinance tells us what we can do with those unallotted funds and they go into a reserve account and the mayor can suggest their use when a project comes up that she thinks it's worthwhile or a member of the community does she agrees. Those funds are just sitting there. RAP tax keeps bringing in more and more but when we pull up the graph, it shows our RAP tax funds dip in 2009, 2010, 2011 and that corresponds very cleanly with the building permit revenue. The Arts decided they would spend 1/3 of that reserve and request to city council so they added \$20,000 to their budget. This body has the same option and you can leave it where it's at and it can be used for something else. If there's one of these projects that you feel needs some extra money, you can make that recommendation as well.

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON RAP TAX RECOMMENDATIONS: **Mark:** What I chose to do in speaking with Ken if he had a priority, he mentioned the volleyball court was the least on the list. The reason I withdrew the difference, which was \$34,000, I dropped that down because I truly believe the volleyball could be done cheaper than \$80,000. Whether you put cement or railroad ties around it, I think if you brought a backhoe in and stripped it out, it wouldn't take that long to cut out your section and put a border around it. Borders can be a little problematic. If you're playing volleyball and it gets active, the cement wall can make a serious injury. Also, I've seen them done with railroad ties and built up. I think we could do it for cheaper, so I pulled the \$34,000 away from that and gave them everything else but that. I granted the Frontier \$8,000, what they requested, and the Rotary \$50,000 what they requested. **Ron:** I showed the full amount for Rotary and for Frontier and I backed out parks and rec because I knew about this other money and I recommend that we spend the \$34,000 and put it back to use which would give Ken everything he needs. **Vicki:** Can we do that? **Tyler:** If you want to make a recommendation on that, you can. **Ron:** I agree. Depending on how much money that takes to renovate, that's a good suggestion too. **Ken:** We will just do it for the least amount we can. We want to make it to where we don't need to maintain it. We replaced the border at Hillcrest park at some of the playgrounds with a material that's not the plastic material that always gives way. We've gone to the cement because it gives us the opportunity to not have to redo it every couple of years. We'll gladly appreciate anything we can get. We'll definitely be frugal in our efforts and do everything we can to make it in as little expense as possible. **Mauri:** I recommended all of the allotment leisure services asked for go to them. I realize the volleyball courts was the least of their worries and maybe and maybe the baseball fields, but I felt the sand on the baseball fields tears up the kids and I don't want him to cut that and I think the volleyball courts get used like crazy so I hope he doesn't have to cut that. I'm

not sure the Rotary Club has had all the conversations they need with the City and with maintenance. It feels like we're their first fundraising venture and maybe we shouldn't be the first and be more ready and have conversations about maintenance. I didn't know we had extra, and I think it would be great to give that out of that extra fund. I recommended all of Frontier Homestead. **Len:** Mine was the same as Mark's. In light of the extra funds, I would recommend we go the full amount on each of the parties asked for money. I'll still put my bid in for Park Discovery. It needs to be considered down the road because it looks really rough. And then take a look at the lighting at Bicentennial Park and look at that a different date. **Ken:** As we redo the asphalt, we'll put lights in at the parking lot by the new building. It's all conduit and it runs from the building. When we did the construction, we had them run it to the edge so we can put in our lights. **Vicki:** In light of the extra funds that are available now, I would recommend the same. I'm happy to give Rotary all that they asked for because I think it's a great project. I don't know how much they've looked into it as far as maintenance and getting the City's approval. I don't know that we've been able to allocate what every one's asked for. I would love to do that if possible. **Tyler:** That puts us over by \$34,000. **Mari:** What happens if they don't agree with our recommendations? Where will they take the money out of? **Tyler:** They'll take \$34,000 out of somewhere but you could recommend \$400,000 and they could still take it. **Mari:** I would hate to not have a recommendation. **Mark:** Can I have someone educate me about Park Discovery on how it's funded and the issues of the condition it's in? Who's responsible to represent park discovery? Is it the City's burden because I know a lot of it was done by the citizens? How do we go about seeing some money unused? Do we address that or is that something that is brought before this committee and does someone have to represent Park Discovery? That park is used a lot. No one seems to be representing it. **Ken:** We know it needs help. What we're dealing with is the pieces that are in trouble are the wood pieces, which have people's names on them. We'd like to go to the Trex that doesn't need to be repainted and redone. It needs substantial work and it will be more of a contractor kind of thing rather than guys that work for parks. There are things we can do but some things that we can't. The wood aspect in theory it lasted a few years and that's starting to deteriorate. Some of the flooring, the Trex aspect works well. We're in the process of inventorying that and saying this is all that needs to be done. Is there a way to do it in phases and not upset the people and take the names off of the park? They worked on it and we don't want to disrupt that aspect. It's a sensitive subject. It's not just a matter of tearing it down. We are aware and it is on our list. **Mark:** I was wondering if we could route surplus funds that way. **Tyler:** Yeah. What we need is a motion, a second and then a vote on the numbers that are recommended. **Ron:** On the Rotary, I read they did match the \$50,000 they got last year already and the other thing is the original survey that Leisure Services did during the ice rink, the first item the public voted on, that they would be willing to fund, was a splash pad. I'm curious to see those people come to the table once this project gets further along to help donate. And Rotary is a good fundraiser. They do generate quite large sums of money. I think that might help is for the future with them and as he mentioned last week it's a million-dollar project which shocked some people. It'll take some phases and the money needs to get spent within the laws of the time period as well. **Len:** The splash pad has got to be put in and that will get used. They need to fund the money and get moving on phase 1. Len motioned to approve the full \$400,000 with the additional funds; second by Mark; vote unanimous. **Tyler:** These numbers will be presented on July 3rd at the work meeting. I don't know if there's a member that would like to be there in case of any questions the City Council has. Both Mauri and Ron stated they will be there. **Tyler:** It will get voted on July 10th, but the 3rd is where they want to ask questions.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



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