

PARKS, NATURAL LANDS, URBAN FORESTRY AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD of SALT LAKE CITY

Formal Meeting  
Thursday, January 6, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104  
Upstairs Parks Training Room - MASKS REQUIRED

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## AGENDA

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to Order</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair Comments</li></ul>	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:03PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve December 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes</li></ul>	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:05PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.</li></ul>	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:20PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>May We Have Peace</i> land acknowledgement presentation - Taylor Knuth</li></ul>	10 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Glendale Regional Park Update – Nancy Monteith</li></ul>	20 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• CLOSED SESSION: Open Space Acquisition – Kat Maus</li></ul>	20 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Lands Budget Initiatives FY2023 – Kristin Riker</li></ul>	20 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Road Map of Public Lands projects anticipated for 2022 - Kristin Riker</li></ul>	5 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:35PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adopt Bylaws Revision Regarding Electronic and Hybrid Meetings (Action Item)</li></ul>	5 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections for 2022 (Action Item)</li></ul>	10 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve Annual Meeting Schedule (Action Item)</li></ul>	5 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Discussion on Public Lands FY2023 Budget Initiatives &amp; Recommendation</li></ul>	20 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>7:15PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Subcommittee updates as needed</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Board Comment and Question Period</li><li>• Next Meeting: February 3, 2022</li><li>• Request for Future Agenda Item</li><li>• Upcoming Involvement Opportunities</li></ul>	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:25PM</b>

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## **Minutes (Pending Approval)**

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<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to Order<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Samantha Finch</li><li>○ Polly Hart</li><li>○ Melanie Pehrson</li><li>○ Phil Carroll</li><li>○ Brianna Binnebose</li><li>○ CJ Whittaker</li><li>○ Ginger Cannon</li><li>○ Clayton Scrivner</li></ul></li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair Comments</li></ul> <p>PNUT Board Chair Samantha Finch welcomed the new members of the board. The PNUT Board is now comprised of 10 members.</p> <p>Ms. Finch shared with the board that she has emailed the board's letter of support for the pause of the Foothills Trails construction to the Mayor.</p> <p>Ms. Finch also gave a shoutout to the RAC in recognition of the closing of a successful season and thanked staff for preparing department updates materials for the board to utilize.</p>	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:03PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve November 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes and October 26, 2021 Retreat Meeting Minutes.</li></ul> <p>Ms. Hart recommended that the November 4, 2021 and October 26, 2021 meeting minutes are amended to provide clarification and additional information.</p> <p>Ms. Hart recommended that in the November 4, 2021 minutes regarding Miller Park, clarification regarding the project's consultants is added. Ms. Hart also recommended that the clarification on CIP fund allocation for Fisher Mansion is added. Lewis Kogan stated that the CIP budget includes the carriage house and improvements to the irrigation system and grounds. A separate fund from the CIP is being utilized to conduct a visioning study of the Fisher Mansion.</p>	



<p>Ms. Hart recommended that in the October 26, 2021 minutes, the names of pending board members are added to the breakout sessions and that it is identified in the minutes that the pending board members are awaiting approval.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the minutes with the added amendments. Mr. Whittaker seconded the motion. The motioned to approve the minutes passed unanimously.</p>	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:05PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.</li> </ul> <p>Dan Schelling –  Dan Schelling stated that on October 25, 2021, a large gulley developed on the western side of city creek after a rainstorm washout causing the area and road to become unsafe for use. Two weeks ago, Public Lands stated on social media that the trail was impacted by the washout but is not a contributing factor to the washout. Mr. Schelling stated that this statement released by Public Lands is false. Mr. Schelling called on Public Lands to take responsibility for the washout and conduct scientific research before engaging in trail construction. He also thanked the PNUT Board for their work in supporting the Foothills Trails.</p> <p>Hilary Jacobs –  Hilary Jacobs expressed concern regarding the need for enforcement or ordinance and maintenance of the Foothills. Ms. Jacobs stated that on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>, an unauthorized event was held at the I Street Bike Park and no enforcement of ordinance was employed to stop the event. Ms. Jacobs also expressed that signage that was vandalized earlier in the year has yet to be replaced in the Foothills. Ms. Jacobs called on Public Lands to enforce ordinances and maintain the Foothills.</p> <p>Eric Edelman –  Eric Edelman expressed concern regarding the Foothills Trail system. Mr. Edelman stated that Public Lands is currently not maintaining existing trails in the Foothills system. He also stated that he has been in contact with Lewis Kogan and has expressed concern regarding a risk of washouts in the Foothills. Mr. Edelman is frustrated that Public Lands stated on social media that the trail was impacted by the October washout but was not a contributing factor. Precautions could have been taken by Public Lands to prevent this washout from happening. Mr. Edelman also expressed a need for enforcement and maintenance in the Foothills and stated that many members of the public don't feel that there are heard by the PNUT Board and Public Lands Department. Mr. Edelman called on Public Lands and the PNUT board to focus on existing trail maintenance and not destroy existing trails.</p> <p>Dave Alderman –  Dave Alderman expressed his concerns regarding the PNUT Board's CIP Application review process. Mr. Alderman stated as the applicant for the Cemetery CIP Project, he is concerned that the board is reviewing projects and</p>	

<p>formulating their recommendation before he can meet with Public Lands staff and finalize his application. He feels the PNUT Boards review process is out of sync since the city has expressed applicants have until the end of the year to compile recommendations.</p> <p>Jan Hemming – Jan Hemming stated that at the Miller Bird Refuge, over the past two years 600 trees have been removed from the refuge. Public Lands stated that most trees that were removed were five feet or less and were comprised of non-native invasive species. Tracy Aviary has reported that the bird population in the refuge has increased and Tracy Aviary has worked with Public Lands to establish hummingbird protection after two nests were destroyed in the park in 2014.</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked if the PNUT Board has any bylaws pertaining to public comments submitted electronically. Kristen Riker recommended that the PNUT board establishes a follow-up plan to respond to public comments. Ms. Riker also stated that Public Lands staff would be happy to aid in responding to public comments.</p>	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:20PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget 101 Presentation (Gregg Evans)</li> </ul> <p>Gregg Evans provided the PNUT Board with an overview of Public Land’s budget process and the 2021-2022 budget.</p> <p>Mr. Evans explained that Public Lands is funded through general funds, which are funds supported with general tax revenues and that Public Lands manages the golf enterprise fund, which is a self-supporting entity that provides goods and services to the public for a fee.</p> <p>The city operates on a fiscal calendar year starting July 1st and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The overall budget approval process begins in November and concludes in the beginning of June. From December to January, personnel services are projected, and revenue estimates are developed. In February, departments receive guidance on budget development from the Mayor’s office and departments develop budget requests and budget reduction options. From March to April, departments present proposals to the Mayor and provide briefings to the City Council about services and budget options are developed. In April, the Mayor’s recommended budget is prepared. In May, the Mayor’s recommended budget is published and presented to City Council in May. City Council then reviews the Mayor’s recommended budget and holds public hearings.</p> <p>The copy of the FY2022 Department of Public Lands budget approved by City Council can be found at <a href="https://www.slc.gov/Finance/investor-relations-city-financials/budget/">https://www.slc.gov/Finance/investor-relations-city-financials/budget/</a></p>	10 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of Public Lands FY23 Budget Initiatives (Kristin Riker)</li> </ul>	10 mins

Kristin Riker provided the PNUT board with a brief overview of Public Lands FY23 budget initiatives. The budget initiatives categories are as follows.

**New Properties and Amenities-**

Every year, Public Lands receives new properties or amenities that are a result of CIP projects that are now completed and available to the public and in need of funding for materials, supplies and staffing.

**Climate Resiliency and Environmental Health –**

This initiative aims to increase the capacity of Public Lands to address ecological health and resiliency of public green spaces. Positions and supplies will be requested to support and expand native plant propagation and biodiversity projects.

**Weed Abatement Program –**

In 2012 Salt Lake City Public Lands was commissioned with an unfunded weed abatement program, transferred to PL from Sanitation. The program provides weed removal, mowing and spraying of herbicides in right of ways, alleys, medians and undeveloped city properties. There are no weed abatement funds in the PL budget. Since 2016, PL has requested funding for this program annually. Currently, the program operates on a complaint basis only.

**Forest Preservation and Growth –**

Significant and sustainable forest expansion requires a bolstered tree planting effort, as well as a strong commitment to preserving and protecting the City's valuable established trees. This initiative proposes to fund the Mayor's 1,000 tree initiative as well as provide funding for an FTE to mitigate unnecessary damage to trees during construction by applying and enforcing City code requirements pertaining to tree protection. Development and construction projects routinely inspected. It also includes a part time position to manage the new Mark Smith Arboretum.

**Golf Course Tree Maintenance –**

Golf Course property trees receive very little if any maintenance due to a lack of resources in the Golf Fund. For this reason, there exists a significant backlog leading to a decline in tree health (dead and unpruned trees) on the courses. This initiative proposes funding for contracted tree maintenance, managed by Urban Forestry, to resolve the backlog in 3 years. This work would bring the golf course trees to a condition that could be maintained and steadily improved.

Although Golf is an Enterprise fund, trees on City Golf Courses provide community benefits, beyond those which they provide to the golf courses, and these city tree assets could be managed (by the Urban Forestry Division) to provide far greater benefit.

**Urban Wood Reutilization –**

This priority seeks to develop a program to recycle and reuse the many thousands of tons of wood that is removed from the City's Urban Forest each

<p>year effectively and responsibly. The program would feature the capability to generate quality mulch, lumber, and other wood products, for use directly by the City. It would also sort, produce, and make available various wood products for the public.</p> <p>The Urban Wood Reutilization Program will ultimately require new facilities, specialized equipment, and an additional FTE over a multi-year development. The ‘facilities’ component (Yard Development, Storage Building, and Equipment Awning) is being requested with a Community Reinvestment bond that will be discussed in January 2022.</p> <p>Any questions from the PNUT Board regarding budget priorities can be emailed to Luke Allen.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pioneer Park Update (Nancy Monteith)</li> </ul> <p>Nancy Monteith provided the PNUT Board with an overview of the proposed vision plan for the redesign of Pioneer Park.</p> <p>Over the Summer of 2021, engagement was conducted with the Salt Lake City Community to gain insights from key groups. Public Lands received 3,000 responses, which is considered statistically significant.</p> <p>During the engagement window, the community identified their preferences for active play, public spaces and passive features programming.</p> <p>Based on the community engagement, Public Lands is proposing a design that includes an all-ages playground, dog park, dog water area, pickleball courts, garden ribbons and a pavilion featuring a café, outdoor stage, welcome kiosk, restrooms and park ranger hub.</p> <p>The design will also result in the removal of 43 trees in the park, with 55 new shade trees proposed and 33 new ornamental trees proposed. Currently, Pioneer park contains 225 trees. With the implementation of the plan, the park will contain 270 total trees.</p> <p>The next steps of the process will consist of evaluating the plan with a sub-consultant with expertise in construction costing and sharing the content plan with the public for feedback. Public Lands is hoping to open the park in 2023.</p> <p>The PNUT board asked Ms. Monteith questions regarding the Pioneer Park plan. The questions and answers are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Q:</b> Would it be possible to look at changing the park’s infrastructure without removing trees and bring existing mature trees back to health? <b>A:</b> This is something that Public Lands will investigate.</li> <li>- <b>Q:</b> How does Public Lands justify and support water features in the park given that Salt Lake City is in a long-lasting drought? <b>A:</b> In the parks plan, the addition of a misting feature requires much less water usage than the addition of a splash pad. The misting feature will also be able to be turned on and off accordingly. Regarding placing a dog water feature in the park, Public Lands is hoping to provide an alternate space for dogs to go instead</li> </ul>	<p>20 mins</p>

<p>of Salt Lake City's canyons. Additionally, more public engagement will be conducted in January to gain feedback from the public regarding these features.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Q:</b> Does the park contain a looped walking path? <b>A:</b> Yes, the park does contain a looped walking path as well as connecting paths that promote access to the park's features.</li> <li>- <b>Q:</b> How can Public Lands make the surrounding roads less of a barrier to the park? <b>A:</b> The state is conducting a repaving project of the surrounding roads but this project is not a construction project so it will not redesign the edges of Pioneer Park. Public Lands is in conversations with transportation and is hopeful that in the future, mid-block crossings might be possible. Transportation is also looking into how they can integrate the edges of Pioneer Park into their projects.</li> <li>- <b>Q:</b> What are the PNUT boards next steps? <b>A:</b> Sharing the plan with their community networks and gathering feedback.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>May We Have Peace</i> land acknowledgement presentation (Taylor Knuth)</li> </ul> <p>The <i>May We Have Peace</i> land acknowledgement presentation was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.</p>	5 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donation Proposals - Action Item (Rocío Torres Mora)</li> </ul> <p>Rocío Torres Mora presented a donation proposal regarding the Oak Hills Ball Park. The donation is totaling \$4,000 raised by community members to make improvements to the park in honor of a Matthew Perry, a community member who has recently passed.</p> <p>The donation would encompass replacing the lighting in the park's two scoreboards, placing additional identification signs, repairing bleachers and other amenities and the addition of a memorial plaque.</p> <p>The PNUT board asked if Public Lands could look at improving the safety and congestion of Oak Hills Ball Park's parking lot and surrounding streets.</p> <p>The PNUT board also asked if Public Lands has a policy surrounding monuments and memorial markers in parks. Public Lands does have a policy that only permits memorials in Memory Grove. The proposal of a memorial plaque would not be allowed at Oak Hills Ball Park.</p> <p>Mr. Scrivner motioned to accept the donation proposal given that the proposal fits in the existing policy around memorials and Public Lands staff works with the donors to develop the proposal's details. Ms. Hart Seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to pass this motion.</p>	5 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:10PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 501(c)(3) Subcommittee: Forming a subcommittee to explore the creation of a 501(c)(3) Park Foundation. The purpose is to provide the public with a philanthropic vehicle for supporting Public Lands projects and goals under the Master Plan. (Samantha Finch)</li> </ul>	10 mins

<p>Ms. Finch asked the board if anyone would be willing to serve on this sub-committee. The sub-committee would meet once a month outside of regular meetings and its membership will be under a quorum.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose expressed that she would be interested in being involved as her schedule permits.</p> <p>Ms. Finch asked that the board reaches out to her if they are interested in joining.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIP Prioritization process: Selecting the top 10 for a recommendation (Samantha Finch)</li> </ul> <p>As per the board's decision to conduct a Google Forms survey to gather information on the board's top projects, the PNUT board reviewed the collected data.</p> <p>After a discussion of the board's top CIP projects, Phil Carroll motioned to provide a recommendation of their top 18 projects and an explanation of their ranking process to the Mayor and Council. CJ Whittaker seconded the motion.</p> <p>All board members voted unanimously to pass this motion, completing the PNUT Board's CIP recommendation process.</p>	20 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Chair and Vice-Chair Nominations, Reminder that Elections will be in January. (Samantha Finch)</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Finch solicited nominations from the board for the Board Chair and Vice-Chair positions.</p> <p>Ms. Hart was nominated to serve as Board Chair and Ms. Binnebose was nominated to serve as Vice-Chair.</p> <p>Ms. Finch will be following up with all board members in an email to collect any additional nominations. The election for Board Chair and Vice-Chair will be held in January's meeting.</p>	10 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:50PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next Meeting: January 6, 2021</li> </ul> <p>The PNUT Board's next meeting will be held January 6, 2021. The board is looking to conduct this meeting in a hybrid format.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Comment Period</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Carroll asked what happens to public comments after they are brought to the board during the public comment period?</p> <p>Ms. Riker responded that the department would be happy to follow up with information about the concerns brought up during the period. Public Lands can also add the answers to public comments in the staff updates packet so the</p>	

board can share the information with the public. Additionally, the board can request updates to public comments as an agenda item.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request for Future Agenda Item</li> <li>• PNUT Board Field Trip</li> <li>• Upcoming Involvement Opportunities</li> </ul>	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>

Ms. Hart Motioned to close the meeting. Ms. Finch seconded the motion. The PNUT board voted unanimously to close the December 2021 meeting.

