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City of South Jordan Parks, Recreation, Trails & Open Space Master Plan



Advisory Committee Meeting #1

July 17, 2023, 9:00 am, South Jordan City Hall

IN ATTENDANCE:

Colby Hill	Associate Director Parks, Trails & Open Space
Jason McGuire	City Council (remotely)
Janell Payne	Recreation Director
Ken Shore	Engineering
Matt Jarman	GIS
David Mann	Planning
Kyrene Gibb	Y2 Analytics
Ethan Meldrum	Y2 Analytics
Sam Taylor	Landmark Design
Madison Merrill	Landmark Design
Lisa Benson	Landmark Design

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

Following a round of introductions, the committee discussed the upcoming community survey focused on parks, recreation, trails and open space.

- The city is developing its first Arts Master Plan, which can be used to inform this process. Y2 gathered responses from the community that fed into the plan. We can remove the arts component from this master plan and just reference the Arts Master Plan as a related study.
- Make sure we're collecting information on trails and how to meet those needs.
- The recent Active Transportation Master Plan and Transportation Master Plans should also be reviewed and used to inform this planning effort.
- There is a Sikh temple in the city contributing a large, unique demographic to the community. Should include cricket in the list of activities in the community survey.
- The Regional Trails Committee oversees trails in the southwest corner of the valley. Look at what they've been planning.
- What's important about parks - amenities or gathering?
- Waterwise landscapes - what do residents want to see? Informal demonstration gardens?
- Highland Park - elevation changes - does the public recognize those changes?
- Ask what would make non-users visit parks?
- Dog parks - be thoughtful about the wording on this question. They can become regional attractions. Want a dog park eventually at Bingham Creek Regional Park.
- Outdoor questions - new to outdoor education.

- 2200 acres west of U-111 just annexed by the city. Ask what people want to see there.
- Skate parks/bike parks - Spoke Bike Park in Daybreak.
- SoJo residents make up 70-80% of Herriman mountain bike team members.
- Open space conservation is important - Jordan River and the drainages by Olympia
- Need more active recreation on the west side of the city, which will need to be focused in the newly annexed area with the Bees stadium moving to the city. Highland Park and Oquirrh are the only active recreation parks on the west side.
- City Park is the main area for active recreation in the city.
- Ask a question about upgrades to Mulligan's (simulators).

Following the survey discussion, the scope of work and project scheduled were reviewed, and a general scoping session with the committee was held.

- Options for public scoping:
 - August 12th - end of summer event with Daybreak at Highland Park. This is the first year the city is partnering with Daybreak. Advertising it to the whole city.
 - Farmer's market on Saturdays in August
 - Could offer free passes to Mulligan's - have swag and golf passes to share
- The loss of active parks in Daybreak needs to be addressed in the plan.
- Trails - connectivity is key - where?
- Maintenance - as we add space, we need to maintain staff levels. Need to look at FTEs - can only stretch money so far. Scaling of staff and maintenance for population increases.
- Have aging facilities - Mulligan's and Senior/Community Center. May build a new senior center on the west side. If so, does the existing Senior/Community Center become an arts complex, like a blackbox theater?
- Need facilities out west for programming.
- Annexation area - what opportunities are available? Could be more unique, especially with the foothill areas.
 - Rio Tinto owns most of the new annexation area.
 - Trails need to connect.
 - What else does the city need to provide? Trailheads? Lighting?
 - Rio Tinto is setting aside acreage for baseball (ask Don Tingey for more details).
- Midas and Bingham Creek, and BST are in the annexation area. Planning will be meeting with Doug Young, who owns the southwest piece of the annexation area. They will confirm the ideas that have been discussed for the old sewer land. Also look at the Southwest Waterways Vision Plan. BST from the southwest corner.
- Bingham Creek Regional Park Authority - similar to Sugar House Park Authority - co-own and manage with the county. They will be important stakeholders to reach out to.

NEXT STEPS:

- City will send ideas on the project website domain name.
- Landmark will finish setup of website and Social Pinpoint.
- Landmark will conduct the conditions assessment, document review, and analysis.
- Y2 will send draft questions for the survey.