

CEDAR CITY PARKS AND RECREATION
RAP TAX ADVISORY BOARD ACTION MEETING
JULY 25, 2018

The Cedar City Parks and Recreation RAP Tax Advisory Committee held its work meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

PRESENT: Board Members: Ron Adams, Mauri Bleazard, Randy Phillips, Chad Westwood, Len Badertscher, Sherene Carter, City Attorney Tyler Romeril, Executive Assistant Barbara Barrick.

OTHERS: Michael Scott, Paul Bittmenn, Nicole Shafer, Megan Moses.

EXCUSED: Mark Johnson. Vickie Christian.

CALL TO ORDER :

Tyler called the meeting to order at 1:05. Tyler - We have a quorum so we'll start. We will make a recommendation to Council one week from today, August 1st. Then Council will meet to vote on the recommendations on August 8th. I'll turn the time over to Randy. Randy - We'll go through the requests one at a time. Mauri - I didn't tell you what I wanted funded yet, do you want that first? Tyler - We can add your figures to the spreadsheet on the screen. Mauri - I needed to ask some questions first before I recommended allocations. I didn't fund the Glacier or Southern Utah Sports. I wish they were here so I could tell them that I realize they are mostly volunteers and I appreciate that they try to keep prices low. I know a lot of cities that own their rinks so they fund them and have paid workers. It's sad that we can't figure out how to do that. I realize this is not the venue, but I want to say that it's great that we have someone who privately funds this and since we can't fund them I would say I will talk to Council with committee members and see if we can change it. I would like them to know I feel bad. Mauri provided her figures (see exhibit).

IRON COUNTY AYSO SOCCER LEAGUE :

The consensus is to allocate \$1,740. Ron - I had Tyler look at an agreement with the soccer groups we had before, where we purchased the nets and goals with RAP Tax funds, but maintenance was AYSO's responsibility. Other groups said that they always paid for the nets, as they are considered maintenance, so I didn't fund them. Randy - That fits for me same as Glacier and Sports Academy, I would change mine to 0. Tyler - The private/public agreement that we had with them a few years ago did say they would maintain them and store them. All agree not to fund.
Request is \$1,740.
Fund at 0.

FRONTIER HOMESTEAD MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Randy - Mark, Chad, and Vicki recommended 0. Len - I recommended \$10,000 and they can get some funding from the State. All agree.
Request is \$13,000.

Fund at \$10,000

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 120:

Randy - Is there any discussion needed? Ron - I put my recommendation at little less because Ken said we could do the project for less money. If they need the full amount they asked for, I would recommend that. Ken - We've been discussing this since the girls came in. I think we can find some suitable for our needs that are not \$800 plus. I think around \$400, if you want to take that amount into consideration. So it would be \$1200. Len recommended \$1200. All agree.

Request is \$1,450.

Fund at \$1200.

THE GLACIER

This will not be funded as the Board feels the request does not fit under the ordinance guidelines.

Request is \$3,645.

Fund at 0.

LEISURE SERVICES :

After all of the amounts were allocated, the remaining \$315,652 was recommended to be allocated to Leisure Services.

Motion by approve by Len. Second by Mauri, vote unanimous to approve.

Request is \$348,168.

Fund at \$315,652.

SOUTHERN UTAH SPORTS ACADEMY:

This will not be funded as the Board feels the request does not fit under the ordinance guidelines.

Request is \$22,600.00.

Fund at 0.

SOUTHWEST WILDLIFE FOUNDATION :

Len - Ron, why did you fund this request? Ron - It's an advantage to our trail system. The part that they are going to own is not my priority. Restrooms were the same thing. I figured you could get in kind for grading and I thought \$15,000 would be generous. Randy - So the trail has benefitted from the improvements and they have restrooms and information there. Mauri - I didn't fund it. I do the trails 4 times a week. I don't need a parking lot there. I don't use the amphitheater. I see why they want it, as there is parking on dirt roads and I feel that other things like the Golf Course need to be funded. I feel like it's premature and I know that you'll put in a museum at some point, but that will be later and I think it can wait. Nicole - The purpose of the parking lot is to provide parking for visitors to the Park and the Visitors' Center, but also because we have so many partners in the City that use the Nature Park for events. The City's hiking trail is right across Highway 14 and the rest of the Coal Creek Trail. The City has used our parking area and trail for races. We are in the process of working on the Visitors' Center and it will be open next year. Mauri - My opinion doesn't change. I do the water stations on races, and we don't go up that high. Randy - What events does the City use the parking lot for? Nicole - We put on campfire concerts 4 times a summer, and we partner with the Star Party people who put on a huge event each year. They have it at Cedar Breaks but don't have the parking. They need areas with low light pollution. I met with them and they are trying to come up with a location where the parking is available. I told them we planned to expand our parking. We also have local groups. Troubled youth and adult homes have meetings and special events at our facility. Randy - Is there a problem if it's not paved? Nicole - There's the dust and ADA parking becomes a

problem when it's unpaved. Paved parking would help with the buses and events and give more parking and more visibility. It would make the area more usable for those who are brought up and have a hard time getting around.

Randall - Do I have a motion? I think I want to keep it at \$5000. Len - I don't see a lot of space for those needing ADA parking up there. I think maybe it should be around \$10,000 to 12,000
Request is \$25,000.

\$10,000 recommended by Len.

Funded at \$10,000.

CEDAR ROTARY FOUNDATION :

Randy - The water wheel and all the components, are those really necessary? I wish it could be in the Main Street Park. I would fund a full amount if it was there. I am concerned it won't get used as much in that area. Mauri - There are events in Main Street Park all the time and it's the only spot with a huge open space. I agree with you, but I've had kid here for 19 years and I use both parks. I appreciate the fact they're not going to the expense of having the chlorine etc. Ron - I don't belong to Rotary currently, but I have in the past. This was brought to Council by Paul Monroe from the Water District. That's where they came up with this idea, to save water and still have a water feature, because we have the ditches with lots of water. Rotary will match whatever we give. They will come up with a lot of dollars, like they did for our Veteran's Park. He mentioned one million + for the first phase and they have \$250,000 for this. It may take 2 years. Randy - Are they trying to be too fancy? I didn't really understand it when it was presented. Ron - They are trying to get some of Cedar's history integrated into it and educate the kids on water usage. Mauri - Are you concerned with safety? Randy - Not really, but I'm concerned with the usage of the facility and trying to push the Main Street Park area with more tourist access. Ron - There is no more liability to the City. That ditch could be considered a little dangerous already. Randy - The Golf Course project will save us more money. Randy - I'd like to stay with \$25,000. Len - I would move upward. We have 3 applicants getting 0 right now. I'm willing to jump up to \$40,000. Rotary does a lot of great things, and that will still give well over \$300,000 to Leisure Services.

Mauri made a motion to give \$50,000. Ron seconded. Vote unanimous to approve.

Request is \$50,000.

Fund at \$50,000

NEW BUSINESS :

Tyler - We will bring these recommendations before City Council next week at 5:30. The following week, August 8th, Council will vote on the recommendations.

ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Barbara Barrick
Executive Assistant