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## Staff Responses to Public Comments from the December 2, 2021 PNUT Board Meeting

### Public Comment: Dan Schelling

Dan Schelling stated that on October 25, 2021, a large gully developed on the western side of city creek after a rainstorm washout causing the area and road to become unsafe for use. Two weeks ago, Public Lands stated on social media that the trail was impacted by the washout but is not a contributing factor to the washout. Mr. Schelling stated that this statement released by Public Lands is false. Mr. Schelling called on Public Lands to take responsibility for the washout and conduct scientific research before engaging in trail construction. He also thanked the PNUT Board for their work in supporting the Foothills Trails.

### Response:

Public Lands staff (Lewis Kogan & Tyler Fonarow) first observed the formation of a small erosion gully at this location resulting from a rain event in mid-April, 2021. At this time, staff observed and photographed the location where stormwater perforated an earthen berm along the street edge, and caused minor erosion damage to the hillside and trail. No stormwater runoff or channeling along the trail was observed, indicating that the trail was draining rainwater as intended. In late June 2021, another significant storm event caused a severe worsening of the erosion gully, which was documented by Public Lands staff, who then reached out to SLC Public Utilities and SLC Streets for support with stormwater management along Bonneville Boulevard. Rain events in August and October 2021 continued to worsen the erosion gully, ultimately resulting in undercutting of Bonneville Boulevard during a rain event on October 25-26. Throughout the summer and fall, Public Lands staff endeavored to maintain a trail closure along the Lower City Creek Loop Trail segment impacted by the erosion gully, and repeatedly requested assistance from other City Departments to resolve the drainage issue. Engineers with SLC Public Utilities and SLC Engineering informed Public Lands staff that this issue was caused by stormwater runoff, and that there was historical precedent for similar erosion events in lower City Creek, predating the construction of the Lower City Creek Loop Trail. At no time did Public Lands staff observe any sign that the source of the erosion was water running along the Lower City Creek Loop Trail, and Public Lands statements on social media are consistent with explicit feedback from the SLC Engineering Division and Department of Public Utilities Stormwater Division. The SLC Engineering Division completed an extension of curb and gutter along Bonneville Boulevard in November 2021, repairing the impacted slope, trail, and roadway. Public Lands does not anticipate additional stormwater challenges in this location, though similar runoff issues have impacted the slopes below Bonneville Boulevard in other locations and staff are keeping an eye on these.



**Public Comment: Hilary Jacobs**

Hilary Jacobs expressed concern regarding the need for enforcement or ordinance and maintenance of the Foothills. Ms. Jacobs stated that on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup>, an unauthorized event was held at the I Street Bike Park and no enforcement of ordinance was employed to stop the event. Ms. Jacobs also expressed that signage that was vandalized earlier in the year has yet to be replaced in the Foothills. Ms. Jacobs called on Public Lands to enforce ordinances and maintain the Foothills.

**Response:**

Public Lands is having internal discussions about messaging and education for those who use bike trails and other open lands. We are crafting language for physical signs to be placed on location, giving a brief overview of the permitting process and city ordinances, as well as encouragement to reach out to our office with any questions. We will also be proactive and identify bike shops and related social media accounts to help get our information out into the specific communities. Furthermore, we are meeting with our new Deputy Director over Operations to help flesh out the question of enforcement and the best practices moving forward.

**Public Comment: Eric Edelman**

Questions about why the University of Utah and the Natural history museum maintains sections of the Foothills and Public Lands doesn't. He also expressed the same concerns that Dan Schelling expressed and stated that he and other community members don't feel that their voices and concerns are being addressed. The speaker stated that he's been in contact with Lewis so he might have more information.

**Response:**

This constituent's concerns regarding Bonneville Boulevard are discussed above.

Public Lands is unaware of any regular trail maintenance conducted by the University of Utah, other than maintenance funded and conducted by the Natural History Museum of Utah, which is focused on the short section of the BST in front of their building, as well as access trails leading to Colorow Road. Until July, 2021, Public Lands did not have budget allocated to foothill trail maintenance. The Public Lands department received operating budget in July 2021 to begin performing some annual trail maintenance on City-owned lands in the Foothills, but these maintenance activities are impacted by the ongoing pause in construction-related activity for the Foothills trail system implemented by the Mayor and Council in 2021. Public Lands anticipates working to establish an inventory of maintenance needs beginning in spring of 2022, and initiating regular maintenance of system trails as soon as practicable and allowed by the Mayor and Council.

**Public Comment: Dave Alderman**

Dave Alderman expressed his concerns regarding the PNUT Board's CIP Application review process. Mr. Alderman stated as the applicant for the Cemetery CIP Project, he is concerned that the board is reviewing projects and formulating their recommendation before he can meet with Public Lands staff and finalize his application. He feels the PNUT Boards review process is out of sync since the city has expressed applicants have until the end of the year to compile recommendations.

**Response:**

Public Lands has endeavored to work as quickly as possible to work with constituent CIP applicants to develop their proposals, and to provide the PNUT Board with information on both constituent and internal Public Lands Department CIP project proposals, in a timeframe which allows the PNUT to evaluate and provide recommendations on funding applications before applications are submitted via Zoomgrants. All Constituent applications are submitted – by the constituent sponsors – directly into Zoomgrants and are evaluated through the City's formal CIP review process, which includes consideration and recommendations by the CDCIP Advisory Board, followed by the Mayor. Final considerations and decisions are made by City Council.

In order to fit within the annual CIP schedule and allow adequate time for project consideration by the CDCIP Board, Mayor and Council, the PNUT Board must review and consider applications and submit its recommendations between October and December. CIP applications were on the PNUT Board's agenda at each of these monthly meetings, and constituent CIP applications were considered alongside internal CIP applications, with Public Lands staff working to develop projects and inform the board as quickly as possible. Given the short timeline and large number of annual CIP project applications, it is inevitable that the PNUT Board must evaluate projects as they are still undergoing scope and budget refinements.

**Public Comment: Jan Hemming**

Jan Hemming stated that at the Miller Bird Refuge, over the past two years 600 trees have been removed from the refuge. Public Lands stated that most trees that were removed were five feet or less and were comprised of non-native invasive species. Tracy Aviary has reported that the bird population in the refuge has increased and Tracy Aviary has worked with Public Lands to establish hummingbird protection after two nests were destroyed in the park in 2014.

*Response:*

The 600 trees referenced that were removed from Miller Park were all targeted invasive species, Tree of Heaven, Siberian Elm and Black Locust. In addition, 95% of these trees were saplings or suckers, that were less than 5 feet in height and 1.5 inches or less in diameter. It would not be accurate to view the removal of these trees as a removal of a beneficial ecological element. In terms of replacing these trees, Public Lands has been taking great care to source the appropriate species for the site to ensure their success. However, due to climate change effects which has been impacting producers, as well as supply chain issues, Public Lands has not been able to obtain the desired trees for MBF. Public Lands has made an effort to plant a number of native grasses and shrubs on site, some of which have been successful, but some have not survived.

Tracy Aviary began doing surveys in the park August 2020 which has yielded almost a year and a half of data/ Non-breeding and breeding season point count surveys were conducted. Non-breeding surveys have been conducted monthly from August 2020-March 2021. They then did 9 breeding surveys between April-July, and in August began monthly non-breeding surveys again. Highly trained community science volunteers and Tracy Aviary staff have conducted the surveys. As surveys began in 2020, here is not enough data to look at trends in any significant way, but if surveys continue we will be able to see these in a few years. Tracy Aviary will provide a report with 2021 findings and information about the status of the bird community in MBR in January of 2022.

Local habitat conditions, the presence of other animals such as the non-native Fox Squirrel, off-lease dog activity, roaming cat activity, and larger scale conditions may all affect bird health and counts in Miller Bird Park. Larger scale conditions may include weather, insect availability, and timing of flowers and fruiting plants. Many of the birds in MBR are neotropical migrants, and are impacted also by conditions in their wintering grounds in South America, as well as migrations. Some of the surveys conducted by Tracy Aviary are designed so they can pinpoint, as much as possible, the local factors that may influence the presence of birds in this study area, but more data will need to be collected.



# Salt Lake City Public Art Program

## Use of acknowledgements in public art plaques

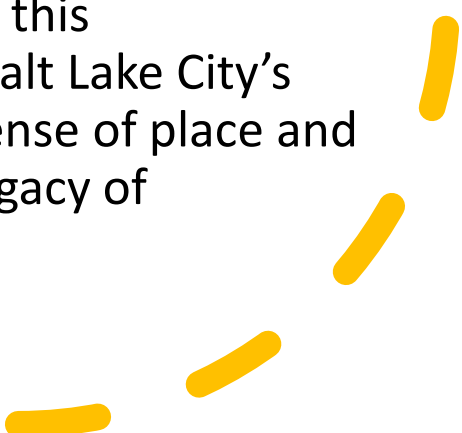
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## Public art and land acknowledgements

- Salt Lake City's public art program continually seeks new ways of integrating artwork, by both experienced and emerging artists, into everyday life in our urban surroundings – that is what we do!
  - Our public art program is committed to understanding and recognizing that Salt Lake City is situated on the traditional territory of many nations, including the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute peoples, and is also home to many diverse Indigenous peoples from all over the world.
  - Public art can be an evocative entry point into this conversation—helping to restore visibility to Salt Lake City's Indigenous communities, creating a greater sense of place and belonging, and sparking dialogue about the legacy of colonialism, and a shared path forward.
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- Recognizing the fact that public art is embedded throughout the urban landscape, our program would like to institute a policy that will inform the ways in which we incorporate land acknowledgements in the didactic plaques that accompany our public art projects throughout the City.
- The sculpture *May We Have Peace* by Indigenous artist Alan Houser (located in the northeast corner of City and County Building grounds) is a good place for us to start doing this work. This highly-visible sculpture within our art collection needs to have its plaque replaced. We have sought the consent from the artist's estate in incorporating a land acknowledgement for its future plaque.







# We seek your feedback and input

- Including a land acknowledgement on a new plaque that has been drafted for Houser's *May We Have Peace*
- Including a land acknowledgement on other public art projects located throughout the City's parks and public lands.
- A great number of our public art projects are in the City's parks and public lands. Your feedback and input will help us inform how we can successfully implement this justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion-minded work.

# Allan Houser (Haozous)

*May We Have Peace*, 1992

Cast Bronze

*May We Have Peace* depicts a standing Native American man whose extended arms clasp a peace pipe. The sculpture combines Native American imagery with stylistic influence by modernist sculptors. It was set forth as a numbered edition of 8 castings in 1992. Allan Houser had a special casting made in 1994 dedicated "To the American People of the United States from the First Americans" and presented it to then-First Lady Hillary Clinton. It was installed at the Naval Observatory (official residence of the Vice-President). It remained on display there until joining the permanent collection of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian in 2001. Additional castings of *May We Have Peace* include those located in Oklahoma, where Houser was born and raised, Santa Fe, where Houser lived for much of his career, and at the Smithsonian Institution. This casting of *May We Have Peace* and 18 other Houser sculptures were loaned to Salt Lake City by the Allan Houser Estate in 2002 as part of the Cultural Olympiad, an arts festival that accompanies all Olympic games. Through efforts led by Ms. Karen Edson, Ms. Sharon Newton, and other private donors, Salt Lake City co-purchased the sculpture for permanent display.

Allan Houser was an artist, teacher, and member of the Chiricahua Apache tribe. He grew up in Oklahoma, where many members of his tribe were incarcerated for 27 years as U.S. prisoners of war after the surrender of Geronimo and the seizure of millions of acres of their homelands in New Mexico and Arizona. Houser attended the Santa Fe Indian School for painting in 1934. In his early days of schooling in Oklahoma, his name had been changed from the native Haozous, which refers to the sound and feeling of uprooting a plant, to "Houser." He taught art at the Intermountain Indian School in Brigham City, Utah before founding the institute of Native American Arts in Santa Fe in 1962. After gaining popularity in Europe and the American Southwest, Houser's sculpture *Offering of the Sacred Pipe*, which is thematically similar to *May We Have Peace*, was installed at the United Nations building in New York. In the final two decades of his life, Houser focused on a prolific sculptural practice and became the first Native American awarded the National Medal of the Arts. Houser's vast legacy includes navigating an inheritance of state violence against his tribe and ongoing marginalization of Native Americans.

This artwork, like all of Salt Lake City, is located on tribal land unceded from the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute people. We honor their memory and continued presence, physically and spiritually.





## Memorandum

To: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, & Trails Advisory Board  
From: Katherine Maus, Public Lands Planner  
Date: January 6, 2022  
Re: Proposed Open Space Land Acquisition

### Background:

SLC Trails & Natural Lands is pursuing the acquisition of property rights for two parcels of undeveloped natural open space in Emigration Canyon, totaling approximately 120 acres, which will allow SLC to protect the parcels from future development, and to guide property management for scenic preservation, habitat and ecosystem protection, restoration, and recreational access. **Funding for this project will be requested through a budget amendment and will use impact fees. A budget amendment will be submitted contingent upon recommendation to proceed from the PNUT board.**

### Acquisition Details:

The parcels in question are listed in the following table:

Base Parcel Number	Associated Address	Property size (acres)	Landowner
10-15-300-001-0000	2326 Pinecrest Canyon Road	80	Tomas Johnson
10-22-100-003-0000	2326 Pinecrest Canyon Road	40	Tomas Johnson

The request will include funding necessary to acquire the parcels as well as all fees associated with placing a conservation easement on the property. An appraisal is currently being conducted on the property.

