

Park City Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

PCMARC

Park City, Utah 84060

RAB Members Present: Meg Steele, Kraig Moyes, Emma Garrard, Ed Parigan, Jody Whitesides, Abby McNulty, Nikki Nelmark, Julian Coffman

Not Present: Cathy Jordan

Council Present: None

Staff Present: Ken Fisher & Heather Todd

Board Member & Staff Introductions

Public Input - None

Communications and Disclosures:

Ken reminded the new board members to connect with Michelle Kellog at City Hall to be sworn in.

Ed asked about the progress on the replacement of the artificial turf at Quinn's Junction. The deadline is July 26th, the turf is onsite and should be laying it this week.

Jody reported a damaged net on the MARC court 4 pickleball net, staff will look into getting it repaired.

Meg noted that the Park City Heights Park is getting a lot of use.

Ed asked about Prosepector Park Update, Ken mentioned that it will be replaced in August. Emma added that the water fountain is not working.

Emma asked about the MARC membership, and what the incentive would be. Ken clarified that the MARC does not technically sell memberships, rather the MARC sells facility passes. There are not discounts for pass holders. There is a MARC Pass that is all inclusive of Tennis and Pickleball that also gives early court bookings, currently the MARC has more MARC pass holders than ever before.

Ken mentioned that with the recent MARC pass fee increase there will no longer be a couples pass offered.

Approval of April & June Minutes: The April minutes were approved with review of Ed's edits on the statistics stated on Pickleball and Tennis Growth. The June minutes will remain unapproved as a draft with the transition of members.

Board Orientation

Ken gave the board a presentation of the history of the Recreation Department. Slides attached.

Update Community Survey

- Over 1,100 community members participated in the survey
- Emma shared a few stats that were discussed in the committee meeting prior.
- Ed shared that the purpose of the survey was to evaluate the need for facilities specific to the MARC, pickleball, and aquatics among other aging amenities if need.
- Kraig updated new board members that an architectural firm, VCBO had already been chosen. He also clarified the location at the MARC and the Quinn's Junction.
- Ken added that with the original build there were plans included for a second phase of the MARC to expand.
- There were questions on the future of Sundance.
 - Ken shared that it is to be determined, with how busy the facility is it would be difficult to continue with giving a tennis court for that amount of time. Ken further explained the history of the City's relationship with Sundance.
- Abby asked how Ken factors in the Pickleball needs relative to the rest of Recreation revenue and needs
 - Ken notes that the program does in fact bring in more than the aquatics program.
 - Abby followed up with asking how many courts need to be built to compare and grow to demand of tennis?
 - Ken believes that 6 courts would be busy and give enough to meet the current needs. They had a discussion on the future of fees with the growth, Ken shared that he would look to have pickleball pay the same court fee as tennis courts. He added that staff to some degree a holding off on growing the tennis program to try and buffer the growth of pickleball.
 - Tennis has eliminated many large programs that take up court times in effort to preserve much needed court time for other programs. Ken added that he does have hope that pickleball will help diversify who comes to play.
- Ken stated that construction has a potential to begin in the spring on 2024 once there is a conceptual design and budget discussed. He wants to be sure that the scope stays small so that progress can be made, this will be difficult with current trending demands vs facilities such as Aquatics and Fitness that have always been high on surveys.
- Emma asked about the Park City Sports Complex, she suggested that most do not know that location by that name and that it be considered to be changed.
 - Ken confirmed that it could be changed and it was just a matter of momentum of support.
 - She also asked what the focus was of the area?
 - Ken explained that it was paid for with sales tax bonds and that the facility was to be built to attract large tournaments to boost summer business. Currently, the City Council has changed this direction and asked that this area not be marketed to these groups. Ken feels the area needs to be more than playing fields, and needs to offer more to the greater community.

- Julian added that he felt given the character of the community, being seasonal, he suggested that an indoor turf would seem something reasonable to consider.
 - Emma added that they do currently plow the turf field through the winter.
 - Ken added that there are turf fields going in at Trailside Park. He feels that fields with lights are most in demand, Trailside will not have lights.

Adjourn 8:00 pm