Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
January 11, 2022
Minutes

Attendance:

Marilyn Crittenden, Vice-Chair
Kendall Crittenden, Member
Steve Farrell, Member
Danny Goode, Member
Mark Nelson, Member
Spencer Park, Member

Tom Bonner, Director
Heath Coleman, Asst. Director
Amaria Scovil, Recreation Center Director
Jon Provost, Events Complex Director
Erik Lappe, Director of Programming
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Dustin Grabau, County Manager
Mike Davis, MIDA Coordinator
Ben Marvin, IT Specialist

Excused:

Jeff Wade, Chairman

Board Vice-Chair, Marilyn Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

Minutes:

Tom Bonner presented the minutes for December 14, 2021.

Board Member, Mark Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes for December 14, 2021. Board Member, Steve Farrell, seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Board Vice-Chair, Marilyn Crittenden
AYE:	Board Member, Kendall Crittenden
AYE:	Board Member, Steve Farrell
AYE:	Board Member, Danny Goode
AYE:	Board Member, Mark Nelson
AYE:	Board Member, Spencer Park
NAY:	None
ABSENT:	Board Chairman, Jeff Wade

Warrants:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants for December 10, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of $92,876.83.

Board Member, Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the warrants for December 10, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of $92,876.83.
Board Member, Mark Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

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Introduction of Mike Winward as new Sr. Citizen's Director:
Tom reported that he was planning to introduce Mike Winward, the new Sr. Citizen's Director, but, unfortunately, Mike is in the hospital right now. He is doing better and should be getting home in the next couple days. Tom said that they had a Corporate Board Meeting today and Mike participated through Zoom and things are going well. Tom commented that Mike will do well in his new position. He was formerly the Program Coordinator, so we will now need to find his replacement. Kendall commented that Mike is well-liked by the seniors and Tom agreed. He said that he had a lot of recommendations from the seniors. Tom commented that the Meals on Wheels driver is also out sick and so Tom and Heath are delivering the meals this week.

Demolition Derby RFP Opening:
Tom reported that we do not have a contract for the Demolition Derby and he has two sealed bids he will open and ask for direction from the council. The first one is from "Stirrin' Dirt Racing". They have done our Derby for the past 4 years.

The second bid is from "Destructive Behavior", which is a new company started by Brad Bowman and Ryan Simpson. They were in attendance at this meeting. Marilyn asked where they are located and Tom answered, Heber City, Utah.

Kendall asked if the RFP had specific areas and Tom responded that the RFP outlined 12 to 15 requirements, so the two bids should be based upon providing those requirements. The bids would exclude the $100,000. purse that we take care of.

Destructive Behavior's bid is $34,640. for two nights

After looking through "Stirrin' Dirt Racing" bid, Heath said that it looks like they are proposing to do it for the same amount they did last year. Tom and Heath did not know that exact number, but Tom said that he knew it was more than Destructive Behavior's bid of $34,640.

Tom asked the board if he could make a recommendation and they allowed him to do so. Tom recommended that we award the contract to Destructive Behavior for the Demolition Derby for 2022 and as part of that recommendation he would like to put in the contract the possibility of two option years after this year. Steve asked if the RFP was for one year and Tom replied that the RFP did say that there was an option for an additional year at a 3% escalator.

Tom commented that they are excited about the plan they have heard from Destructive Behavior in making our derby more viable. Steve asked if it would be more local drivers. Ryan Simpson and Brad Bowman addressed the council and said that they are super focused on getting it back to more like it was in the past. The Derby is evolving, but they have some great ideas to help bring it back to a Utah–type derby. Brad and Ryan were born and raised here in Heber and have watched the changes to the derby and so their main focus is to try to make it more of the way it used to be. They stated that the Wasatch County Derby has one of the largest purses in the nation so naturally it draws attention, but depending on how you distribute the money that will bring different car counts.

Marilyn asked about their experience and Brad answered that he has driven in over 150 derbies over the past 19 years, not only in Utah but across the country and participated in the country's largest derby in Topeka, Kansas. He knows what works and what doesn't. He has also helped different companies do inspections and officiate. Marilyn asked if this is the first derby they will be doing and they answered that it is. Tom explained that he feels confident because they know inspectors and judges and have the contacts and connections that the county does not. Tom said that is why we hire a company to produce our derby. Steve asked Tom about our liability. Tom replied that anything that happens in the arena they indemnify us, anything outside the arena, including the stands, is us. Tom said that they did state in the RFP no full-size trucks. Part of the rule package is that drive lines have to have safety chains and the rules have evolved in regards to safety.