This acquisition of this property would allow for contiguous protection of open space in the Killyon Basin in Emigration Canyon. The unique landscape features, including unique geologic formations, ephemeral wetlands, riparian habitat diverse vegetation makes this property very attractive for acquisition. While there may be recreational, wildlife and watershed benefits to the acquisition of this property, the primary purpose for acquisition is to utilize the diverse vegetation on this property to bolster and enhance native plant populations for Public Lands to propagate and utilize citywide to enhance biodiversity in parks and open spaces. The acquisition of this property and the protection of these ecologically sensitive areas, critical habitat and migration sites, and rare geological formations is consistent with Strategy S-1 of the Reimagine Nature Public Lands Master Plan: to "Position Public Lands to improve Salt Lake City's climate resiliency." By conserving wetland and riparian values, providing an opportunity for native plant propagations, and building community and municipal partnerships, this acquisition project supports the policies listed within the Plan.

### Additional Considerations:

1. Improving Salt Lake City's climate resiliency is clearly defined as a strategy in the Reimagine Nature Public Lands Master Plan

2. Salt Lake City Impact Fees are 100% eligible for use for open space acquisitions, and present the most likely funding solution for the proposed acquisition.
3. Development of this property if sold would result in the potential loss of the area's ecological health, recreational potential, and scenic character and could impact future challenges to open space protection and management.
4. Acquisition of the proposed parcels would add maintenance implications needed to maintain ecological integrity and vegetative conditions in the future. If acquired, additional maintenance funding will be requested in a future budget year.
5. Upon acquisition, it is the intent of Public Lands per recommendation of the PNUT board to place the property under Conservation Easement to protect the open space in perpetuity.

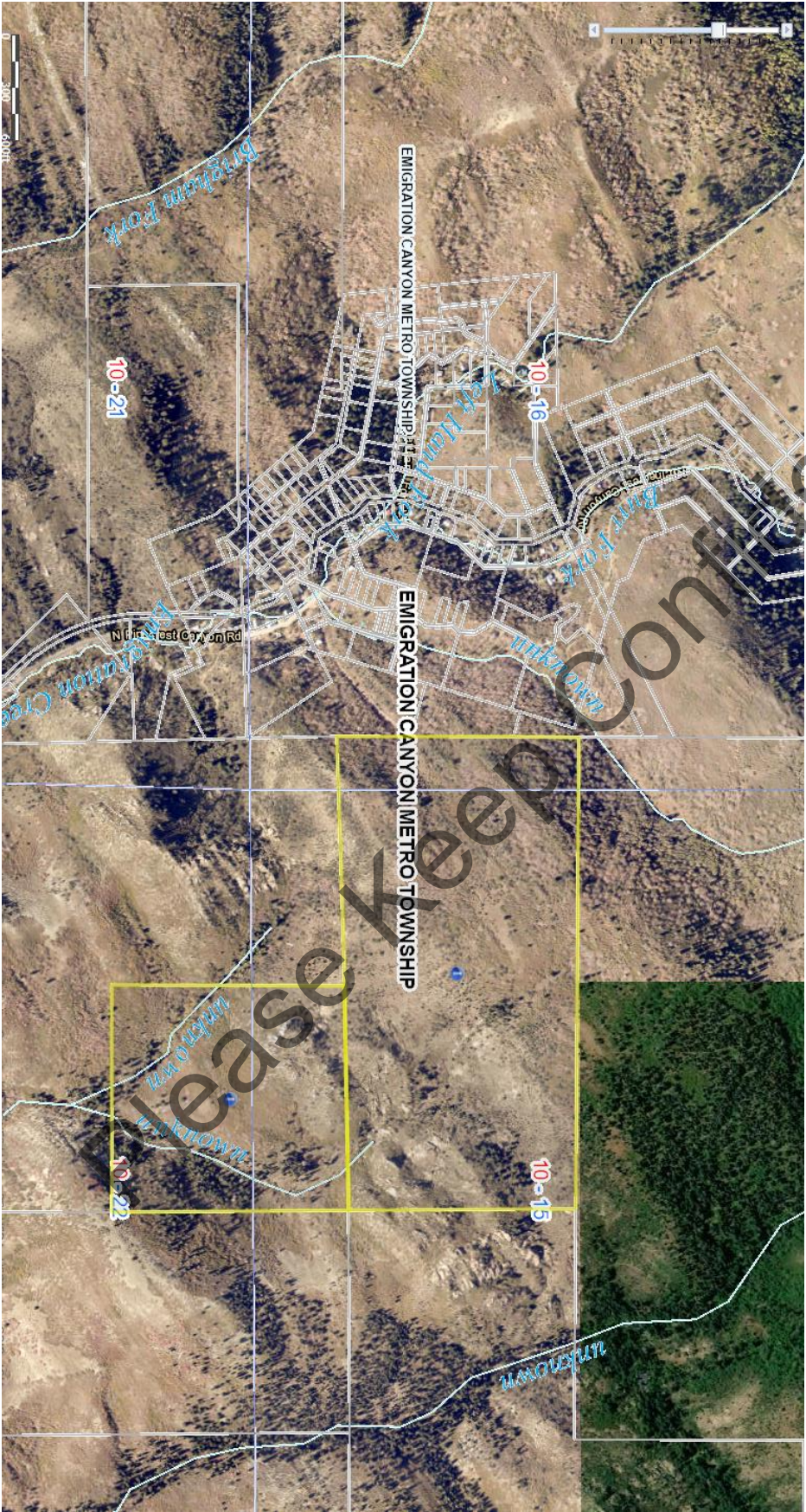
**Suggested PNUT Board Action:**

Recommend that the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry & Trails Advisory Board approve staff to move forward with the completion of a budget amendment, requesting the \$700,000 in impact fees to acquire the above parcels with the following conditions:

1. The parcels be placed under a conservation easement upon acquisition.
2. An appraisal is completed, qualifying the value of the property.

**Attachments:**

1. Final Application for Acquisition
2. Letter of willingness from landowner
3. Map showing proposed acquisition parcels.
4. Map showing adjacent preserved lands
5. Photographs of property in question





## Trails & Natural Lands Acquisition Final Application Form

### SECTION 1: Trails & Natural Lands Project Information

Project Name: Tomas A. Johnson Property Acquisition

Address or Location: 2326 Pinecrest Canyon Road

City: Salt Lake City

State: UT

Zip: 84108

Property Parcel ID Number: 10153000010000, 10221000030000

Total Acres or Project Size: 123.3

Acres to be preserved by Conservation Easement: 123.3

Acres to be preserved by Fee Title Purchase: 123.3

Funding Request from SLC Trails & Natural Lands: \$750,000

Total amount of anticipated match: Unknown

Possible funding partners:

Salt Lake County, Salt Lake Public Utilities, Utah Open Lands

### Property Owner Information

Name of Property Owner: Tomas A. Johnson

Address: 2326 Pinecrest Canyon Road

City: Salt Lake City

State: UT

Zip: 84108

Phone:

Email: tomasawild@gmail.com

### Applicant Information (If Different from Above)

Name of Applicant: Salt Lake City Public Lands

Address: 1965 W 500 S

City: Salt Lake City

State: Utah

Zip: 84104

Phone: (801)535-7815

Email: katherine.maus@slcgov.com

## SECTION 2: Summary

*Please note: Salt Lake City will not participate in a purchase over fair market value, as determined by a qualified appraisal. A qualified appraisal will be required for consideration by the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board. Final approval by Salt Lake City Council will consider appraisal and values agreed upon.*

### **Summary of Proposal**

Please present a summary of your Trails & Natural Lands proposal describing the most convincing reason why Salt Lake City should fund it.

This 123-acre property, located in Upper Emigration Canyon, currently showcases striking emergences of red sandstone reefs, flourishing virgin, old growth forests, and unique native vegetation including maple, oak, aspen, box elder, white and Douglas fir, mountain mahogany and juniper, providing not only thriving vegetative ecosystems, but providing habitat for a number of fowl species, moose, deer elk and bear as well. Featuring perennial springs, meadows and streams, the wetland and watershed values encapsulated in this property are unparalleled, only minutes from Utah's largest metropolitan area. This property is also accessible by a network of trails on already preserved landscapes adjacent and near the parcels in question. In addition to these current uses of providing habitat, potential passive recreation, scenic splendor, and safeguarding wetland values, there is also highly diverse native vegetation that may be utilized to propagate native plants for parks throughout the city and increase biodiversity. Therefore with the high quality of migratory and wildlife habitat, ecologically intact riparian and wetland areas, and scenic splendor this property is an attractive prospect for acquisition.

### **Type of Acquisition**

Is this a land acquisition in fee title, or another means of open space lands preservation such as purchased or donated easements or development rights, a donation of land, or other means? Please explain if other than fee title.

The proposal for funding includes fee title acquisition by Salt Lake City Public Lands. Public Lands is also working in cooperation with Utah Open Lands to preserve the property in perpetuity through the use of a conservation easement. The necessary funds for the placement of a conservation easement are included in the requested dollar amount.

### **Land Uses**

Describe the current and past land uses on the site.

The parcels in question are currently primarily utilized as open space and wildlife habitat. There is passive recreation occurring infrequently and lightly on the property by hikers accessing adjacent trail systems. From about 1900 to 1962 the property was used as part of the Bertagnole sheep ranching operation stretching from the present location of Emigration Oaks over into East Canyon in Morgan County.

What is the proposed use if acquired and protected? (Reference the Open Space Conservation Values)

If acquired and protected, this property would continue to serve as critical habitat for intact, native plant assemblages and a wide array of wildlife. In addition to the aforementioned wildlife protected within this landscape, this property also provides likely habitat for the Threatened/Endangered Species (TES) the smooth green snake and critical migratory habitat for elk and fowl. There are also opportunities for additional restoration of the property, and integration of sustainable access among these unique natural features. The property is also home to two primary drainages that contain springs, several of which run year-round and have also provided for an aspen riparian corridor with a huge opportunity for restoration. These springs have also produced rare habitat types within the landscape, including the only presence of ephemeral wetlands in the County. With these uncommon characteristics, this area has also become a critical site for vegetation of this type and provides an opportunity for native plant propagations to increase city-wide biodiversity. Finally, perhaps one of the most striking features of this landscape is the presence of red sandstone spires, reminiscent of a Southern Utah national park. These unique geological formations, formed as an extension of the Navajo Sandstone formation, provide not only an impressive scenic experience for visitors to the surrounding areas, but also a unique educational opportunity for school age students across the Salt Lake Valley.

#### **Negotiation Status**

Describe the past and current status of negotiations regarding the purchase of the property. Describe if Power of Attorney has been given to anyone other than the landowner.

Tomas A. Johnson is motivated to sell this property to Salt Lake City Public Lands for the purpose of open space preservation. He has been in contact with the City since 2020 to collaborate on an acquisition and preservation solution. The landowner retains

#### **Environmental Hazards**

Describe all known previous and current uses of the site. Is there a possibility of hazardous material or environmental problems on the site? Has a hazardous material or environmental assessment been done? If so, what were the results?

No environmental assessment of the property has been conducted. However, because no roads or industrial activities have ever taken place on this property so it is unlikely that there are any environmental hazards or problems present on the property.

### **SECTION 3: Benefits of the Project**

Please address the following categories in the space provided. Each category must be addressed or your application will be deemed incomplete. If a category does not apply, please explain why. Applicants may be asked to provide documentation for all categories to support response.

## **A. Quality of Life**

### **1. Provides Recreation and Trail Opportunities**

Describe how this project provides recreational and/or trail opportunities. List specific activities, along with their space and/or design requirements and how this project will meet those requirements. If trails are a part of the project, describe how this project contributes to Salt Lake City's network of trails and how it implements trails planned or identified in the City Open Space Master Plan or the current City Area Master Plan.

Currently there are a number of informal trails present on the property. The sweeping views and unique vegetation and ecosystems allow for potential recreation opportunities in the future. If Public Lands moves forward with the acquisition, it is the intention that the City and its funding partners will have the opportunity to provide access periodically for special programs. The Emigration Canyon Metro Township identified priority areas for trails and access and this property was not present on that list. In addition, the sensitive ecological areas and presence of water resources makes the acquisition of this property for preservation purposes very attractive. There are many experiential educational opportunities potentially available to students, ranging from water resource education to geology to biology that may be pursued by partners through special programs. Further discussion internally and with funding partners may determine the extent of public access on the parcels, but the parcels are conducive to providing a recreational experience. Because there is a trail currently being used for hiking on the property, Utah Open Lands may include in the conservation easement, the condition that only one trail on the property to be open for recreation at a time. Conditions of recreation may be discussed throughout the conservation

### **2. Use by Diverse Groups**

Explain how this project will be accessible to, and used by diverse populations such as people with physical disabilities and geographically and culturally diverse groups.

As mentioned above, our funding partners may potentially utilize the site for special programming, including but not limited to educational events and programs. If this property is acquired and protected, it would provide a space for diverse, experiential learning in very close proximity to downtown Salt Lake City. This site is also one of the closest representations of this Navajo Sandstone geologic formation to the schools in the Salt Lake City School District and other Salt Lake Valley school districts.

### **3. Proximity to Public Transit**

List bus and TRAX stops that are close to the project and provide an alternate method of transportation for those who wish to access the site. Are there existing trails to or through the site?

The nearest public transportation access is to Bus line 3 running to This is the Place State Park. The parcel is also adjacent to nearly 1,000 acres of additional preserved open space which provide access to trails that provide recreation near the site, and have the potential to provide access to the site as well.

### **4. Provides Scenic and Aesthetic Benefits**

Describe the anticipated visual quality of the project and list the locations from which this quality will be visible.

Perhaps the most striking element of this property, as described, are the red sandstone spires set among alpine and riparian vegetative and wildlife habitat. The property is visible from surrounding trails, as shown on the Emigration Canyon Metro Township Trails Map. There is also intrinsic scenic value for the light hiking access that this property currently provides.

Please see the attached photographs for visual representation of the site.

**5. Holds Historical and Cultural Value**

Describe the historic and cultural value this site holds. Does the project have educational and interpretive program opportunities? List any designations by historical societies or partnerships with educational organizations.

According to the landowner who has had a presence on the land for over 40 years, there is no evidence of cultural or historical value. However, due to the unique ecological nature of the property including rare ephemeral wetlands, riparian vegetation, distinct geological representations and critical wildlife habitat, the opportunity for educational programming is promising. The proximity of this wild, open space to the school districts in the Salt Lake Valley provides potential interpretive programming nearer than other locations to schools.

**B. Ecological Benefits**

1. **Preserves or Enhances Water Quality, Air Quality and/or Soil Quality** Describe how this project will preserve, enhance and protect water, air and soil quality. If qualified sources of information are available include the report findings with application.

Featuring perennial springs, meadows and streams, the wetland and watershed values encapsulated in this property are unparalleled, only minutes from Utah's largest metropolitan area. The property is also home to two primary drainages that contain springs, several of which run year-round and have also provided for an aspen riparian corridor with a huge opportunity for restoration. These springs have also produced rare habitat types within the landscape, including the only presence of ephemeral wetlands in the County.

