

Draper Parks, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting #1 NOTES



In Attendance

- Marsha Vawdrey – Parks , Trails and Recreation Committee / City Council
- Adam Crayk – Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee
- Suzanne Quick – Trails Committee
- Brandee Oakley – Mountain Bike Program Representative, Mountain Bike Instructure
- Erin Longacre – Recreation Representative and resident
- Mark Sarvela – Recreation Representative, Coach
- Greg Hilbig – Trails and Open Space Manager

The meeting began with introductions. A summary of the discussion follows.

Summary of Discussion

Recreation/Programming

- More programs for youth are needed.
- Even though there is a new rec center, it isn't city owned and many necessary programs are missing (indoor tennis, pickleball and basketball, which is need no. 1). Also, the city has to rent the facility for events, and it would be great if the city had their own rec center. Similar for swimming pool at the facility – county staff treat youth like second-class citizens, forcing them to enter through the back door, they can't use the changing room, etc. The intended purpose was to have a pool for the high school, but now the county is restricting those uses. Wonder how much of these issues are COVID related, though?
All comes down to money, city doesn't have deep pockets, didn't know about issues at recreation center. City made significant contributions; school district also contributed money.
- More and more children are participating in pickleball than in the past – youth and adult tournaments are emerging as major focus areas.
- Draper is growing rapidly, want to see a sports complex of its own with a recreation center, would be a great investment for the community.
- Recreation center was top pick in last plan.
- Recreation center is part of issue with Covid, Covid has impacted use.
- The county is having more restrictions with Covid.
- Recreation program for kids. Often have to go to Sandy. Need to expand offerings here, more nights of the week.

- Kids are aging so not using recreation center anymore, but older kids still need options. Have a need to go to other cities to find programs for younger kids.
- Expanding mountain bike and other youth programs.
- The city has quite an extensive list of recreation programs as well as events.
 - Some feel that they fill up too quickly.
 - Draper is good keeping program users informed, both via email and on the website, but may want to make more attempt at community outreach. Other feel the City doesn't advertise recreation program options.
 - Website has list of programs and events. Plenty of recreation options, they just fill up quickly and not enough days. Get good notice, once we register for programs, doing a great job but maybe more community outreach in utility billing, etc.
 - Herriman has electronic billboard, kiosk, looking at that as an option.
- Baseball – Galena has great fields, never available for practice, have to go to other cities or convert, play all seasons except when snowing.
- Lacrosse taken off and is the fastest growing sport in Utah. Revenue source to fund parks, have to practice at BPMS, Galena is great but could do more tournaments. Look at tournaments at Suncrest Park, great setting, good revenue, fastest growing sport in Utah. It could be a potential revenue source to help offset costs? Can the city manage large events – are there enough facilities?
- Hosting tournaments, has city hosted? Have big lacrosse tournament in August, not well publicized. Could do a better job of making it better known, could be concurrently across city at Galena and Suncrest - rotate between the two parks
 - Sunday play was a challenge. St. George only one that did Sunday play.
 - Economic development aspect is a great idea.
 - Park City still doing great tournaments, not playing on Sunday, they do Thursday – Saturday.
 - Baseball in Logan has huge tournaments, don't do Sunday play.
 - Logistics at tournament a nightmare, do we have infrastructure?
 - New parks locate by hotels / restaurants, maybe in The Point?

Parks

- Younger kids need a voice – need more basketball courts.
- Need all ability park like St. George. Doesn't need to be standalone park, just add elements. Council and County have approved replacement of Draper City Park playground as accessible and double size hopefully next spring.
- Prison redevelopment, staff concern for impact on LOS – half of current population, but not providing equal facilities.
- Soccer – lack of parks big enough for practices / games, Suncrest but no soccer nets, more soccer.
- Steep mountain park, vandalism is an issue with nets so did everything at Galena.
- West side has enough choices only Galena, bought 5 acres. Jensen Farm Park needs to be developed.
- Wheadon County Park is very underutilized. Pickleball at Wheadon is heavily used, the rest is underutilized.

Trails

- Conflicts between Corner Canyon trail users, including electric bikes (also regular mountain bikes, runners and hikers).
- Trails need to be a big part of the survey.
- Need to target new users, have some hiking only trails.
- High school mountain bike teams cause conflicts. Have great adult/youth mountain biking program, and a not-so-used hiking/snowshoe program. Big issue/touchy – how do we regulate the high school mountain bike teams who practice in the canyons?
- As a trail runner, appreciate the effort to deal with the conflicts, including hiker-only trails
- Love work done for running and hiking - great loop, keep connecting loops.
- Has never had any conflicts using the City's trail system. People have been respectful. Conflicts do happen but wouldn't want days exchanged.