

Park, Trails & Open Space Committee
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Cottonwood Heights City Offices

Attendees: Greg Hilbig, Bonnie McCallister, Erin Davis, Sarah Ricketts, Matthew Dominesey, Carl D (Dave) McFerren, Kristy Morrison, Ronna Cohen, Jennifer Follstad Shah, Fritz Kollmann, Melissa Fields, Roger Kehr, Ben Hill, Michael Johnson, Christine Mikell, Mike Peterson

Not Present: Greg Reid, Bruce Jorgensen,

Discussion:

Presentation, Q&A, Discussion: Dustin Wiberg, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation re: background, current and future plans for Crestwood Park

- Crestwood Regional Park last master plan done in '97
- Older master plan described more active recreation (softball fields...)
- The county is looking to move away from outdoor pools, moving towards a splash pad or something like that (save money in maintenance and staffing)
- Clubhouse is outdated, not functioning anymore except for the locker room portion, the building does not comply with updated codes, they plan to remove it
- Decided to pull back developing active recreation on the back naturalized area from what was proposed in '97 (softball fields)
- They are looking to preserve the look, don't want to introduce too many new activities, currently used for walkers, dogs, etc.
- What are our thoughts on equestrian? The old master plan shows expansion of equestrian trails and more separation of paths, do we want separate soft paths for equestrians?
 - o Dustin / committee members have not had push from equestrians – left over from the past; no push from mtn bikers either;
- Question from Mayor: is there an action schedule to meet with constituents for more formal input?
 - o There has not been funding for some of the larger regional parks on the east side,
 - o They are potentially going after the next round of bond money in 2020, the next round of ZAP bond money is 2026
 - o There is no plan until the next bond is approved
 - o Some previous bond money has gone into Crestwood – deferred maintenance, signage, redone sidewalks, tennis courts, bathroom improvements, slated to do playground re-do, held off on some other improvements pending timing of next bond

- Want to bring the park back to a more natural state, more pickleball courts, flood control
- There will be time and place for community input TBD
- Pool will be open this year – don't see long term investment in outdoor pool
- How can this committee help with the an updated master plan for Crestwood Regional Park?
 - We could create stakeholder group, (sub committee of ours) to participate and to get feedback and buy-in from our group, eventually take to a public open house prior to the bond (2020)
 - Currently the county does not have plans to start this, they will need to discuss internally, Dustin agrees we can have input
 - Need discussion of active / passive areas, parking etc.
- Last formal master plan – does county have timeframe to update master plan? When can we get one done?
 - Dustin showed start of new one (map), they haven't pursued it much because they do not have additional funding
- Where will the swimmers go?
 - Swimmers will go to local rec centers
 - Do they have a census of users of pool? No
 - Lessons are stocked and filled
 - Regular users are pretty low
 - Pool is highly subsidized –
 - Suggestion for outdoor bouldering wall? Or something other than a splash pad that would appeal to kids ages 10+
 - Dustin looks to address comments / suggestions in the future
- Suggests we interact with Walt Gilmore, his direct supervisor, cc Martin
- Suggestion from PTOS committee that we formally do a master plan so when funding comes, we are ready
 - More likely to get funding if/when we have a plan
 - Mayor suggested we go to Martin and ask to formalize a stakeholder group, coordinate staff to start on the plan
 - Created a PTOS sub-committee to focus on Crestwood Regional Park: Erin Davis volunteered to head

Mike Johnson: procedures regarding correspondence with outside organizations and landowners

Mike Johnson requests correspondence go thru a city staff member before we reach out or have staff reach out on our behalf.

Staff needs to be aware – we need to be presenting one voice

The city has a wealth of information so check with them first

With subcommittees being formed, we may need to provide notice to the public

- When we are holding meetings, we should inform staff, they need to know what conversations are being held

- We will have a different staff liaison for each subcommittee
- **Mike Johnson will get more information on if/when we have to do public notices.**

Roger + Andy (staff) are leading the charge on a dog park

BST / General City Update:

- Next step is to get inter-local agreement drafted / approved, detail funding and how it is administered, about a week or two away, should have soon,
- 2-3 stakeholders representing committee, meeting with BST committee and forest service (they are almost ready to start on their property)
- Suggestion to hold a preliminary meeting to discuss how we can support their efforts and use the resources available
- **Mike Johnson will spearhead that meeting**, we can decide to form a committee later
- Any decisions made on the city level?
 - o Grant is fairly broad
 - o We want most of the funding used on implementation rather than planning
 - o We need to get a sense of what others' plans are then how do we piggy back on their action to get momentum going – Melissa / Greg interested in going to meetings.

An application was submitted for a comprehensive general plan update

- Revises the city's long range plan
- It should be updated every 5 years, ours hasn't been updated since 2005
- Want to stress PTOS in the plan
- We will know in early spring whether we received

Matt Taylor sent out the park inventory – is there any other feedback?

- **If you have feed back, send it in to Mike Johnson & Matt Taylor by February 1 so the inventory can get updated.**
- Once updated, we can start advertising it as a resource
- **Need Matt Taylor to send out the most recent version**

We need to discuss the park going in at the center at the base of BCC, no design yet for the 1-acre park - \$853k (ish)

Roger Kehr: Update on the dog park

- He went to the county because they've been thru the dog park experience
- They have a matrix of suitability – huge list of about 50 items to think about
- Roger will be filling out for the 9 areas they are looking at
- County is hosting a presentation on the history of dog parks – Jan 28 at 2pm, at the county building

Jen Shah discussed transportation meeting in regards to Wasatch Blvd

- EIS process ongoing, they will be seeking input
- As they develop plans for Wasatch blvd, it might affect trailheads (BST)
- EIS is contracted out – will take another 18 months or so
- How do we participate? Attend public meetings and public comment
- Once there's something for the public to review, it makes sense for our committee to review or get UDOT to come present / answer questions here
- Jen/Ronna will keep us apprised

[Wasatch Boulevard Master Plan](#)

Homework for next meeting is to read through Wasatch Boulevard Master Plan and provide feedback

Ben Hill / Antczak Park

Backlash at a public meeting about how tax dollars were being spent to fix up the park

The board is now doing a master plan for the park.

Our committee can be helpful too - soon (early summer expects to have master plan in place) he would like our thoughts before they host another public hearing

They will present to us, we will give feedback then present to public hearing

Action Items:

- Crestwood Regional Park subcommittee – Erin head, Kristie, Greg, Bonnie will participate, Jen for river, Fritz for plants, Erin will get the group together and go from there – Erin will draft a letter to meet with county
- Look at parks inventory and provide feedback by Feb 12
- BST mtg – Greg will work on setting up forest service meeting
- Wasatch Master Plan – we all need to read and be prepared to discuss at next mtg
 - o Certain sections we should focus on? Good stuff at the front, intro & summary, outline of goals, look at map with bubbles, read through at least first 22 pages

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 20 – main item is feedback / discussion on WMP