2. **Preserves or Enhances Biodiversity or Rare Natural Features**

Describe how this project would protect or enhance Utah's plants, animals and natural communities, or rare and unique natural features. (Biodiversity). Assertions must be supported by reports from qualified third party experts. (Include description)



Due to the uncommon, natural ecology of this site, this area has become a critical site for wetland and riparian vegetation and provides an opportunity for native plant propagations to increase city-wide biodiversity. The addition of the unique geological formations provide not only an impressive scenic experience for visitors, but also a unique educational opportunity for school age students as stated above. The red sandstone layer that forms the cliffs of Zion National Park and characterizes much of Arches National Park, Capitol Reef National Park, Glen Canyon and Escalante National Monument once extended across this area also. The uplifting, fracturing and faulting of the Wasatch Mountains has displayed this extant fragment of the Navajo Formation here. Bisected by perennial drainages and set amidst virgin, old growth forests, a pocket of the geology and grandeur of the Colorado Plateau is revealed and exposed unexpectedly in an evocative, alpine setting.

## **C. Community Support and Geographical Connections**

### **1. Local, Regional and/or Other Stakeholder Public Support**

Summarize the local support for this project. Local support means adjacent neighbors and local community. If the project serves a broad or regional constituency, summarize that support as well. Identify by name or group if this project is supported by other stakeholder groups. A stakeholder is an individual, organization or entity that has an interest in the project. Please attach written proof of support.

The population of Salt Lake County is projected to increase 55% by 2040. With this in mind, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and the State of Utah partnered with the US Forest Service to form an entity called Envision Utah which engaged the public to create a future plan called Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow. One of the key points of consensus was the recognition of the need to acquire and protect critical and strategic lands, such as these parcels. Acquiring these parcels would build on a sequence of successful conservation projects including the adjacent Killiyon Canyon acquisition (265 acres), Perkins Flats (190 acres), and the Richard Clark Memorial Watershed and Preserve project (320 acres). These projects are the result of years of close collaboration among federal, state and local governments in partnership with community groups including Utah Open Lands, and Friends of Emigration Trails & Open Space.

Organizations including Utah Open Lands, Salt Lake Public Utilities, Salt Lake County and Emigration Canyon Metro Township have expressed support for this project. If the PNUT board approves moving forward with a CIP application, we will supply letters of support for the application and to the board.

### **2. Serves Underserved Area**

Indicate if the proposal introduces open space into areas of the City that has fewer per capita open space acres.

This project lies outside the boundaries of Salt Lake City. However, the native seed inventory will assist in native plantings at sites throughout the City, contributing to resilience and biodiversity in under-served areas.

### **3. Forms Connections with Other Open Space and Buffer Adjacent Uses**

Describe how this project connects to other open space and contributes to an existing network of open space. Describe how this project may serve as a natural separation to offer protection from sound and/or light, roadway views, or other aesthetically incompatible land uses.

The property has a 2 mile perimeter boundary of which 1.75 miles is contiguous to public lands on the north, east, and south sides – Salt Lake City Watershed, Salt Lake County Open Space, and US National Forest – this is the key parcel that, if acquired and preserved could knit together the comprehensive open space picture of the Killyon Basin in Emigration Canyon and would complete the pattern of public ownership in the Basin. In addition, it will contribute to the over-1,000 acres in Emigration Canyon already protected under conservation easement.

Please see the attached map for adjacent landownership.

**4. Preserves Land from Development**

Describe the degree of protection from development that this site will have through the form of tenure, such as conservation easements or restricted development rights.

If acquired, this parcel would be placed under a conservation easement which would restrict future development on the site in perpetuity.

**D. Costs and Funding**

**1. Matching Funds Secured**

Identify the sources from which you will seek matching funds.

Utah Open Lands- Utah Open Lands may contribute up to \$50,000 in services, including the perpetual Stewardship Fund

**2. Land Acquisition Funds Requested**

State the approximate dollar amount request from Salt Lake City's Open Space Lands fund.

The funding for this project will come from a budget amendment presented to City Council. The project is 100% impact-fee eligible. There will be ongoing maintenance costs associated with retention of this parcel which will be applied for on an annual basis, and leveraged by Utah Open Lands' Stewardship Fund contribution, and annual stewardship of the property under a conservation easement.

**3. Restoration**

Describe the restoration work this project would require for it to function as open space. What is the anticipated total cost of restoration?

Acquisition of the proposed parcels would add maintenance implications needed to maintain ecological integrity and vegetative conditions in the future. If acquired, additional maintenance funding will be requested in a future budget year.

## SECTION 4: Attachments

### **Site Map**

Provide a map or diagram of the proposed project site. Show property boundary and, if applicable, any public land boundaries. Show all current and proposed developments (roads, streets, easements, etc.), improvements, natural features (streams, ponds, lakes, wetlands, etc.) and mode of access to the property (public road, right of way, easement, etc.).

### **Area Map**

Provide a map of the surrounding area displaying current land uses (agricultural, residential commercial, institutional, industrial, etc.) and any proposed developments. Include any important land use features which may influence the project site. Please identify other protected lands in the area and their ownership (e.g. public lands, areas under conservation easements, etc.).

### **Willing Seller Letter**

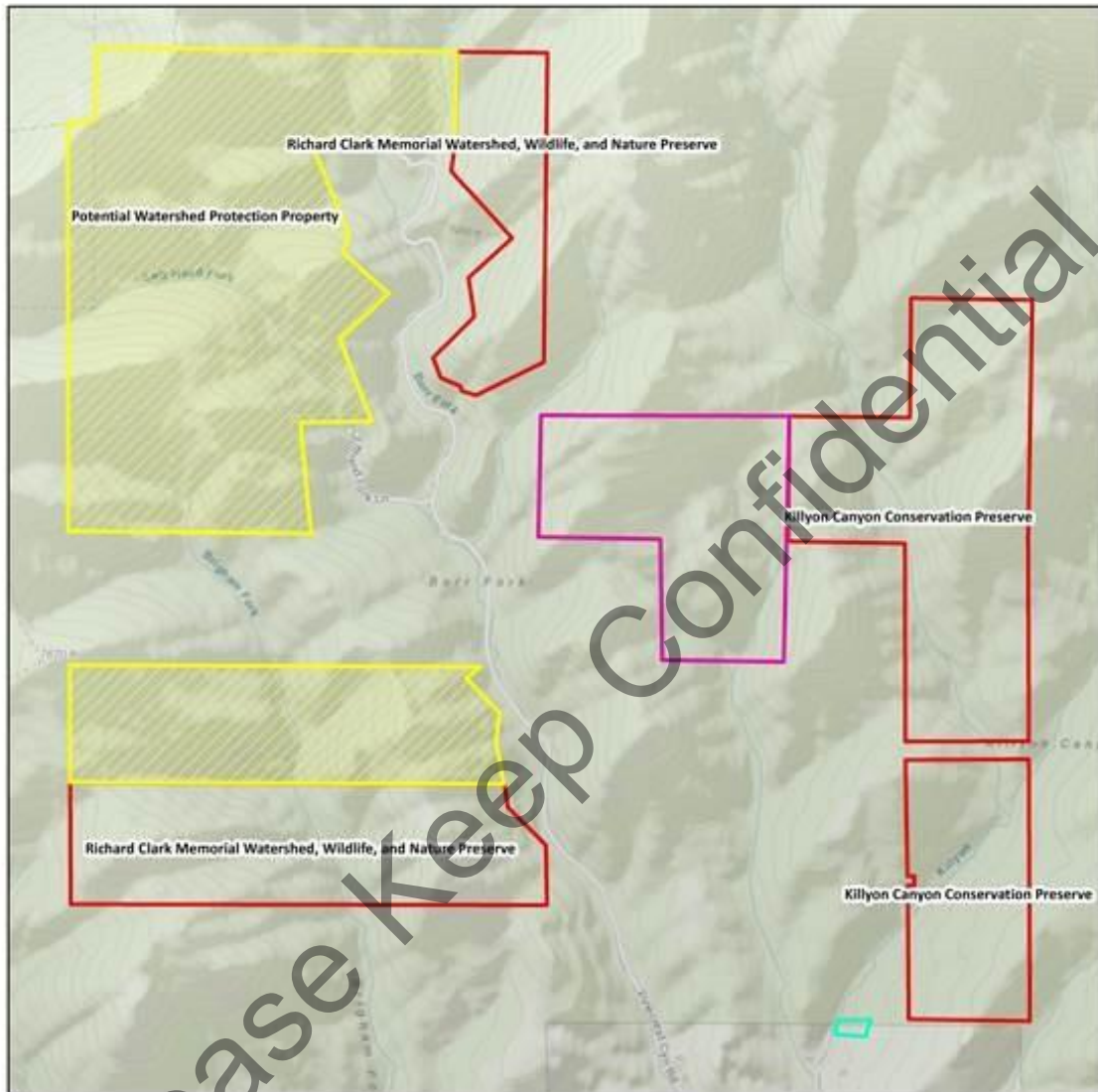
Provide a letter stating the owner or representative is willing to negotiate an agreement with Salt Lake City

To submit your application:

1. Save this application as a separate file on your computer.
2. Email application as an attachment, or print and mail a hard copy, along with required attachments.

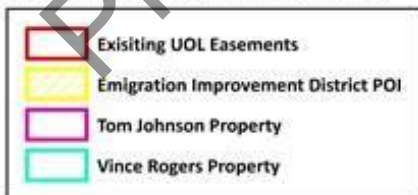
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## Properties of Interest and Existing Conservation Easements Killyon Canyon



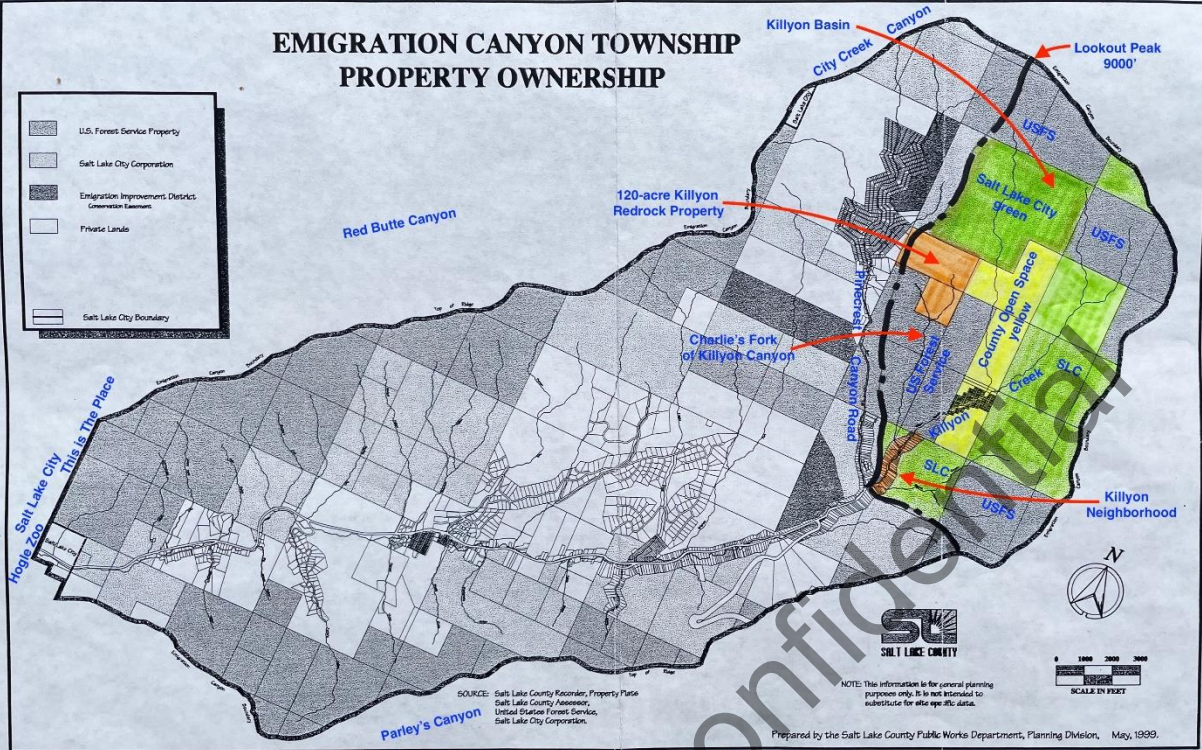
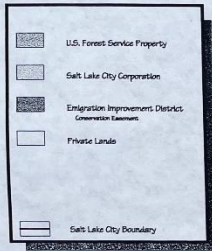
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# EMIGRATION CANYON TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERSHIP



SOURCE: Salt Lake County Records, Property Plat  
Salt Lake County Assessor,  
United States Forest Service,  
Salt Lake City Corporation.

NOTE: This information is for general planning  
purposes only. It is not intended to  
substitute for site specific data.

Prepared by the Salt Lake County Public Works Department, Planning Division, May, 1999.

The Thomas A. Johnson Living Trust  
2326 Pinecrest Canyon Road  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108  
tomasawild@gmail.com

September 20, 2021

Kat Maus  
Salt Lake City Public Lands  
Salt Lake City Corporation

Dear Ms. Maus,

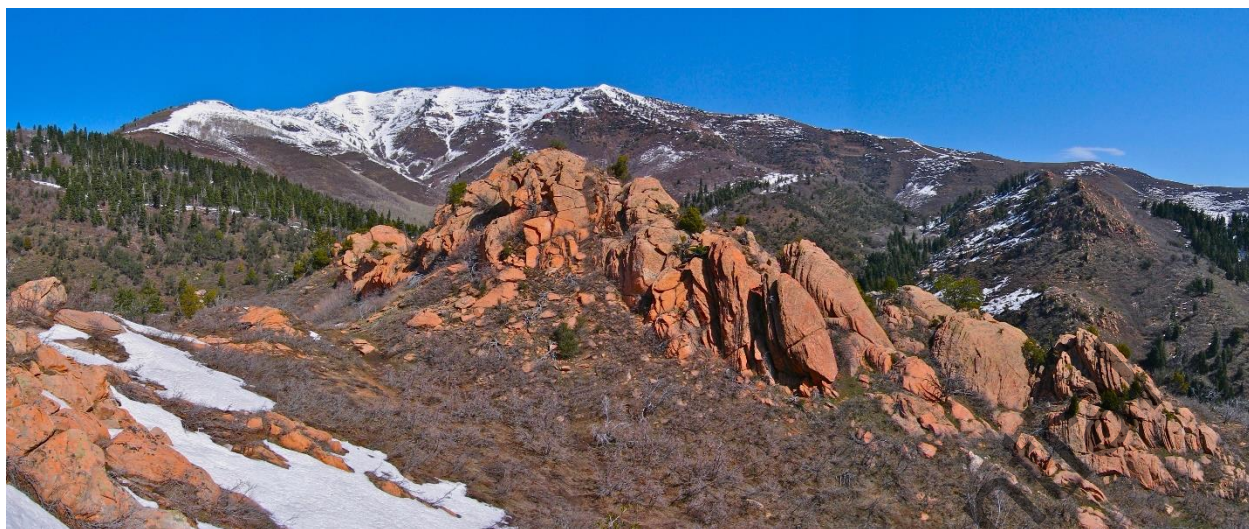
I am writing this letter to affirm my willingness to negotiate an agreement with Salt Lake City to initiate acquisition of 120 acres owned by my trust in Charlie's Fork of Killyon Canyon (Salt Lake County Tax Parcels #10153000010000 and #10221000030000).

It is my hope that if Salt Lake City does acquire this property that the acquisition will include a conservation easement similar to the one arranged with Utah Open Lands on the adjacent property acquired by Salt Lake County Open Space in 2010.

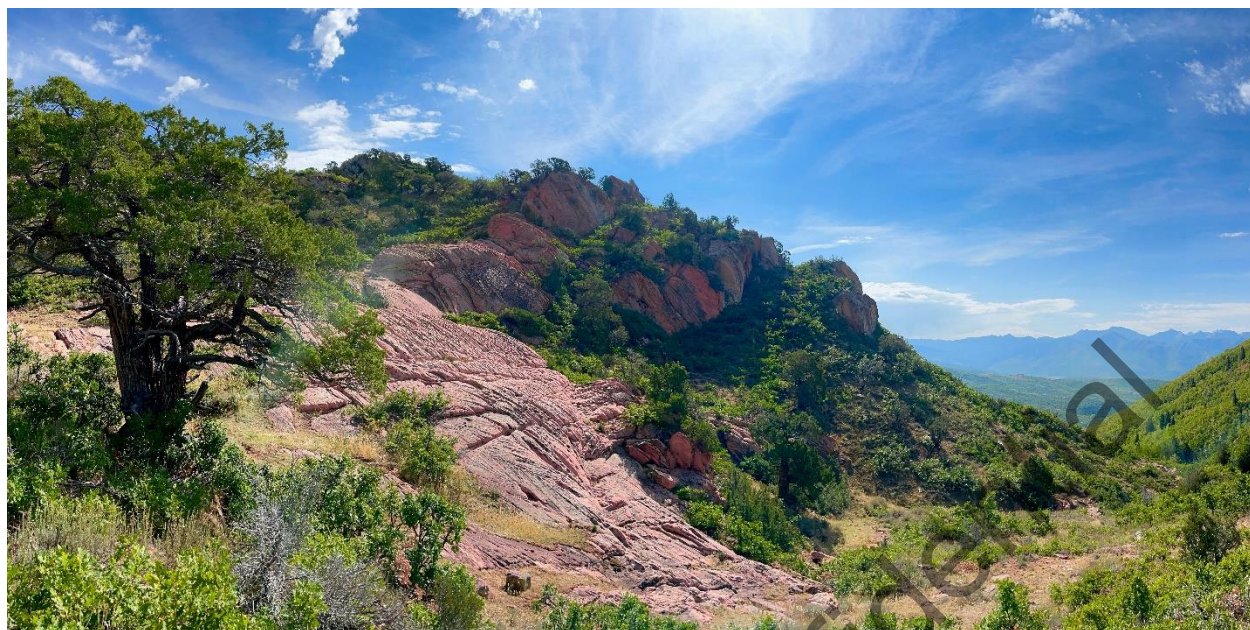
Sincerely,

  
Thomas A. Johnson, Trustee  
The Thomas A. Johnson Living Trust









Please Keep Confidential



# **SALT LAKE CITY PARKS, NATURAL LANDS, URBAN FORESTRY AND TRAILS ADVISORY BOARD**

## **BY-LAWS**

Updated January 2022

### **AUTHORITY**

The Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board (the “Board”) shall operate pursuant to Chapter 2.94- Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board as ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Board was created in 2012 for increased stewardship and public participation for the Open Space Program. Since that time, the Parks Division, Trails and Natural Lands Division, and Urban Forestry Division are under one umbrella known as Public Lands in the Public Services Department. The City Council has determined that one advising board for these Divisions will lead to efficiencies and remove duplication and confusion as to the respective roles and responsibilities and has determined that ordinance 2.94 is in the best interest of the City and its citizens. The Mayor and City Council recognize the need to acquire, preserve and protect these critical resources within Salt Lake City and its environs. They have adopted an Open Space Master Plan (1992) to identify, protect and manage open space lands and have established this Board to facilitate the City’s acquisition, management, promotion, preservation, protection and enhancement of public lands.

The Board has established the following By-Laws for the conduct of Board business:

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICES**

The principal office of the Board shall be in Salt Lake City, County of Salt Lake, and State of Utah. The location of the office shall be at the Parks & Public Lands Building at 1965 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TERMS**

The officers of this Board shall be a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The term of these positions shall be one year. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as chairperson. The vice-chairperson may be reelected one or more times successively. There shall be no automatic succession of the vice-chairperson to the chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall succeed the chairperson if the chair vacates the office before the term is completed; the vice-chairperson will serve the unexpired term of the vacated office. A new vice-chairperson shall be elected at the next regular Board meeting.

Any Board member may nominate any other Board member for the positions of chairperson and vice-chairperson. The Board may nominate and elect members to other offices as deemed appropriate by a majority of the Board. Nominations from the floor as

well as written or digital nominations shall be accepted. Written, digital and oral nominations shall be made in December or at the year-end Board meeting. All nominees shall be contacted and shall have stated their availability and willingness to serve prior to being placed in nomination.

Election shall be by written or digital ballot. Subject to Section 2.07.120, the Board, at its first regular meeting of each calendar year shall select a member as chairperson and another as vice-chairperson. Immediately following the year-end Board meeting, the Department office facilitator shall mail or email to all Board members a ballot, listing nominees for each position. Ballots shall be returned to the Board at the commencement of the first regular meeting of each calendar year. Proxy votes shall not be allowed. Officers shall be elected by an affirmative majority vote of the Board. The vice-chairperson and one other member of the Board who is neither an officer nor a nominee shall count ballots at the beginning of the Board meeting. The officers-elect shall assume their duties on the next regular Board meeting.

#### **POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Without limiting the foregoing, the duties and powers of the officers of the Board shall be as follows:

A. Chairperson:

- (1) Preside at all meetings of the Board.
- (2) Call special meetings of the Board in accordance with the By-laws.
- (3) Sign Board documents, as authorized by these By-laws or the Board.
- (4) See that the Board complies with these By-laws and applicable law.
- (5) Appoint standing or ad hoc subcommittees of the Board.
- (6) The chairman may be an ex-officio member of all subcommittees with a voice but no vote.
- (7) Act as official spokesperson for the Board.

B. Vice-Chairperson

The vice-chairperson shall assist the chairperson, and during the absence of the chairperson, shall exercise or perform all the duties and be subject to all the responsibilities of the chairperson.

#### **REGULAR MEETINGS**

The Board shall meet on an as needed basis but at least twice per quarter as specified in Section 2.94.050. The Board shall establish a schedule specifying the times, dates and locations of regular meetings. The Board may alter the schedule at any regular meeting, and shall comply with open meeting laws. A quorum will consist of the majority of filled board positions.

An electronic meeting may be held in accordance with the Open and Public Meetings Act.

**Commented [AL1]:** This is the proposed addition to the Bylaws for the January 2022 meeting, per advice from the City Attorney's Office.

### **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Board, by the chairperson, or the Mayor, and are subject to open meeting laws. The call for a special meeting must be signed by the member calling such meeting and, unless waived in writing, each member not joining in the order for such special meeting must be given not less than 24 hours notice. Said notice shall be served personally or left at a member's residence or business office. Special meetings shall be held at the Public Services Department or at such other public place as may be designated by the Board.

### **VOTING**

All official Board business that results in a recommendation to the Mayor, City Council or other public agency or commission must be subject to an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members, consistent with Section 2.07.150.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At any regular meeting of the Board, the following shall be the regular order of business:

- A. Call meeting to order.
- B. Approval of Minutes.
- C. Discussion of set agenda.
- D. Invite public comment.
- E. Voting on official business.
- F. Confirm date for next meeting; assign tasks to sub-committees.
- G. Adjournment.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Board members are obligated to avoid and disclose conflicts of interest, and are held subject to Section 2.07.080. If any member suspects that a particular set of circumstances might involve a conflict of interest, that member shall notify the Director of Public Services requesting an opinion of the City Attorney on whether there is a conflict and how to avoid or otherwise resolve it.

### **AMENDMENT**

These By-Laws may be amended in writing at any meeting by a vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Board, provided prior notice has been given to each member of the Board.

**CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_, in my capacity as chairperson of the  
Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board do hereby certify that  
the foregoing document is a complete, accurate and current copy of the By-Laws of the  
Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board.

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CHAIRPERSON

STATE OF UTAH            )  
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COUNTY OF SALT LAKE )

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_,  
Personally appeared before me, who being by me duly sworn, did say that the/she has  
read the foregoing document and has executed the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Residing in Salt Lake County, Utah

My commission expires:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of the Board at its  
regularly scheduled meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, the By-Laws of the  
Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board, dated  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2019 were formally adopted.

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CHAIRPERSON



# Public Lands

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## 2022 Meeting Schedule

January 6, 2022

February 3, 2022

March 3, 2022

April 7, 2022

May 5, 2022

June 2, 2022

July 7, 2022

August 4, 2022

September 1, 2022

October 6, 2022

November 3, 2022

December 1, 2022

Meetings start at 5:00pm.

## Location

Public Lands Building

1965 West 500 South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Parks Training Room

Meetings may also be held electronically.

**\*\*Meeting date is not confirmed until meeting notice is provided\*\***

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## PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT

### Operational Updates

#### Volunteer and Outreach

Trails & Natural Lands Division Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator, Katie Riser has been promoted to Community Partnerships & Engagement Coordinator. In her expanded role, Katie will lead volunteerism, programming and strategic partnerships for the entire Public Lands Department. Katie joins Luke Allen, Rocio Torres Mora, Amy Nilsson and others on the Public Lands Communications & Engagement Team. Since 2019, Katie has worked to reform, expand and improve the TNL Division's volunteer programs, including the new Trail Ambassadors Program and working through the challenges of direct community engagement during the pandemic. Katie's past experience includes several roles at the National Ability Center, where she was instrumental in establishing that organization's programs for military service members.

Katie is an excellent strategic thinker and big-picture visionary, and her skills are sure to benefit Public Lands as the Department works to realize the ambitious goals of the Reimagine Nature Master Plan.

Congratulations Katie!

TNL's remaining volunteerism and engagement positions will remain under Katie and will move into the Department's Communications & Engagement Team, where they will serve TNL as well as the other Public Lands Divisions.

#### Parks, Trails and Natural Lands

In our December report, we mentioned Aaron Benzon was hired to replace Troy Baker as Parks Operations Manager. In addition to overseeing Parks Districts 3 & 4 (south half of the city) and Greenhouse operations, Aaron will now oversee Urban Trails & Right-Of-Way maintenance, along with other responsibilities.

He will also help oversee the TNL Restoration Field Crew in collaboration with the TNL Division Director. Aaron's abilities as an involved, supportive manager and problem solver and his unique skillset in both maintenance and native plant restoration will be a boon for the entire Public Lands Department. TNL is currently hiring for its Natural Lands Supervisor Position.

Park Operations Manager, Kyle Shields will continue to oversee Parks Districts 1 & 2 (north half of the city), Graffiti Removal and will now oversee Property Maintenance and Central Irrigation.





## Urban Forest Action Plan

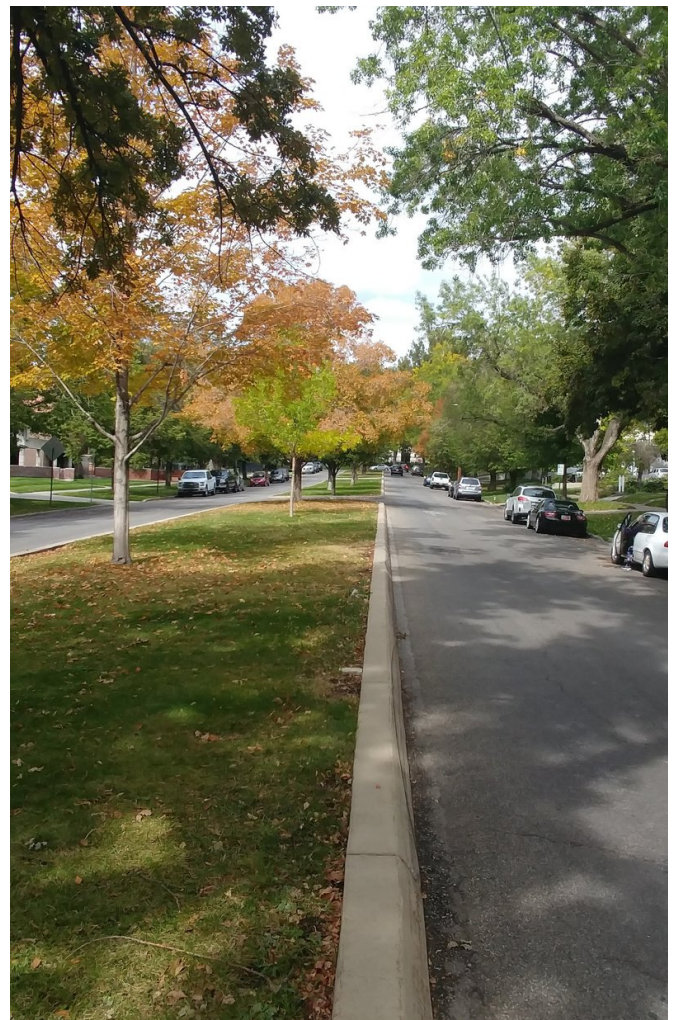
Cities need urban trees to thrive. Urban forests benefit both public and environmental health when they are well-planned, planted, and protected. Residents of Salt Lake City value our urban forest as a valuable asset. The City must plan for the health and expansion of the urban forest in order to ensure that its advantages are dispersed fairly throughout the city.

The Urban Forest Action Plan, a project coordinated by the Salt Lake City Planning Division with cooperation from the Urban Forestry Division, will set goals, objectives, and actions to achieve the urban forest vision for Salt Lake City.

Kristin Riker and Tony Gliot are scheduled to meet with the Planning Division regarding the Urban Forest Action Plan in January. The final chapter of the plan is currently in draft review.

At this time it is unclear when the Planning Division will be ready to bring an update to the PNUT Board. For more information, visit the project website:

<https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/10/25/urban-forest-action-plan/>







## COMMUNICATION, OUTREACH & EDUCATION

### 2021 Public Lands Community Events Recap

Public Lands had an exciting year of events despite a late start and event modifications due to the pandemic.

In 2021, events such as Yappy Hour and Yoga on Tap saw a record number of attendees and vendors.

Additionally, Public Lands introduced new events such as the Pioneer Park Food Truck Park and partnered with local organizations for movie nights and the Three Creeks Confluence Opening Celebration.

With hope on the horizon, Public Lands is looking forward to continuing to bring the community together in 2022.



Dog with Tennis Balls at Yappy Hour



Community Members at Yoga on Tap



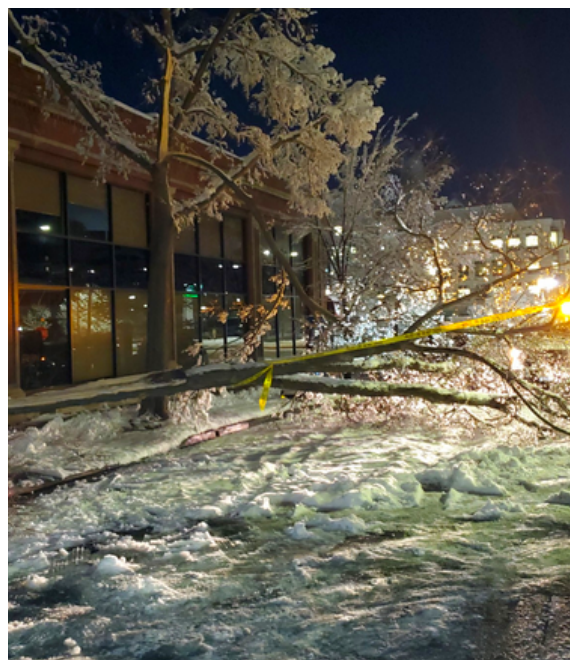


## URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION

### Snowstorm Event & Tree Damage

On Wednesday, December 15th, an early winter season storm dropped heavy snow that resulted in significant tree damage throughout Salt Lake City. This storm can be described as a '2-3 Year Tree Damage Event.' Salt Lake City will sustain tree damage events of this size and scope every 2 to 3 years. As such, the City is well equipped to manage the necessary tree damage response and clean-up effort went underway immediately.

However, the clean-up effort will be protracted, due to the Urban Forestry Division being short staffed over the last two weeks of the calendar year.







Within 36 hours of the snow storm, the Urban Forestry Division received 400 to 500 calls from residents to report damaged trees (branches blocking the road, driveways, sidewalks, parking, on cars, etc). The Division actively manages a three-tiered prioritization list to respond to resident reports and resolve concerns.

- Priority 1: Trees and branches on houses, cars, and blocking roadways and driveways
- Priority 2: Branches blocking sidewalks, and on-street parking
- Priority 3: Broken/hanging branches in Parks/neighborhood streets, and downed branches.



The Division immediately applied all in-house and contracted operational resources available to resolve all reported Priority 1 conditions.



All known Priority 1 work was completed within 5 days of the storm, and all known Priority 2 work within 10 days of the storm. However, as of December 27, 2021, the Urban Forestry Division is still receiving reports of tree damage that had not been previously reported. Tree damage work will continue to be reprioritized on a daily basis as new calls and reports come in.





The Urban Forestry Division currently has all available resources working on Priority 3 clean-up and anticipates this effort will last into February.

Some things of note regarding this tree damage event include:

- While the tree damage was truly city-wide, the central part of Salt Lake City sustained the most damage (Downtown, Central City, Liberty Wells, and Ball Park).
- At this point more than 600 resident reports of tree damage have come into the UF Division (which is substantial), however, the Urban Forestry Division is running into lots and lots of damage trees that have not been reported. Taking this into consideration (and having surveyed tree damage in city parks), the UF Division estimates that between 2,500 and 3,000 city-maintained trees sustained damage.
- While thousands of trees sustained some level of damage, the vast majority of damage was medium sized branches that will not result in loss of the entire tree.
- The storm also resulted in damaged to 1,000 to 1,500 private property trees on residential and business properties.
- Salt Lake City residents have been phenomenal. Their patience, understanding, and gratitude (during our response effort) have been wonderful for UF staff!
- The impacts of this storm (and the September 2020 storm, from which the UF Division has not yet recovered from) on tree work backlogs are currently being evaluated. A funding request, to address the work backlog resulting from the storms, will be forthcoming.



2020 Storm Damage





## PLANNING & ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

### PLANNING TEAM

#### Bridge to Backman

Construction has begun on the Bridge to Backman project.

Stream work has begun to prepare for installation of the bridge, and demolition is underway. Construction will continue on-and-off throughout the winter months dependent on weather.

The bridge has been scheduled to arrive on January 24 with a placement installation on January 25.

Public Lands plans on engaging with the school to alert them of the bridge installation.



#### Miller Park Update

Public Lands was on the Yalecrest Neighborhood Council's December agenda to discuss the Miller Park CIP project of restoring historic walls and increasing accessibility in the park.

However, this agenda item was postponed until January.

Public Lands will attend the January 13th YNC meeting to address community questions involving the management of Miller Park.

Additionally, YNC will be holding a second meeting January 27th to inform the community and discuss the CIP project moving forward.

Following these meetings, Public Lands will present the project to the PNUT board for a final recommendation moving forward.





## Reimagine Nature Master Plan Update

Just before the holidays, Public Lands received a final revised draft of the Reimagine Nature Public Lands Master Plan from consulting firm Design Workshop. The revised draft incorporates and addresses a variety of internal comments, including many of those provided by PNUT Board Members.

Many thanks to all the board members who took the time to carefully review the plan and provide many helpful and insightful comments! PL staff and the consulting team agree that the Public Lands Master Plan is something SLC can be extremely proud of.

The revised draft plan is now being transmitted to the Mayor and Council for their review. It is expected that City Council will initiate a final phase of public engagement as they consider formal adoption of the Master Plan later this winter or spring.

Board members are encouraged to participate in City Council hearings and to advocate for plan adoption. With a master plan document of this scope and importance, hearing directly from advisory board members would be valuable for City Council.

Staff will keep the PNUT Board apprised of schedule updates and additional information on this final phase as we know it.

## Planning & Projects Team Update

The Planning & Projects Team has not yet been able to fill its open position for a Public Lands Planner; interviews are ongoing and the position will remain open until filled.

Meanwhile, Public Lands Projects Manager Tyler Murdock and Public Lands Planner Kat Maus are currently juggling 19 active (funded) projects in the engagement and design phase, as well as 11 funded projects in the Construction documents/construction phase and 11 projects in the close-out phase.

An additional 26 funded Public Lands projects have not yet been assigned and are awaiting available staff capacity.

A growing project management backlog is a significant concern, and filling the open Public Lands Planner position is unlikely to fully resolve the project backlog.

Public Lands staff will brief City Council on this issue in spring of 2022.



## 2022 Major Projects

In 2022 Public Lands will begin planning for fourteen newly funded Capital Projects, continue implementing the Cartegraph work order platform, develop the Glendale Waterpark Master Plan, Emerald Ribbon Plan, and the Liberty Park Master Plan.

The newest and most pressing Public Lands' major project for 2022 will be implementing the Park Ranger Program. Currently the Public Lands team is working on position descriptions, hiring, securing vehicles and developing a policy manual.

Public Lands will also begin planning for Fiscal Year 2023.

## 2021 Final CIP Submission Recap

The Planning & Projects Team submitted its 20 internal CIP projects via Zoomgrants on December 29, and supported the completion of 20 additional constituent CIP projects related to Public Lands (constituents are responsible for final submittals in Zoomgrants).

The PNUT Board's review letter and rankings were attached to the application packages. The CDCIP Advisory Board will take up their consideration of project applications sometime in January.

Thanks again to PNUT Board Members for their support in reviewing and recommending capital improvement project applications. Public Lands will continue to work throughout the year to further streamline and refine the CIP process.





## PARKS DIVISION

### Pioneer Park Tree Lighting

On Tuesday December 7th, Public Lands lit the new holiday tree at Pioneer Park.

The holiday tree is located along 300 South, with lights being turned on each night at 5:30 pm.

To engage with our Salt Lake City community, Public Lands encouraged community members share selfies with the tree by tagging Public Lands on social media.



### Wreaths Across America Event

This year, the Salt Lake City Cemetery worked with Wreaths Across America, a notional program that provides wreaths to place on veteran's graves during the holiday season.

This year, Wreaths Across America raised enough funds to place a total of 1,440 wreaths in the cemetery.

On December 18th, an event was held at the Cemetery to place the wreaths.







## **WeatherTrak Smart Irrigation System**

In late 2020 Public Lands decided to implement WeatherTrak, a smart irrigation system, in the City's parks. Throughout 2021, Public Lands has been in the process of converting existing irrigation to the WeatherTrak system.

### **WeatherTrak's Benefits:**

#### Water Savings

The WeatherTrak smart irrigation system uses precise weather data to automatically modify run times based on the site's needs. This results in decreasing instances of overwatering and achieving water cost savings.

#### Cloud-Based Central Management

WeatherTrak's cloud-based central management system allows Parks staff to program sites, monitor performance and be alerted of issues from an internet browser on any device.

#### Improved Site Mapping

WeatherTrak is equipped with sophisticated site mapping technology that makes it easier for Parks staff to map out all irrigation lines in City parks and pinpoint locations where maintenance is needed.

WeatherTrak's implementation will be complete by the end of 2022.







## REGIONAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX

### Shade Structure Project Complete

In November 2021, the RAC completed a 2019 CIP Shade Structure Project.

The project provides two shade sails located near the RAC's Championship Field and food truck vending area.



Shade Sails at the RAC, November 2021



Lacrosse at the RAC, 2021 Season

### New Events

The RAC will be hosting the following new events in 2022

- 2022 US Quidditch Cup
- Yellowstone Premier Soccer
- Adrenaline Lacrosse Championships
- Premier Super Copa (Soccer)
- Spider Fest 7s (Rugby)
- National High School 7s (Rugby)

**Formal Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 3, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Join Via Webex (Encouraged):**  
<https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=mbaf41768a37f6050bcb7618f358b6daf>

**Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104**  
**Upstairs Parks Training Room - MASKS REQUIRED**

**Join by phone**  
**1-408-418-9388**  
**Access code: 24949192821**

# AGENDA

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
• Call to Order	
• Chair Comments	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:03PM</b>
• Approve January 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:05PM</b>
• Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:20PM</b>
• Road Map of Public Lands Projects in 2022 – Kristin Riker	15 mins
• Discussion about Backlog of Public Lands Construction Projects – Tyler Murdock	15 mins
• Miller Park Update – Kat Maus	10 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
• Board Discussion on Public Lands FY2023 Budget Initiatives & Recommendation	30 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
• Board Subcommittee updates as needed	
• Board Comment and Question Period	
• Next Meeting: March 3, 2022	
• Request for Future Agenda Item	
• Upcoming Involvement Opportunities	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:40PM</b>

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## Meeting Minutes (**Unapproved**)

1 – Convening the Meeting	5:00PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to Order</li><li>• Samantha Finch</li><li>• Polly Hart</li><li>• Jenny Hewson</li><li>• Melanie Pehrson</li><li>• Phil Carroll</li><li>• Brianna Binnebose</li><li>• CJ Whittaker</li><li>• Ginger Cannon</li><li>• Clayton Scrivner</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair Comments</li></ul> <p>Samantha Finch wished the PNUT Board a Happy New Year and thanked everyone for their flexibility in shifting to a remote meeting due to the rise in COVID-19 cases.</p> <p>Ms. Finch also gave the board a friendly reminder to review the previous meetings minutes and get amendments back sooner rather than later.</p>	
2 – Approval of Minutes	5:03PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve December 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes</li></ul> <p>Phil Carroll motioned to approve the recently amended December 2021 meeting minutes. Polly Hart seconded the motion. The motioned to approve the December 2021 meeting minutes passed unanimously.</p>	



<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:05PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.</li> </ul> <p><b>Jan Hemming</b></p> <p>Jan Hemming, Chair of the Yalecrest Community Council stated that she had sent a letter to Public Lands and other government officials about problems and concerns the community has in relation to Miller Nature Park. Yalecrest will be hosting a public forum on January 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the community’s concerns and identify and secure the best resources to preserve the park. The Yalecrest Community Council would like to invite Public Lands staff and the PNUT board to attend. Ms. Hemming can be contacted at <a href="mailto:hemmingjan@gmail.com">hemmingjan@gmail.com</a> for more information.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting, Jan submitted the following email as a public comment:</p> <p>Luke:</p> <p>Please circulate this email and the attached letter sent to the city December 21, about deteriorating conditions in the Miller Bird Refuge and Nature Park — before tonight’s meeting. Please confirm that the email was circulated.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Janet (Jan) Hemming Chair Yalecrest Neighborhood Council</p> <p>Dear PNUT Board Members:</p> <p>The Yalecrest Neighborhood Council has encountered deteriorating and unhealthy conditions in Miller Bird Refuge and Nature Park. We shared our concerns with Public Lands and city officials in a letter sent December 21, 2021.</p> <p>Below is a summary of what we uncovered in Miller Park. (The full letter sent to the city on December 21, 2021 is attached). City representatives, including Public Lands, will appear before the Yalecrest Neighborhood Council on January 13 at 7 p.m. to respond to the letter. If you want to join us, here’s the ZOOM link:</p> <p><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlodeusqzopEtEpJotXkw8sglfulhODIJu">https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlodeusqzopEtEpJotXkw8sglfulhODIJu</a></p> <p>More can also be learned by going to our new website: <a href="http://yalecrestneighborhood.org">yalecrestneighborhood.org</a></p>	

**Serious issues uncovered in Miller Bird Refuge and Nature Park:**

- The removal of hundreds, perhaps even 1,500+ or more trees from the park
- The failure to replant new trees or vegetation over an 8-year period
- Low or no water flow in the summer affected by a water rights dispute and adjudication
- Uncertainty about the health and vibrancy of the bird population
- A non-functioning or poorly maintained sprinkler and irrigation system
- Use of poisonous herbicides and chemicals not recommended for a bird refuge
- A streambed that no longer functions as a natural waterway due to poor reconstruction

December 21 letter to Salt Lake City Public Lands and City officials:

Respectfully,

Janet (Jan) Hemming  
Chair  
Yalecrest Neighborhood Council

The full text of the letter that Jan referenced is included as an appendix to these minutes.

**Gwen Springmeyer**

Gwen Springmeyer, the chair of the Greater Avenues Community Council, expressed that Tyler Fonarow did a wonderful job presenting at the councils January 5, 2022 meeting. Ms. Springmeyer wants the Board and Public Lands to be aware of his contributions.

**Anne Cannon**

Anne Cannon expressed that she is hoping to see progress in Miller Park, Wasatch Hollow and Allen Park this year.

