



RECREATION BOARD MINUTES

Santaquin City Council Chambers
August 12th, 2019

Board Members Present: Chad Finch, Davis Harris, Jessica Tolman, Lesley Miller, Sara Olsen, Nick Miller, Josh Nielson

Others Present: City Manager Benjamin Reeves, Recreation and Events Manager Amy Johnson, Recreation Coordinator Bryan Meham, Office Clerk and Board Secretary Hayden Mageno, City Engineer Norm Beagley, Ron Jones from WPA Architecture, and Dave Edwards from WPA Architecture, Mike Weight, Ben McKinnon, Tara McKinnon, Andrew Urban, Andrea Urban, Danielle Christensen, Brad Gunnell.

The meeting was called to order at: 7:00 PM

Inspirational Thought/Invocation: Quote read by Chair Jessica Tolman

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Board Member Josh Nielson

Minutes:

- a) Approval of minutes from the board meeting held on 8-01-19

Board Member Sara Olsen made motion to approve minutes from the last meeting, Board Member David Harris second the motion.

Public Forum: Andrea Urban wants to figure out how the process for the proposed recreation center to be put on the ballot, wants to know the process. City Manager Benjamin Reeves explained that the recreation board would be making a recommendation to city council on the 20th for the proposed recreation center to go on the ballot.

Brad Gunnell stated he's had an observation on how he has watched the videos and has seen the flyer from orchard days, he feels like the information coming out is one sided. There are concerns being asked on social media and they are not being addressed, everyone is told to come to the town hall meetings. Brad expressed how he doesn't like that its being portrayed so positively and it seems one sided. Mr. Gunnell thanked everyone for everything they do. Chair Jessica Tolman closed the public form at 7:07 PM

Agenda Items:

- a) Discussion of the proposed Recreation and Aquatics Center.

City Manager Benjamin Reeves explained that in the series of surveys trying to decide what the public would want to see, after the cultural center did not pass. The recreation committee was formed and then turned into the recreation board. The recreation committee toured many pools and recreation centers to get an idea of what surrounding cities have. The opportunity came where an older building could be repurposed, it would help that side of town with the commercial space that will be available.



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City council has not put this on ballot. We can only advocate right now. As of August 20th it will become informational and the public can be informed with town hall meeting etc. We have invited individuals who may not like the idea of a recreation center to come to the town hall meeting to show their side and opinions. When we originally got the plans back The third party compared us to higher cities (park city, slc) and there were some inconsistency's. The city engineer went in and redefined the prices and they were able to knock off millions of dollars within a few hours. The city has engaged a local engineer who helped build the public works building and the recreation building. We are looking at it from a cost not a scope. We came to the conclusion that 12 million is the most we would be comfortable with. Mr. Reeves had his assistant go on Facebook and right down all the questions that have been asked and he will answer them during Town Hall meetings on Facebook Live.

Board Member Chad Finch asked a question for Brad Gunell, Finch stated he hasn't been on social media and wants to know what's being said, he wanted to know why Mr. Gunnel is feeling pressured.

Brad Gunnel spoke on how what's being shown is the best possible product on the flyer, we have people saying what we are getting ball fields, the YouTube videos that were just posted and the questions are all why is the recreation center good for us. The questions are very one sided. Everyone is being told to go to town hall meetings, not everyone can come to the meetings.

Board Member Josh Nielson asked where should people go to get the most accurate information.

City Manager Benjamin Reeves explained to come to him, town hall meeting and he is wanting to do a question and answer form on our website.

Board Member Josh Nielson asked about additives to the building, who makes that decision? City Manager Benjamin Reeves said that the surveys would point them in that direction.

Board Member Josh Nielson asked what the rule of the recreation board is from now till November. Mr. Reeves explained that the recreation board are not employed from the city so they may speak if they are against or for it.

Chair Jessica Tolman noted that the Facebook feedback has been that people will not be able to afford it and, a lot of people won't get memberships

City Manager Benjamin Reeves explained that the most vocal people will be on Facebook. The best way to know what everyone wants is to do some surveys, be as transparent as possible and see what the public wants.

He explained that if this doesn't pass there may be time in the future where it does. He gave



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Springville as an example and how it took three times for a recreation center to pass.

b) Parents of Youth Sports presentation.

Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham talked about how there is a trend in our numbers, when they get older, it drops from them playing. 70% stop playing 12-13 years old. The study showed that the main reason is that it's too much pressure from parents. Kids are being groomed to do one sport and make them be the best they can be.

The study asked every major league player if they felt pressure to make it to the major league, 90% said yes. (video showed)

The big take away from the slide show and video is to understand what your role is as a parent.

Take a step back and remember that your just there to watch them play. Let the coach be the coach and parents be in the crowd.

Board member and city council Nick Miller asked do you think it's the parents being rough or them only sticking to one sport?

Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham stated he thinks it's both.

Recreation and Events Manager Amy Johnson added, when we try and find coaches they are saying no because its too much pressure from the parents.

c) Discussion and possible action on the current Draft Policy.

Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham explained a situation with a recent soccer draft. Mecham stated that he wants to bring this up to the board and see if this is something we need to change. Drafting starts once they are old enough to start keeping score. Everyone on the recreation agreed that the current Draft Policy is good.

Recreation Coordinator Bryan Mecham is going to add the draft policy next to the mission statement so that everyone can see this during registration.

Reports of Officials and Staff:

a) Upcoming meeting schedule

Next meeting will be: September 9th, 2019.

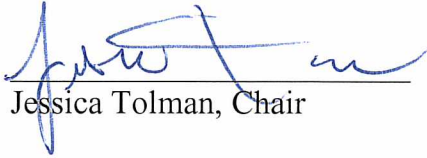
Topics for next meeting: Discussion of the proposed Recreation and Aquatics Center.




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Adjournment: Chair Jessica Tolman made the motion to adjourn. Board Member Josh Neilson second the motion. All were in favor we were adjourn at 8:46 PM.



Jessica Tolman, Chair

Chad Finch, Vice