

19 November 2008

**Minutes of the Alpine City Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PRO) Committee meeting held November 19, 2008 at Alpine City Hall.** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. The following committee members were present and constituted a quorum:

Bryce Higbee, Evertt Williams, Dave Fotheringham, April Cooper

Larry Brown was absent.

Staff: April Riley, Ted Stillman

Others: Jim Tracy (City Council representative to PRO Committee), Lars Anderson, Jannicke Brewer

#### **A. 100 SOUTH PARK MASTER PLAN**

Dave Fotheringham asked Lars Anderson to introduce the revised master plan for the park. Lars Anderson said he obtained more information on the splash pad and sent that to Shane Sorensen. Based on the more detailed information, Shane Sorensen said the splash pad would probably tax the existing well. An option was to recycle the water and use it in the PI system. Lars Anderson said he sent Shane Sorensen some information on a splash pad in Ivins, UT that is constructing a splash pad right now that will be using that system. Shane Sorensen is at a conference this week in that area and will try to stop by and learn more.

Lars Anderson said he changed the slope of the retention area to 6:1, added a small play area on the far north end, added a dome play area, added a bathroom by the south parking area as well as a sand volleyball court. Evertt Williams asked what type of bathrooms would be used in the park. Jim Tracy said probably the same type of bathrooms that are located across the street in Legacy Park.

Jim Tracy asked if the showers were required. Lars Anderson said the health code does for instances like children that keep their sandals on and need to wash them off, and said if the recycle system is used it is required.

Lars Anderson said the biggest challenge with the pass-through system is the amount of water it uses – about 160 gallons a minute. Jim Tracy said he has spent a lot of time looking at splash pads and the amount of water used can be regulated by changing the buttons and what is activated when they are pushed. Jim Tracy said the splash pad would probably have higher usage in the afternoon and the PI is more used in the evening hours.

Evertt Williams asked Lars Anderson from his standpoint as a landscape architect what we are missing. Lars Anderson said he would have had more natural, rustic areas along the creek, but the maintenance crews did not want to see that as it is far more difficult to maintain.

Jim Tracy stated we should not have trees on the corner. Lars Anderson said they already checked the sight triangle and the trees are at least 30 feet back from the corner, but additional trees can be taken out. Jannicke Brewer asked Lars Anderson what he meant by having a more natural look along the creek. Lars Anderson said he would not put turf under the trees and would have more wildflower type of vegetation, but agreed that it is far harder to maintain. Jannicke Brewer said the natural look can appear nice, but can also have an unkempt, weedy look.

Jim Tracy asked what the hatched area in the middle of the large parking area was. Lars Anderson said it is a paved area that matches the splash pad that provides a walkthrough area. Jim Tracy asked where the garbage dumpster(s) would be located. Lars Anderson said they are typically included in the parking lot and said a lot of cities use smaller garbage containers throughout the park. Lars Anderson said some cities have problems with regular dumpsters that residents start using for their own garbage, but they can be locked so residents would not have access to them. Jim Tracy wondered if adding a dumpster near

the well house might be an ideal location as there was a spot that a truck could back up and dump the trash.

Dave Fotheringham asked Ted Stillman what the committee needed to do. Ted Stillman said the Committee needs to make a recommendation to the Planning Commission. Ted Stillman said the Committee could have another public hearing if it wanted, but didn't feel it was necessary at this level as the Planning Commission and City Council may also hold them.

Dave Fotheringham said the only thing he would like to consider adding was frisbee golf. Lars Anderson said it would be easily added as there is a lot of open space and they are now made to be moveable. There are older styles still available that are put in concrete and cannot be moved.

**MOTION:** Dave Fotheringham moved to recommend the master plan as it now stands to the Planning Commission. Evertt Williams seconded. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Jannicke Brewer asked April Riley to add this item to the December 2, 2008 Planning Commission agenda. Jim Tracy said if there are future public hearings we could add the proposed master plan in the Newsline to advertise. Ted Stillman said after the plan is adopted by the City Council the next step would be to get detailed drawings done.

## **B. RODEO GROUNDS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Ted Stillman said part of the Rodeo Grounds Committee quit. Jim Tracy said he and the Mayor have talked to Jason Thelin, who is the Chairman of Alpine Days, and felt that he would be the best contact person for Dana Beck to be in touch with regarding the rodeo. Evertt Williams said he talked to Bob Chatfield a little while ago about what would be involved to have a children's rodeo, but hasn't talked to Dana Beck about it. Jim Tracy said that Dana Beck has indicated that he can no longer continue as part of the Rodeo Grounds Committee. Jim Tracy said his thoughts are to have a children's rodeo for Alpine Days and if there are others who want a full professional rodeo to do that another time and not during Alpine Days.

Evertt Williams said his concern all along has been to know the demographics and which direction to head with the rodeo. Evertt Williams asked what action items need to be addressed and who they need to go to. Jim Tracy said the PRO Committee is basically now the Rodeo Grounds Committee as well. Jim Tracy said Jason Thelin needs to know if there is going to be a children's rodeo and who will be in charge of that. Evertt Williams said he could talk to Bob Chatfield about that. Jim Tracy said he also recommended Jason Thelin talk with Richard James. Jim Tracy said they could also add other activities during that time that did not involve animals, such as a tug-of-war. Jim Tracy stated if we do a children's rodeo we can hold that earlier in the day and not have to deal with lighting issues.

Evertt Williams said at the last meeting staff brought up a lot of concerns that were related to having a full professional rodeo and if that was really the direction the City wanted to go. Jim Tracy said we need to have policies posted on the fence at the rodeo grounds outlining how people can use the facility and obtain a key to get in. April Cooper said she will check with a company she knows that uses fairly simple lock boxes.

Jim Tracy said he thinks there are several items that the Rodeo Grounds Committee were wanting that are moot now, such as a concession stand, permanent lighting. Evertt Williams said he was thinking about that as well and many of those items seem to be high cost, low return. Evertt Williams said he will draft some use guidelines for the next meeting.

Dave Fotheringham said one item that was not on the agenda is naming the park and wondered if the PRO Committee needed to make a recommendation on that. Jim Tracy said the City Council chose not to adopt park naming guidelines and the City Council has not made any indication as to whether or not they want a recommendation on a park name. Dave Fotheringham suggested each PRO Committee member pick their top three and email them to him and they will talk about this at their next meeting. Jim Tracy

said if there is a name they like that was not on the list to add it. April Cooper asked if the City has considered the option to allow someone to pay to name it.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Bryce Higbee moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2008 and October 29, 2008. April Cooper seconded. Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

Jannicke Brewer asked when the next PRO Committee would be scheduled. Ted Stillman indicated that December is a very busy month. Ted Stillman suggested that Evertt Williams meet with Jason Thelin in the meantime before the next meeting in January. Dave Fotheringham said he has a friend that may be willing to get involved as well. April Cooper asked Evertt Williams to let her know when he meets with Jason Thelin as she would like to help.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.