**Dan Schelling**

Dan Schelling, a member of Save our Foothills, stated that on December 10, 2021, a group of people from Save our Foothills met with Public Lands to share prospective visions on the Foothills. When they asked Public Lands to articulate their vision, the

<p>department was unable to articulate a plan and referred Save our Foothills to an Open Space Plan prepared in 1992. The 1992 plan fails to address current issues such as downhill mountain biking and E-bikes. The 2019 Foothills Trail Plan also includes features that directly contradict the values and policy measures in the 1992 document. Mr. Schelling encourages Public Lands to prepare an updated Open Space Plan and develop a comprehensive land use management and recreation management plan as soon as possible before moving forward with construction.</p> <p><b>Eric Edelman</b></p> <p>Eric Edelman thanked Public Lands for repairing the hillside at City Creek Canyon. Mr. Edelman also expressed concern that two years into the Foothills Trail Project, the public has yet to see a plan for trail maintenance or a long-term plan for adding new trails and maintaining existing trails. Mr. Edelman expressed that these plans must be created before construction. Mr. Edelman also expressed that hydraulic issues in City Creek and remediate trenches on the hillside at Morris Meadows have not yet been addressed by Public Lands. Similarly to Mr. Schelling, Mr. Edelman expressed that the trail's vision is out of date and needs to be addressed by Public Lands.</p>	
<p><b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b></p>	<p><b>5:20PM</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>May We Have Peace</i> land acknowledgement presentation - Taylor Knuth</li> </ul> <p>Taylor Knuth, the assistant director of the Salt Lake City Arts Council, presented to the PNUT Board about Salt Lake City's Public Art Program and the use of acknowledgements in public art spaces.</p> <p>Salt Lake City's public art program continually seeks new ways of integrating artwork, by both experienced and emerging artists, into everyday life in our urban surroundings.</p> <p>The program is committed to understanding and recognizing that Salt Lake City is situated on the traditional territory of many nations, including Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute and Ute peoples, and is also home to many diverse Indigenous peoples from all over the world.</p> <p>Public art can be an evocative entry point into this conversation – helping to restore visibility to Salt Lake City's Indigenous communities, creating a greater sense of place and belonging, and sparking dialogue about the legacy of colonialism, and a shared path forward.</p> <p>Salt Lake City's Public Art Program would like to institute a policy that will inform the ways in which we incorporate land acknowledgements in the didactic plaques that accompany our public art projects throughout the city.</p> <p>The program would like to start with the sculpture <i>May We Have Peace</i> by Indigenous artist Alan Houser located in the northeast corner of the City and County building grounds. This is a highly visible sculpture that needs to have its plaque replaced. The</p>	<p>10 mins</p>

program has sought consent from the artist's estate in incorporating a land acknowledgement for its future plaque.

The Salt Lake City Public Art Program is seeking feedback from the board on the *May We Have Peace* land acknowledgement and other project.

The City and County conservation board is in support of the efforts and other engagements will happen with transportation, engineering and others who have a role.

Mr. Carroll asked what is a land acknowledgement? Mr. Knuth responded that it is an opportunity to recognize that the land the City occupies was once the territory of various Indigenous communities. A land acknowledgement is a valuable way to spark dialogue surrounding the legacy of colonialism and how we can honor Indigenous communities.

Ginger Cannon asked if Salt Lake City has adopted a land acknowledgement? Mr. Knuth responded that there currently is not. The Salt Lake City Arts Council hopes that the addition of land acknowledgement plaques is a step in creating a larger city-wide initiative.

Ms. Cannon also asked who is involved in writing a land acknowledgement? Mr. Knuth responded that the Salt Lake City Arts Council researched what other public art programs in the country are doing in partnership with Tribal communities. They also met with Tribal leaders to gauge the temperature on whether land acknowledgements are effective. In the Salt Lake City Arts Council's experience, the local Indigenous communities that they spoke with all expressed support.

Ms. Cannon expressed to the board a word of caution regarding not having an overall umbrella of a land acknowledgement from City Council.

Ms. Finch asked for more details regarding the plaque's language. Mr. Knuth stated that the new language for the plaque had been approved by the estate of artist Alan Houser.

Jenny Hewston asked if the list of Indigenous communities listed in Mr. Knuth's presentation is inclusive of all Indigenous communities in the area? Mr. Knuth responded that the list is.

Bri Binnebose asked that if the board has a good path forward, what will be the role of Indigenous communities in the process? Mr. Knuth stated that Indigenous communities have been involved with the preliminary concept. The Salt Lake City Arts Council is starting land acknowledgements with *May We Have Peace* because the plaque is missing and needs replacement. The Arts Council is hoping to start with this piece and change the way plaques are approached by adding things such as land acknowledgements.

Mr. Knuth also agrees with Ms. Cannons feedback of approaching land acknowledgements as a top-down approach.

<p>Ms. Hart noted that the <i>May We Have Peace</i> sculpture is located on Washington Square. When thinking about context, would it be possible to rename the block?</p> <p>CJ Whittaker asked how the new trails in the Foothills will be named? It will be important to think about the discussion of land acknowledgement when Public Lands decides.</p> <p>Ms. Finch suggested that the board tables further discussion of land acknowledgement for another meeting.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Glendale Regional Park Update – Nancy Monteith</li> </ul> <p>Nancy Monteith, Senior Landscape Architect with engineering, provided the PNUT board with an update on the Glendale Regional Park.</p> <p>Currently, Public Lands is in the process of demolishing the old water park that occupied the project site. Public Lands has elected to keep 580 linear feet of water slide sections stored onsite for potential reuse. These slides may be used for wheeled sports or repurposed into a public art piece.</p> <p>Public Lands has hired a team of consultants to assist in the project. Design Workshop will be utilized for planning, design and storytelling, Agora Partners will be utilized for operations, maintenance, and programming, David Evans and Associates will be utilized for community outreach and River Restoration will be utilized for ecology and restoration.</p> <p>So far, Public Lands has completed initial outreach conversations with City Council, Glendale Community Council and the Salt Lake City School District. Public Lands has also completed alternative development engagement.</p> <p>Specifically, Public Lands engaged with students at Glendale Middle School and Mountain View Elementary School through presenting an overview of the project to students and engaging in a curriculum supplied to teachers that allowed the students to construct multi-media deliverables that illustrated their ideas for the park. During these youth engagements, students expressed interest in active play features, water elements, natural ecological elements and wildlife river health.</p> <p>Other youth engagements conducted included workshops at the Salt Lake City Library and exercises with the Utah Division of Cultural Affairs.</p> <p>The next step of the plan will be alternatives evaluation. To complete this step, the development of a community advisory committee will take place. This committee's purpose will be to give clear and direct input on the development of the project moving forward. PNUT Board member Melanie Pehrson will be on this committee.</p>	<p>20 mins</p>



<p>Mr. Whittaker asked if there is any discussion of an Ampitheater in the park? Currently, Public Lands is considering all evaluations and is looking to hear ideas from the PNUT Board regarding what should and should not be included.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll asked if there are plans for the existing boat ramps on the site to be utilized? Ms. Monteith responded that there are no plans for removal. Public Lands wants to emphasize connectivity to the river in the project.</p> <p>In the alternatives evaluation, community members will be reviewing three very distinct ideas that will then be blended into a final concept based on feedback.</p> <p>The three ideas include</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Great Outdoors – Capitalizes on the natural assets of the Jordan River</li> <li>2. Active Park – Generates vibrant play</li> <li>3. The Glendale Central – Connects neighbors and focuses on supporting community events</li> </ol> <p>Ms. Hart expressed concern with youth and other members of the public wanting to see water utilized in the project. Ms. Hart asked if Public Lands could take lead in educating the public that water elements are not sustainable in Salt Lake City’s desert climate and drought conditions.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon asked what winter recreation activities could be available in the park to promote year-round use?</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson asked what is the process to ensure that a public event space in the park is properly maintained and is utilized by the community? Ms. Riker responded that maintenance would be provided through the Arts Council or by City Council after project completion.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CLOSED SESSION: Open Space Acquisition – Kat Maus</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Finch solicited a motion from the board to close the session for discussion of an open space acquisition that contains financial information. Ms. Binnebose motioned to close the session. Ms. Hewson seconded the motion. The PNUT board voted unanimously to close the session.</p>	20 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Public Lands Budget Initiatives FY2023 – Kristin Riker</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Riker invited Public Lands Supervisors to share their FY2023 initiatives with the PNUT Board.</p> <p>Ms. Riker begin by sharing the first initiative, inflationary cost. Every year a list of costs and cost increases for Public Lands is put together and forwarded to the Mayor. This year, Public Lands is requesting raising its starting wage from \$13.15 to \$15.00. Public Lands will also be asking for an increase to its supplies and materials budget to cover a rise in materials costs.</p>	20 mins

Tony Gliot shared four budget initiatives from the Urban Forestry Division.

The first budget initiative is a storm response recovery initiative. In response to the 2020 windstorm and 2021 snow event, Urban Forestry backlog is very behind. This budget initiative will allow for Urban Forestry to hire a contracted company to help relieve the Division's backlog of services.

The second budget initiative is a forest growth and preservation initiative. The first component of this initiative is funding to support the Mayor's 1,000 trees initiative. The second component seeks to hire a service coordinator position and secure funding to create a crew arborist position that will internalize Urban Forestry's tree health services.

The third budget initiative is a golf course tree maintenance initiative. Salt Lake City's courses have about 6,000 trees that are currently not maintained by the city. This initiative will allow for a dedicated golf course maintenance crew to maintain and expand urban forest on Salt Lake City's golf courses.

The final budget initiative is an Urban Wood Reutilization Initiative. Urban Forestry produces 2.8 million pounds of waste per year. In the division's current system, this waste is discarded in the land fill. The urban wood reutilization initiative would allow Urban Forestry to construct the facilities and yard needed and hire the needed staff.

Lee Bollwinkel shared two budget initiatives from the Parks Division.

The first initiative is District 5 seasonal staffing. District 5 is the Parks district responsible for maintaining properties such as the Jordan River Trail, McClelland Trail, Model Port and various medians. When the Parks Division went through a reassignment, there was not enough funds to supply District 5 with a seasonal crew.

The second initiative is for a Weed Abatement program. Public Lands has been asking the City for funding for this initiative for the past few years but has not been successful. Currently, Public Lands only responds to weeds on a complaint basis. This initiative seeks to secure funding for the staff and equipment needed to have a year-round weed abatement crew.

Lewis Kogan shared two budget initiatives from the Trails and Natural Lands Division.

The first initiative is a new properties and amenities initiative. This budget initiative seeks to secure funding for various Public Lands projects that will be coming online this year. This will support staffing and resource costs as well as needed communication and engagement resources.

The second initiative is a native plant restoration program and habitat restoration program initiative. This initiative seeks to create dedicated ecology restoration positions and a full-time natural resource technician position that would implement and support projects across the entire Public Lands system.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road Map of Public Lands projects anticipated for 2022 - Kristin Riker</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Riker proposed this agenda item take place next month due to inadequate time.</p>	5 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:35PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adopt Bylaws Revision Regarding Electronic and Hybrid Meetings (Action Item)</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Finch motioned to adopt an addition regarding electronic and hybrid meetings to the bylaws. Mr. Whittaker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by the PNUT Board.</p>	5 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Chair and Vice Chair Elections for 2022 (Action Item)</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Finch solicited a show of hands from the board to ratify the election result of Ms. Hart as Board Chair. The motion passed making Ms. Hart Chair of the PNUT Board.</p> <p>Ms. Finch solicited a show of hands from the board to ratify the election result of Ms. Binnebose as Vice Chair. The motion passed making Ms. Binnebose the Vice Chair of the PNUT Board.</p>	10 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approve Annual Meeting Schedule (Action Item)</li> </ul> <p>Clayton Scrivner motioned to approve the PNUT Board's 2022 meeting schedule. Mr. Whittaker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by the PNUT board.</p>	5 mins
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Discussion on Public Lands FY2023 Budget Initiatives &amp; Recommendation</li> </ul> <p>The PNUT Board discussed their process for deciding which budget initiatives they will recommend. The board decided that they will follow a format similar to their CIP ranking process to formulate a budget initiative recommendation.</p>	20 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>7:15PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Subcommittee updates as needed</li> </ul> <p><b>Trails Subcommittee Update</b></p> <p>The trails subcommittee held their first meeting where they discussed their vision and reviewed documents supplied at the PNUT Board retreat. The trails subcommittee decided that their subcommittee's vision is rooted in environment, equitable access and experience for all citizens and public trust. The trails subcommittee will be meeting once a month.</p> <p><b>Bylaw Subcommittee Update</b></p>	

<p>The bylaw subcommittee met to discuss their next steps and assignments, go over the current bylaws and discuss if the current bylaws have been approved by a previous board. The subcommittee hopes to bring a revision to Kristin, the city attorney and the board to review and change the bylaws in the future.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Comment and Question Period</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Hart thanked Ms. Finch for her contributions to the PNUT Board as Board Chair.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked if the 1992 Open Space Plan has been replaced by the Reimagine Nature Master Plan or if the plans are separate. Mr. Kogan answered that the 1992 Open Space Plan and Reimagine Nature Master Plan are two separate documents.</p> <p>Mr. Whittaker received three complaints from community members who have seen Public Lands staff members placing flags where phase 3 of the Foothills Masterplan would be constructed. They have also heard staff members stating that the Foothills Masterplan is not really experiencing a pause. Mr. Kogan responded that the flags currently placed in the Foothills are part of the studies currently taking place. The communications from staff were a miscommunication. Construction in the Foothills is currently paused so studies can take place to determine how to best move forward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting: February 3, 2022</li> <li>• Request for Future Agenda Item</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Cannon requested a five-minute discussion around the current backlog of Public Lands construction and planning projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Involvement Opportunities</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7 – Adjourn</b></p>	<p><b>7:25PM</b></p>

Mr. Whittaker motioned to adjourn the PNUT Board Meeting. Ms. Binnebose seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to end the meeting.

# Appendix Item A: Letter sent to City by Jan Hemming on December 21, 2021.

## Significant Miller Bird Refuge Issues

### Trees

- Hundreds of trees have been cut annually in MBR since 2014. Although described as “non-native and/or invasive” these trees have severely reduced what was once a much more abundant and thriving nature park. Between 2014-2018, attempts were made to replace lost trees, with nearly total failure, according to the city.
- During 2020 and 2021, the city acknowledged 600 trees were cut, but also acknowledged that none were replaced. The Great Salt Lake Audubon Society referenced the projected loss of 275 trees during renovation of the park in 2014. If you “do the math,” MBR has lost about 900 trees during 2014, 2020 and 2021. The city has not yet released figures about how many trees were removed between 2015-2019. **QUESTION: Please provide YNC with those statistics; trees removed between 2015-2019.**
- On two occasions in 2014, the city was asked to halt tree removal in MBR. Both requests were denied. One was made by Yalecrest residents who signed petitions and presented them to the City Council. The second request came from Heather Dove, president of the Great Salt Lake Audubon Society, who expressed concern that tree removal during nesting season would not only violate federal laws but destroy nests and kill unborn birds. That her measured and professional opinion was basically ignored, raises serious questions about who can best protect MBR.
- The city revealed that it hires seasonal park clean-up crews who work approximately from April-September. Any tree-cutting work in MBR between April-July, would be a violation of the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act. **QUESTION: Please disclose if trees have ever been removed in MBR between April-July of ANY year in the past.**
- 2014 was one of the most drastic tree-cutting years in MBR because of a planned “restoration.” Included were many tall, healthy and mature black locust trees — destroying screech owl habitat. Other, tall, mature trees were also taken out of the park as part of the park’s reconstruction.
- Removal of the park’s canopy has encouraged the growth of cheatgrass which is more than a nuisance, it’s a serious problem for dogs, wildlife, and landscapes. Cheatgrass is a

prolific spreader, using its barb-like seeds to grow just about anywhere. Cheatgrass seeds can get stuck in pet fur, skin, eyes, nose, ears, or mouth. It has been found in dogs' lungs. The dense, dry, fine stalks of cheatgrass, which sets seeds and dries out by June, are particularly flammable fuel for wildfires.

