

Leisure Services Advisory Committee Minutes
Wednesday, November 28, 2018 – 12:00 p.m.

The Leisure Services Advisory Committee held a meeting on November 28, 2018 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 Dave Holmes, Bonnie Jones, Ron Adams, Heather Johnson, Craig Andersen, Christy Hugh, Christy Florence

Staff Present: Leisure Services Director Ken Nielson; Golf Pro Jared Barnes; Sports & Recreation Manager Jennifer Weaver; Parks and Outdoor Facilities Division Head Wade Orme; Cross Hollow Arenas Manager Larry Olds; Aquatic Center Manager Chris Hudson; Leisure Services Executive Assistant Ruth Sessions

Visitors:

Dana called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Welcome everyone to the November meeting of the Leisure Services Committee.

1. **Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, September 19, 2018:** Christy Hugh made a motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, September 18, 2018. Craig Andersen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
2. **Division Reports – 5 minutes each:**

In August, we had the Cedar Night Barrel Race, which was a three-day event and we had 250-barrel racers. We did a Working Cow Horse Show, an English Show and USTRC Roping.

In September, that's our big month, we had the Livestock Show. It was bigger than ever. We had the SUU Rodeo and it was bigger than ever too. We had a ward party that Bruce Anderson does every year, but I don't think he was in charge this year. Then we had the High School Rodeo and it was bigger. Then we had the Cattleman's banquet and it's going to be a yearly event out there now.

We had a Dog Show in October which lasted three days and they're going to come each year for it. We had people from all over the United States, clear back from Ohio and Indiana and all over the place. Dana – Larry, who does the Dog Show? Larry – It's Keisha Bowman. Do you know Spencer Bowman? Dana – No, I don't. Larry – Well, I think she's a transplant and she's married to a local. That's all I know about her, but she does a real good job on the dog show. It's a pretty good event. Then we had the Pumpkin Festival. Then the Heritage Festival and unfortunately, I was out trying to provide for my

family, so I didn't get to go to that. Dana – Is that code for hunting? I'm not sure. Larry – Yes and I didn't want to go but I was almost forced to.

In November, we had a USTRC Roping again. They're going to do some more of them this spring. Doug Tebb's always does a roping in November and then we had a Mexican wedding which was quite interesting. I don't know if we want to do one of them again in the future, at least the near future.

We purchased three sets of bleachers that are about 150 feet. They're going to be movable, so we can use them inside or outside. We haven't been able to start putting them together yet because we have one more event, a wedding breakfast on December 15th and then we'll be able to start putting them together.

I also applied for \$50,000 from the Restaurant Tax for more stalls. On our big events, we end up renting stalls. If we get some more stalls, we will be able to host some bigger events which will generate more revenue. So, the more we can get, the better. That's about all I got. Do you guys have any questions?

Christy Hugh – How did the ward party work? Did they bring their own livestock and then just rent the facility? Larry – Yeah, they just bring in some sheep and chickens for a chicken chase and they bring some horses and they do some team roping. Christy – So, do you charge a rental? Larry – Yes, and if they can get done in four hours on a week night, it costs \$150.00. If not, it costs a little more. They also rent the tables and chairs from us. Christy Hugh – Ok, I heard it was well attended. I just wasn't sure how it was done.

Larry – Bonnie, to answer your question about exiting the arena, you can exit both the north and south entrances. We tried to get people to go down that way, but people think they have to go out where they came in.

Dana – I can't believe that they have weddings out there. I can't quite picture that. Larry, you've been busy.

Jared – We're just finishing up this last year's season. We had lots of tournaments and were able to raise a lot of money. There are still a few die-hards playing right now. We had 240 kids in our Golf Classes this year. It's crazy but fun. Some of the projects we've been working on from money from RAP Tax was to level #7. Looking up at #10 from the club house, we were able to get that all cleaned up and looking nice. We lost our mechanic who took a job in Indiana. We were able to hire a good guy named JJ. I requested 20,000 from the Restaurant Tax Board for signage at the Golf Course. The signage is terrible up there so we're hoping to get that money. Our big project is the front nine and has been the biggest problem I've had since I came. The system was put in in 1964 and we got money to phase redoing that project. Before we replace all the pipes, etc. underground, we need to work on water pressure. Based on soil testing, it's shifting a little. We'll put in a powerful pump house. We'll finish that and then I'll be back in front of RAP Tax asking for the rest of the money we need to finish it. Dana – Do you have

revenues that carryover? Jared – During the last two years, our revenue is higher than our expenses so we've been able to save that and carry it over. Dana – I know you talked about the big housing project up there so how's that going? Jared – It's terrible! Steve is up with project manager right now because I couldn't go. I've been worrying about the traffic when it opens but we have enough problems just with the construction workers. Bonnie – It didn't improve my game. Jared - We're working on getting erasers on our pencils.