Kendall asked Tom what the costs and revenue are for the Derby and Tom replied that it costs between $145,000. And $150,000. and our revenue last year was about $220,000.

Steve Farrell made a motion to award the contract for the 2022 Demolition Derby to Destructive Behavior. Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

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Sr. Center Update:

Tom reported that after New Year's quite a few people had tested positive for COVID so not much is going on right now. They are providing drive-thru congregate meals. Mike has talked to Chris Smoot on safety procedures and a time frame as to when we might be able to get back to normal activities.

Event Complex Update:

Tom reported that at the Advisory Board Meeting last week we discussed our new RV Park. Dustin had asked that we get an engineer estimate, which is about 1.2 million. Tom said that they have not yet gone through everything to see what costs we could cover in house and what we can take out due to the services the power company will provide. Tom will be working with Dustin to come up with hard costs.

Tom stated that, as of right now, we do not have a contract with the High School Rodeo Association and our bid is due February 1, 2022. Tom said that he is hoping that we can figure out a time frame as to when the campground will be ready, so that we have that information for our bid.

Tom stated that the Advisory Board made a motion to support the development of a campground facility for special events such as, High School Rodeo, softball tournaments and other events.

Marilyn asked Tom if he needed something from the Board that would give them more confidence in their bid for the High School Rodeo Finals. Tom replied that he is hopeful that the Board will agree on developing a campground that could be ready by 2023. If we had a commitment from this Board, that would definitely help in our bid negotiations with the High School Rodeo Association.

Dustin stated that the current fund balance for TRT & Restaurant fund is 4 million in each fund. He said we should have sufficient reserves if we use some for the campground. Dustin explained that the Restaurant funds do not have the percentage limitations that the TRT funds do where a certain percentage has to be used on promotion. Restaurant funds are more flexible so Dustin recommends we use Restaurant funds.

Marilyn asked Dustin if there are other people vying for those funds and Dustin replied that in the past the reserves were set aside for a rainy day fund for projects like this, and repairs to the Event Center or to upgrade the arena. Mike Davis commented that, at one time, they looked at the expansion of Southfield Park. He said there was also talk of a convention-type facility and so he started putting money aside. Mike said that in the past few years the funds started growing really fast and that they weren't growing like that previously. Tom pointed out that now Parks & Recreation has a fund balance, and with the MOU in place, we will have money built in for emergencies. Kendall asked if there was a time limit in which the funds had to be used, as there is with impact fees, and Mike answered that there is no limitation on the fund balance and no time limit.

Marilyn stated that if we use the Restaurant funds for the campground that it is not a loan and it needs to be clearly defined as to who is responsible for what. Tom explained that the county owns the property and would own the campground and the district would operate and maintain the campground.

Mark brought up some general thoughts about what might happen in the future. He commented that when the bypass determination is finally made it will have an impact on Parks & Recreation. Mark also brought up Heber City CRA and Tom responded that this area is in the CRA. Mark said that Heber City might have plans the will also impact Parks & Recreation. He asked Tom if he has heard anything from Heber City about CRA and Tom answered that he has not. Kendall asked if the area is zoned appropriately and Tom replied that we went through the re-zoning two years ago and it is zoned recreational.

Mark commented that the land west of Southfield Park will be very important. Steve mentioned that whatever happens, when there is a new park it has to be named after D.A. Broadhead. That was one of the conditions when we were given a good discount on the land. Tom agreed.

There was further discussion with speculation of different future scenarios, but nothing definite about future plans. Mark and Marilyn agreed that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board needs to be looking and planning for the future.

Steve Farrell made a motion to put forth the effort to come up with a funding package to move forward with a campground to be ready for use in June 2023. Mark Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

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NAY:	None
ABSENT:	Board Chairman, Jeff Wade

Tom thanked the Board for this motion and stated that they will take this as a recommendation. This will give us significant leverage in getting the High School Rodeo contract.

Steve commented that we need additional stall barns. Tom agreed and said that stalls are a good revenue source.

Marilyn asked if there were any other comments. There were none.

Board Member, Mark Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Board Member, Kendall Crittenden seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

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NAY:	None
ABSENT:	Board Chairman, Jeff Wade

Meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke