

Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
January 14, 2025
Minutes

Attendance:

Kendall Crittenden, Chairman
Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman
Colleen Bonner, Board Member
Spencer Park, Board Member
Luke Searle, Board Member
Erik Rowland, Board Member – Zoom

Tom Bonner, Director
Heath Coleman, Asst. Director
Jon Provost, Event Center Director
Amaria Scovil, Rec. Center Director
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Dustin Grabau, County Manager
Jim Johnson, IT Specialist
Joe Leveridge, Skijoring
Brian Gardner, Skijoring
Chris, Top Shelf

Excused:

Mark Nelson, Board Member

Kendall Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

Public Issues for Future Meetings:

Kendall asked if there were any public issues for future meetings. There were none.

Governing Board Issues for Future Meetings:

Kendall asked if there were any Governing Board issues for future meetings. Tom stated that the first Master Plan Meeting will be held on February 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at the Rec. Center.

Luke asked if we had received the TPA grant, and Tom responded that we will not know if we will get that grant until March. Tom stated that they are working with Nancy and will be applying for a couple of other grants for LED Lighting, Trees, and Adaptive Playground to allow wheelchair access and make the playground all inclusive.

Public Comment:

Kendall asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Minutes: December 10, 2024:

Tom presented the minutes for December 10, 2024. Spencer Park made a motion to approve the minutes for December 10, 2024. Luke Searle seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Luke Searle

ABSTAIN: Colleen Bonner - Not in attendance at December 10, 2024 meeting.
ABSENT: Mark Nelson

Warrants:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants from November 22, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$130,335.53. Kendall asked if there were any questions on the warrants. Kendall explained to Colleen that the items hi-lighted in yellow are pass through items.

Luke Searle made a motion to approve the warrants from November 22, 2024 through December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$130,335.53. Karl McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Colleen Bonner
AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Luke Searle

ABSENT: Mark Nelson

Skijoring Discussion/Consideration of temporary beer license:

Tom reported that the Skijoring Event will be held February 14th and 15th. This event has been very successful in the past couple of years. This year they are asking for a temporary beer license. They have brought in a group called Top Shelf that facilitates going through DABC, Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, to handle the entire process. Tom commented that last year we had a problem in the tailgating area. Skijoring is asking that this year we have “Beer Garden Areas”. Top Shelf has worked with Heber City Chief of Police and believe he is on board with this. Tom said that Top Shelf do these specified areas at many events all over and are well versed and know the laws with DABC.

Tom stated that years ago the council gave him the authority, through Ordinance 1609, to do a temporary beer license in the indoor arena only and he was tasked with taking care of that, but this is an outdoor event. Tom explained that every time, for each event, when we apply for a temporary beer license we have to go through DABC because we have a school, a church, and a park within our distance.

Tom asked the council to consider Top Shelf overseeing a specified area because then we have control over it. He said that, otherwise, it becomes a problem for law enforcement. Kendall asked if we need to amend our Ordinance 1609 and Tom replied that it is up to the council, but that he would feel more comfortable if the council approved the temporary beer license for each event. He stated that it also has to go through Heber City, since the Event Complex is in the city limits.

Chris, from Top Shelf, addressed the council and said that they are based in Park City, and they specialize in bar events all over the state. He stated they are well versed in anything DABC related. All of their employees are certified in the TIPS Program and are asking for local compliance for the Skijoring event. Top Shelf would bear all the responsibility and carry all the necessary insurance and licensing for the Beer Gardens at this event.

Colleen Bonner asked Chris to explain a Beer Garden. Chris explained that a Beer Garden is a controlled, fenced, area where someone is at the front of the garden checking ID's and putting wristbands on people so they can come into the garden to purchase and consume beer. Colleen clarified that they have to consume the alcohol inside the perimeter of the Beer Garden and Chris said that was correct. Chris stated that they have talked to Chief Sever, Heber City Chief of Police, and the idea is to have a couple of units

in the parking lot because Heber City Police cannot come into the facility. Colleen asked about a drink limit and Chris responded that their staff is trained in the TIPS Program which includes determining and limiting how many drinks for a particular person.

Kendall asked about those who will still sneak it in and Tom responded that we always have some of that, but with designated areas, people have options and we are doing our due diligence and protecting ourselves.

Brian Gardner, Skijoring, addressed the council. He stated that Skijoring is a family event and that most families don't necessarily want their kids right by others who are drinking, so the Beer Garden creates a separate, defined area. Luke asked where the Beer Garden would be. Brian responded that they would like to have three sections, for safety, so that people do not have to cross the track and they can accommodate each ticketed station. For stadium seating the section would be at the northwest corner, for the bleacher seating, it would be at the southwest corner and a section by the course for the VIP seating. All three areas would be controlled and managed by Top Shelf.

Kendall suggested that we update and amend Ordinance 1609, that was done in 2016. Everyone agreed. The amendments should include indoor and outdoor events at the Event Complex. The county council should approve the temporary beer license for each event. The applicant should explain where the actual Beer Garden will be located. Colleen suggested that they provide a map with location, size, capacity, and where the access is.

Colleen Bonner made a motion that Wasatch County Council approve the Beer Garden for the Skijoring Event, February 14th and 15th, 2025. Skijoring and Top Shelf will need to go through DABC process and also get Heber City approval to move forward. Also, we will amend Ordinance 1609 to meet the updates discussed today.

Karl McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Kendall Crittenden
AYE:	Karl McMillan
AYE:	Colleen Bonner
AYE:	Spencer Park
AYE:	Erik Rowland
AYE:	Luke Searle
ABSENT:	Mark Nelson

Kendall asked if there were any other comments or questions. There were none.

Spencer Park made a motion to adjourn. Colleen Bonner seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Kendall Crittenden
AYE:	Karl McMillan
AYE:	Steve Farrell
AYE:	Spencer Park
AYE:	Erik Rowland
AYE:	Luke Searle
ABSENT:	Mark Nelson

Meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke