

Park, Trails & Open Space Committee
Wednesday, February 20, 2019
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Cottonwood Heights City Offices

Attendees:

Greg Hilbig, Sarah Ricketts, Matthew Dominesey, Ronna Cohen, Jennifer Follstad Shah, Fritz Kollmann, Melissa Fields, Michael Johnson, Ben Hill, Greg Reid, Erin Davis,

Not Present: Bruce Jorgensen, Christine Mikell, Mike Peterson, Carl D (Dave) McFerren, Bonnie McCallister, Kristy Morrison, Roger Kehr,

Discussion:

Austin Whelan from National Dekhockey Association

- Looking to expand to SLC area, CH a good place
- What is dekhockey? Off-ice hockey played on foot with a ball, less equipment
- Makes hockey more accessible
- Cost to play is much less, not as much equipment
- Dekhockey brings:
 - o They fund the rings and take care of day to day operations
 - o Exposure – brings in people, media coverage, host national tournaments – thinks we can draw 2-3k people to the area
- They want to lease the space from our local community (old basketball court or tennis court)
- Need 20k-40k sqft, usually start with 1 rink, upgrade to 2 after they get traction
- Requirements: need hard surface, lights, nearby parking, restrooms (permanent or portable)
- QUESTIONS:
 - o Ben Hill – what happens with the courts when not scheduled? Rink is available to rent (corporate events), kids birthday parties, camps over the summer
 - o Greg R: Is insurance / liability an issue? This is a non-contact sport. NDA (National Dekhockey League) has everyone sign a waiver. So far no issues with liability claims; What if city / ordinance doesn't allow ad space around the rink? NDA would work with the city
 - o Melissa: Is the rink dismantled for winter? No, season runs from March – November, they run a winter classic tournament, rinks stay up year round
 - o Jen: Want to use existing open space? Yes, they want to use city's open space; private space not ideal / too expensive; Do any proceeds go to the city? Yes, city gets income thru the lease agreement, sales tax revenue
 - o Do they have a location in mind? He has done some looking. Butler park is a decent size; tennis courts there, not sure they are used.

- Greg H: Have you pitched to other cities? This is his first pitch, no other locations have responded.
- Ronna: Cost for player or team? Cost is \$130 / player per season (roughly), about 2 seasons per year
- Melissa: pro shop is a modular space / modular trailer
- Games usually go 5pm – 10pm

Feedback / Comments from PTOS Committee Discussion:

- Don't think Cottonwood Heights is a good fit
- We don't want to take away any of our existing green space
- Limited audience, zero to low demand right now
- Don't think there is big enough hockey demand right now
- Don't think it would enhance our neighborhood parks
- **Michael Johnson will tell Austin our thoughts**

Golden Hills Park update from Ben Hill, Director of Cottonwood Heights Park & Recreation:

- About a month ago, trees broke and were uprooted in Golden Hills Park
- Found there is some sort of bug (Sequoia Pitch Moth) that is hurting the trees
- They have to ask the city to pay for treating the bug which moth is hard to treat,
- Trees came down in a no man's zone – want city to develop all the way up to the property line
- Want to start planning on what to do with the space,

Antczak Park Update from Ben Hill:

- They have signed an agreement EPG (Environment Planning Group) to do a master plan, right now they are researching and gather data
- Plan is EPG will come up with two concepts of what the park could be, Ben will bring those two to our committee to discuss then we will have a public meeting
- Once we get all that feedback, EPG will do an Option 3 combining all the comments
- **Send any comments / ideas on what to do with Antczak Park to Ben Hill**
 - We briefly talked about connectivity to/from Antczak Park to Crestwood

Committee Member Reports:

- Roger Kehr, Dog park (update via Melissa / Erin):
 - Met with county landscape architect, talked through process of things to consider, looking at 9 places,
 - Andy increased that number and is working thru the matrix – identifying list of standards we can use to rank the different properties for a dog park
- Greg Hilbig, Bonneville Shoreline Trail:
 - Had a meeting today, sounds like forest service is going to start on a section from Big Cottonwood Canyon to Ferguson Canyon
 - Next, we want to identify the next trailhead, potentially look at talking to residents about easements (3 possibilities) for trailheads
 - Talked about bringing on consultants versus doing in-house

- Scope of funding is flexible
- Next steps: set up regular committee meetings
- Erin Davis, Crestwood Park:
 - The county has no money for the park right now, low on the priority list
 - We don't think we need a lot done there – want to leave the natural area along, maybe new plantings and maintenance, some trails need attention / maintenance
 - Swimming pool – think everyone loves it, wants to know costs / losses associated
 - Ben's thought: they are probably set to move away from the pool – perhaps we can suggest that if the pool is moving away, then we need to gain other stuff / funds for the park
 - We don't want a splash pad
 - First meeting regarding Crestwood was Greg, Mike and Erin
 - Talking to county on Monday – formalized 'we want to participate' meeting
 - Ben suggested Cottonwood Heights city offer to pay half of expense for a master plan for Crestwood
- Melissa Fields, spring service project
 - Idea for Ferguson / trail clean up in the spring: tie it in with Earth Day or National Trails Day
 - Greg R: suggested Ivory Homes Initiative has 30k trees to give out / plant, perhaps we can apply for some of those and plant trees
 - Trees at Butler Elementary or the no man's land at Golden Hills could be a good idea
 - **Melissa and Greg will research their service project ideas some more**

Wasatch Boulevard Master Plan Feedback:

- Fritz: How flexible is the document? City has already gone thru an extensive process, they have a final draft now, it isn't adopted yet so changes can be made but we are pretty far along in the process
- Gravel Pit is closer to it's end, will be a time when that site can be re-developed, this is our chance to guide the redevelopment there, guide for what kind of use we want on that spot
- Want Gravel Pit as major travel center, more efficient / effective recreation and ski traffic etc.
- Major transport hub at gravel pit and a second one at 94th in Sandy on the other end
- Want to incentivize people to get on public transportation, rather than driving up the canyon
- There is a lot of focus and lobbying in the legislature to get a transport hub near the canyons
- Created a connected network of paths and trails – no pedestrian accommodations on Wasatch – we want to change that – add separated pathway, bike lanes on side of road but separate place for walking, kids on bikes, ped xing over Wasatch to allow people to cross safely (mostly bridge or tunnels to cross)

- At this point, UDOT will be redesigning right of way, we don't want to see this become similar to Bangeter or Redwood Rd, we want to preserve natural ascetics
- Fritz – Portland and other cities use medians as a way to capture water, thinks we should do that here, use waterwise plants, salt tolerant plants
- Landscaping and beautification would be city's expense
- Fritz – how close to starting – EIS wraps up in 2021, once that wraps up, money will then be spent / implemented, study is precursor to spending
- Neighborhoods on either side of Wasatch are hard to get out of – figure out way to make it easier
- They presented 3 different scenarios/concepts and got feedback, took feedback to create Preferred Scenario:

Next meeting – talk about ideas for Antzacak Park, talk about options for service project, and more comments / questions on Wasatch blvd

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20