Jen – I've been working on mapping out what I've been doing since April. (She passed out a flier with the number of games they have provided for the different sports. We have ten gyms to work with, one of which is the Sports Academy. I don't use the hardball park, but I communicate with 189 coaches overall. Now that we have lights on all the fields at the Fields at the Hills, we now have a problem with balls hitting cars. If a ball hits a car that is parked, they have to pay for it but if a ball hits a car that is driving by, we have to pay for that. As far as gyms, we are always needing more. I continue to keep getting calls and/or e-mails with injuries from the dirt on the Fields at the Hills. Another thing I've been doing is working with Ruth on our website to make it more user friendly. Craig – You're still going to have people get hurt on any dirt on the fields. There was someone in the City that complained about getting hurt on the Little League fields and they ended up redoing several of the fields. Ken – We've got to have some time to nail drag those fields and keep them maintained.

Kenny – Part of that is that the ball flies further at night,

Chris – Since we last met, the Aquatic Center changed their hours back to the fall schedule. We try to extend the hours as much as possible to accommodate as many as we can. We ran our "Spook"tacular this year for two days and we ended up making a little more. This last weekend, we kind of blew it out of the water with our Black Friday Special and we made \$25,000 in passes. Over \$10,000 was just for family passes. I've redone our web page because I have experience doing that so check it out and let me know if you have any questions. The school district is still using the SUU pool for practices. OSHA showed up and required certain things. One is for a respirator. The big one I'm working on is Hepatitis C shots and so we're implementing that. That is the big thing and OSHA said our pool is one of the nicest he's seen. Our software system is up and going and we're still tweaking a few things as well as moving all of our part-time staff onto the City's timekeeping system. The ice rink is up and going as of last year. I'd like to get the exercise equipment upstairs and then get a running track up there as well. I'd like to get the exercise equipment upstairs as well as getting more bleachers. Ron – The Staheli's are really going head strong with the ice rink. They are looking at building an Olympic size rink on the corner of the property up there across from Cedar Middle School.

Parks and Maintenance – We've been doing a lot of winterizing, things like fertilizing, aerating, turf maintenance, painting bathrooms, etc. We will wrap up the concrete signs soon. The trail signs turned out really well. On the Southview Trail, all the bridges are in and it's really nice. I applied for a grant from Restaurant Tax for some shade structures

and picnic tables for Bicentennial for the spring time. We're trying to match some of the similar shade structures that we have up on the Fields at the Hills. We planted trees at the Soccer field for shade. My son played T-Ball out there and it was hot! As far as Little League fields, #6, #7 and #8 have been redone. Ron – Those fields look great. Dana – The cemetery looked good this fall as well. Ron – Let's ask you the dirt question. I'm going way out here but do we need to redo all the Fields at the Hills? Wade – From my studying of the dirt needed at the fields, the infield needs 70% sand, 20% clay and 10% silt and then you mix them. I do believe we have those ratios, but I believe, from talking to some of the people that had installed that material up there, is that we have all manufactured sand which is sharper. There's more cut to it. The 70% sand needs to have rounded edges, not the regular sand that has sharper edges. For a permanent fix, I would lean towards replacing it and putting in new material. That's just from a maintenance standpoint. You're going to pay more for good materials, but the sand will continue to break down and get sharper. Maintenance is a huge part of keeping those fields in good condition. They need to have moisture content and be nail-dragged regularly. There's not a perfect answer because the more it breaks down, the sharper the sand will get; more like concrete so then you have to nail-drag it more. It just takes a lot of maintenance time. We have purchased more expensive material in the past which runs about \$50/lb. and the manufactured sand runs about \$25/lb. I can put some numbers together and it might not cost as much as we think it would. We could make the infields much smaller and that would bring the cost down. Ron – I would guess, just from knowing the history a little bit, that we probably went with the \$25 stuff. We'll work on a few maintenance practices. We have some small equipment that might help us specifically drag back those sharper pieces. Again, we're just putting a band aid on the issue. It's a very big problem and would have to be done every day. The work just snowballs and will get bigger and bigger.

3. **Other:** Ken – Let me give you an update on Trails. We have four projects that have been approved and will be finished in the Spring. We'll be doing the Southview Trail, the Industrial Railroad Trail all the way from 300 West to Airport Road. We'll take the trail from Canyon View High School up across Main Street into Fiddlers. We will also be putting in asphalt at the Lake at the Hills and it will go all the way around the Lake. We've got the funding for all that, so we are moving forward. In the spring time the asphalt company will like us. Dana – Those are all good projects. Ken – We're still working on areas that are landlocked. Christy Florence – I thought my son said that they are working on a couple more trails in the Southview area. Ken – Yes, the BLM is working on some other trails that will shoot off that trail. Dana – If you haven't been on the trails, they are a lot of fun. Ken – That Southview Trail is really pretty with all the Cedar trees.

Dave Holmes made a motion to adjourn at 1:10 p.m.

4. **Next Advisory Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, January 16, 2018