

Park, Trails & Open Space Committee
Wednesday, September 15, 2019
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Cottonwood Heights City Offices

Attendees: Greg Hilbig, Erin Davis, Sarah Ricketts, Matthew Dominesey, Carl D (Dave) McFerren, Ronna Cohen, Jennifer Follstad Shah, Melissa Fields, Roger Kehr, Christine Mikell, Greg Reid, Bruce Jorgensen, Mike Menssen

Not Present: Ben Hill, Michael Johnson, Kristy Morrison

Discussion:

Tom Adams, director of the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation re: Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant

<https://business.utah.gov/outdoor/>

<https://business.utah.gov/uorg/> (for more information on the Utah Outdoor Recreation Grant)

- The Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation operates within four buckets - influence policy, corporate recruitment, improve recreation opportunities, inspire Utahns on health and benefits of outdoor recreation
- Reviewed details of the grant (link above) and past grant projects
- 60% of grant money awarded to rural Utah
- Funds youth outdoor recreation programs
- Website shows all the grants given out
- Deadline to apply for the grant is March 20
- Applicants are a wide range: city, county, non-profits, SLCA, NAC
- Grant could possibly be used for a dog park
- Their grant is good and competitive, run out of funds each year

Staff Council Reports

Message from Mike Johnson:

- Working on trail to Target - meeting w/ church representative on Friday to discuss the concept and submitting letter of intent
- Will present more in October meeting
- City Council is planning retreat for November - would be a good time to submit any budget requests from our committee

Jen Shah

- Last month talked about ordinances to promote/protect new trails/connectors across the city
- The section of law that applies cannot be found

- Mike still looking into and why it isn't linked or why it can't be accessed
- That ordinance going under review shortly - an opportune time to look at overlay zone to give suggestions to review process
- She added a fact sheet to our google drive - sheet from 2018

Subcommittee Reports

BST / Greg Hilbig:

- Melissa/Christine met with BST committee and blue line consulting and did a site tour at Ferguson overflow parking
- Looked at possible neighborhood access for BST
- The overflow parking is pretty big, space for about 8 cars and lots of overgrown space
- Could be good for more parking, restrooms, dog park
- Looked at various points along the way where people are accessing the foothills without formal trail all the way thru LCC

Crestwood Park / Erin Davis

- Nothing new to report, no projects have happened yet, season isn't over yet though
- Discussed how to find out how much certain projects would cost. Could look at grants that are similar, might have similar costs, could get pre-bids from landscape company or trail building company

Dog Park / Roger Kehr

- Conducted experiment during Bark In The Park with an off leash area and it was full / past capacity
- Greg R was there with his dog and family, a lot of people took advantage of fenced off area
- Generally seems like it was a success, small concerns about lack of water inside fenced off area
- How was clean up? Sam didn't hear anything about it.
- General consensus it was a well run event
- Mountview Park might be a potential spot for dog park

New Business

Ronna Cohen / Neighborhood Walking Routes

- Everywhere you go in Vernal there are racks for brochures including walking tours of the town and things to do
- We don't have anything like that in Cottonwood Heights
- Perhaps we could work with the historical committee to create walking tour brochures for CH
- *Everyone on the committee needs to come to next meeting with a 1-2 mile loop within your neighborhood.*
- We can then go to historical committee to get the info to go on those loops
- Maybe get TRACC grant to do the brochure

Mike Messen / Nature Talks

- Inspired by Glendale, CA we could have lectures on outdoor topics
- Fun for family / kids, similar to ranger talks in the national parks
- Good way to have people move around and learn about different spots - use amphitheaters or pavilions or city hall or pause it in the winter
- Everyone generally thinks it's a good idea, we could replicate most of their topics and do right out of Ferguson amphitheatre
- *Mike M will take lead - contact city events person to get the ball rolling*
- Start with a series of 3 or 4 talks
- Aim to run through next summer during nice weather season
- *Everyone come up with topic ideas and submit to Mike by Oct 16 and we will discuss at next meeting*
- In meantime Mike will talk to events coordinator

Bylaws Discussion / Melissa

- Coming up on a year of our existence
- Is there term limits to chair / vice chair?
- Arts Council has 1 year term for chair and can't do more than 2 terms
- We can make slight change to ordinance to add in term limits
- Secretary serves at the will of the chair-person;
- Do we want to require everyone to live inside CH and/or outside service projects etc
- Can we get a copy of their bylaws in word doc?
- Melissa chair for another year
- Jen vice chair for another year

Jen Shah - Butler Elementary had fun run fundraiser, PTA will use portion of funds to buy trees to plant around the school;

Can we add a section to the newsletter asking citizens what they want to learn about in the 'ranger talks'; can we add a teaser article about the walking tours? Ask what they would want to highlight in their neighborhood

Action Items:

BST Trail Work Day Oct 12, 8am - 1pm; article will be in newsletter

CCF - Cottonwood Canyons Foundation Invasive Weed Pull in BCC, dates TBD

Begin thinking about PTOS grant opportunity projects

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 23