- City officials have maintained that most trees recently cut are only 1.5-inch caliper and less than 5 feet tall, yet residents have recent visual evidence that truckloads of trees up to 16 feet tall were removed.
- Black locust trees were originally planted in the park by the pioneers who came to the Salt Lake Valley in the 1840s. They were banned in 2014 as part of an initiative to renovate the park after an oil spill. This policy was determined by a company hired by the city called Canyon Environmental, owned and operated by one individual, Christopher Jensen.\* He earned a master's degree in agronomy from BYU. (Agronomy is the study of field crop production and soil management.) On his Linked In page, Jensen describes his expertise as "permitting and compliance for energy, mining and utility development projects." He also lists environmental site assessments and NEPA analyses" in his career experience. **QUESTIONS: Does he have the correct credentials to determine if black locust trees should remain or be removed from Miller Park? What have urban foresters, trained arborists or tree experts said about the black locust tree in Utah, especially in locations like MBR where they have existed since the 1840s? In other words, does the city stand by this decision in 2014?**

## **Birds**

- The health and size of the bird population is unknown to the city despite statements the city made in November 2021 that the bird population in MBR is "healthy" and "up." YNC learned that no scientific data has ever been officially collected. The first official study conducted by Tracy Aviary in the summer of 2021 won't be released to the public until early, 2022.
- One evidence of bird health is the screech owl. Residents say that screech owls were abundant and could be heard throughout the park in years past. Now, they are either nonexistent or rare, according to residents. In a December email, a conservation official with Tracy Aviary listed 53 bird varieties that had been "detected" in MBR, but no specific year or timeframe was given. A Western Screech Owl was on the list. **QUESTION: When and by whom were the 53 birds observed?**
- Residents saw city crews spraying an herbicide on cheatgrass in 2021 disturbing a nest of 9 quail and causing them to scatter. **QUESTION: How many times has the city sprayed herbicides on vegetation in MBR, specifically, the years and months it was applied, and the vegetation targeted, as well as the name(s) of the herbicide(s) used.**

## **Sprinklers and Irrigation**

- In 2012-2013, the head of Salt Lake City Parks Department decided that all irrigation systems in MBR be turned off, because "we live in a desert." After some pressure, she later relented but



then determined in 2013 that the MBR irrigation system must be replaced because it was "antiquated." The existing commercial system, which relied on Toro 640 heads, had been operational without incident for less than 25 years. This same Toro equipment is used on golf courses throughout the region, where it has performed exceptionally for more than 65 years.

- The original Toro 640 system in MBR was replaced with a residential system that needs frequent maintenance. In some areas of the park, the sprinklers don't work or only provide spotty coverage. Trees and vegetation are dying because of this poorly maintained system.
- The new irrigation system was not correctly installed and some parts are missing.
- Sprinkler heads and sprinkler boxes protrude vertically on the path, making it dangerous for walkers, runners, bikers and others.
- Residents have personally witnessed the dismantling and removal of existing irrigation pipes, without any replacement of new equipment. In one instance, residents observed some of the original pipe was excavated, "new" equipment was laid in the trench, and, after city workers left the park, the company installing the new equipment removed it, placed it in their trucks and filled the hole with dirt. Told of the problem, the city did nothing. **QUESTION: Why is the irrigation and sprinkler system in MBR poorly maintained and/or non-functioning and why is there little or no accountability by the city with vendors that it contracts with, even when infractions are reported?**

### **Water flow in the stream**

- Last year was the hottest on record in Utah with almost no precipitation. Additionally, there was no water flow from Red Butte Creek in the park for 30-80 days last summer, according to residents living near the park. Water intended for the park is tied up in water right disputes with Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The city is negotiating with Mt. Olivet for a solution.
- An official in the adjudication office of The Utah Division of Water Right told YNC in December that water rights along Red Butte Creek are being adjudicated in Third District Court, which may effect the speed with which water rights in MBR are resolved.
- Some residents in Yalecrest have been told by responsible sources working with the VA on the Superfund PCE mitigation, they are "certain" Red Butte Creek water has been diverted by Mt. Olivet to Rowland Hall St. Mark's School.
- In the 1990's, the LDS Church's Garden Park Ward requested a short-term metered connection to a city hydrant on Yale Ave. The city determined the then-existing LDS water right had been utilized to fill an on-site pond for irrigation and must be relinquished to the city, and that future irrigation be connected to the city's culinary line. **QUESTION: What is the status of this?**

### **Pesticides and Chemicals**

- During the summer of 2021, residents observed city crews using pesticides to spray bushes on the Miller Park slope. During one spraying, a covey of quail — about nine —

who had been nesting, immediately ran from the bush being sprayed. The incident was reported to the city but ignored.

- The city has used and may continue to use Picloram (commercial name: Tordon), a chemical sold by Dow Chemical to poison trees cut in MBR. It is one of the ingredients in Agent Orange, used in Vietnam. A USU forestry professor (Corey Ransom) and 40-year veteran with the US Forest Service (Eldon Guymon) both discouraged the use of this powerful chemical on trees — especially in a bird refuge. **The product is only recommended for use in forest sites, fence lines roadsides and rights of way — none of which apply to Miller Park.** It also comes with this warning: “never apply within the root zone of desired trees as they will also be affected through root uptake and soil.”

Because of the way Tordon has been used in MBR, there is near certainty that neighboring trees, soil and vegetation have been contaminated or damaged.

**QUESTION: Please disclose all chemicals used in MBR for the past 12 years, including Tordon, the last time it was/they were used and if it will be/they will be used in the future.**

### **The Stream Bed**

- After the Chevron oil spill, the stream bed underwent major revisions, which changed the natural flow of the water. Residents remember when their children would ice skate from one end of the stream to the other in the winter, which is no longer possible because of all the “dams” and blockages placed in the bed.
- The actual flow-line is now obscured and well below the highly permeable cobble surface that precludes access by birds. During low flow events, Red Butte Creek disappears within 200' of 900 South.
- The chemistry and native habitat were altered by the installation of cobble and boulders from areas outside the Red Butte Creek watershed, namely Willard.
- Ironically, “dams” placed along the stream bed of the creek have dropped significantly and will continue to find a lower profile. Yet, impacts of the arbitrarily raised bed have already included dead trees due to submersion and the need to introduce additional retention to reinstate the lower path according to the CIP contract.
- Eldon Guymon, who worked with the U.S. Forest Service in Utah for 40 years, told residents in 2014 the mass removal of trees from MBR and the radical re-design of the steam bed would:
  - o Pollute the stream bed
  - o Undercut the slopes (caused by the boulders)
  - o Destroy the canopy (because of the large number of mature trees removed)
- The arbitrarily widened channel violated the riparian overlay ordinance and has caused significant stream bank erosion. This was done, even though Chuck Call, the city's chief hydrologist, determined that the then 5' wide channel could easily accommodate all conceivable flood events, after consulting with FEMA.

From *The Salt Lake City Historic Landscapes Report about Miller Park*, 2016, written by JoEllen Grandy, Landmark Design.

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<sup>15</sup> The following species were recommended for removal based on a Botanical Evaluation/Assessment conducted by Canyon Environmental: Siberian Elm (*Ulmus pumila*), Tree-of-Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), and Black Locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) (Biohabitats).

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## **Staff Responses to Public Comments from the January 6, 2022 PNUT Board Meeting**

### **Jan Hemming**

Jan Hemming, Chair of the Yalecrest Community Council stated that she had sent a letter to Public Lands and other government officials about problems and concerns the community has in relation to Miller Nature Park. Yalecrest will be hosting a public forum on January 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the community's concerns and identify and secure the best resources to preserve the park. The Yalecrest Community Council would like to invite Public Lands staff and the PNUT board to attend. Ms. Hemming can be contacted at [hemmingjan@gmail.com](mailto:hemmingjan@gmail.com) for more information.

#### *Staff Response:*

Public Lands staff attended the Yalecrest Community Council meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> to address concerns in the park presented by YNC. Staff presented information regarding the City's management objectives at Miller Bird Refuge (MBR), as well as addressed specific topics of concern including tree removal, birds in the park, irrigation, water flow in the stream, pesticide and herbicide use, and stream bed structure. City staff was joined by a representative from Tracy Aviary to address bird health, and shared information about management of the space. A recording of the meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Orfqy5dl1Qo>.

Public lands will tentatively be presenting at the February 10th YNC meeting to discuss the funded CIP project moving forward in Miller Park.

### **Gwen Springmeyer**

Gwen Springmeyer, the chair of the Greater Avenues Community Council, expressed that Tyler Fona row did a wonderful job presenting at the councils January 5, 2022 meeting. Ms. Springmeyer wants the Board and Public Lands to be aware of his contributions.

#### *Staff Response:*

N/A

### **Anne Cannon**

Anne Cannon expressed that she is hoping to see progress in Miller Park, Wasatch Hollow and Allen Park this year.

Staff Response:

This will be addressed in a presentation at the 2/3/2022 meeting.

**Dan Schelling**

Dan Schelling, a member of Save our Foothills, stated that on December 10, 2021, a group of people from Save our Foothills met with Public Lands to share prospective visions on the Foothills. When they asked Public Lands to articulate their vision, the department was unable to articulate a plan and referred Save our Foothills to an Open Space Plan prepared in 1992. The 1992 plan fails to address current issues such as downhill mountain biking and E-bikes. The 2019 Foothills Trail Plan also includes features that directly contradict the values and policy measures in the 1992 document. Mr. Schelling encourages Public Lands to prepare an updated Open Space Plan and develop a comprehensive land use management and recreation management plan as soon as possible before moving forward with construction.

Staff Response:

Salt Lake City's Reimagine Nature Comprehensive Master Plan makes many recommendations, created out of extensive feedback, and recommends several planning documents. A new Open Space plan is not one of those recommendations. There are recommendations in terms of a climate resiliency plan and the natural environment and environmental restoration. The plan has many recommendations to develop policy guidance for protection of the City's natural lands and development of the parks system. Capacity and funding is limited and these policies and plans will happen over several years. Currently there is a large backlog of construction and planning projects.

**Eric Edelman**

Eric Edelman thanked Public Lands for repairing the hillside at City Creek Canyon. Mr. Edelman also expressed concern that two years into the Foothills Trail Project, the public has yet to see a plan for trail maintenance or a long-term plan for adding new trails and maintaining existing trails. Mr. Edelman expressed that these plans must be created before construction. Mr. Edelman also expressed that hydraulic issues in City Creek and remediate trenches on the hillside at Morris Meadows have not yet been addressed by Public Lands. Similarly to Mr. Schelling, Mr. Edelman expressed that the trail's vision is out of date and needs to be addressed by Public Lands.

Staff Response:

The Public Lands Department is continuing to formulate its management plan for trail maintenance as well as conservation of surrounding natural environments. As no trail construction is currently slated for 2022, this is the priority of the Recreational Trails Team this year. As noted in the Foothills Trail System Plan, the existing trails will be assessed on an individual basis on whether they will be integrated and maintained, passively left alone, actively closed for rehabilitation, or some combination of these options when applicable. These decisions will be made by the Public Lands Department with input from the Trail System Design consultant currently out for RFP, the PNUT Board Trails subcommittee, and continued public engagement. As for the plan's vision, the Trail System's Vision and Goals are listed on p. 9-10 of the Trails Plan. The hydraulic issues in City Creek are managed by SLC Public Utilities Department and

Engineering. The plan for the trenches on the closed segment of the BST above Terrace Hills is still under consideration and research. We will have a more formulated plan this spring or summer, possibly with input from the trail system design consultant.



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## **PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT**

### **Operational Updates**

#### **Projects and Planning Team**

Trails & Natural Lands Division Trails Project Specialist Tyler Fonarow has been selected to be Public Lands' new Recreational Trails Manager. This is a new, full-time position with Public Lands that was approved this summer, with broad responsibility for projects and initiatives that advance the quality and accessibility of the City's recreational trails.

While this certainly includes the Foothills Trail System, the Recreational Trails Manager will also be focused on improving the recreational experience along the Jordan River Parkway Trail and the Jordan River itself. As Recreational Trails Manager, Tyler Fonarow will be joining Tyler Murdock, Katherine Maus, and another to-be-filled Planner position on the Projects & Planning Team.

With his education in Recreation Administration, a background in academic and experiential education and three years under his belt as Trails Project Specialist for Public Lands, Tyler brings a wealth of experience successfully navigating complex, extensive and highly-visible projects.

His knowledge of Salt Lake City's recreational trails and trail management practices, his passion for the work, his ability to work both with broad vision and attention to detail and his skill in public communication will all make Tyler a tremendous asset to the City and Public Lands in his new capacity.

#### **Health Equity Training**

In the beginning of January, Public Lands Director Kristin Riker, Trails and Natural Lands Division Director Lewis Kogan, Public Lands Deputy Director Carmen Bailey, Community Partnership Coordinator Katie Riser, PNUT Board member Melanie Pehrson and NeighborWorks staffer Rob Roake jointly attended a 3-day national training put on by Epic Health Solutions and the NRPA, regarding Health Equity through Parks & Public Spaces, with a focus on racial equity.

The training concluded with specific follow up actions and a 6-month and 12-month check-in with the NRPA Epic Health team. Public Lands was one of a small number of agencies nationwide admitted to this workshop, following an application process.





## PLANNING & ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

### PLANNING TEAM

#### Allen Park Update

When will Allen Park Community Engagement be starting?

Public Lands anticipates being able to start community engagement by June of 2022. In the meantime, we are finalizing the Cultural Landscape Report and meeting internally to make a comprehensive plan for community engagement.

#### Current Projects

Public Lands is currently addressing a number of smaller projects in Allen Park to ensure safety in the site and the structures.

External power installation to four of the structures has been completed.

Public Lands has also hired a consultant to begin construction document design on a waterline, water meters and sewer line through the park to allow for infrastructure to care for the trees and landscaping, and to prepare us for further activation of the park in the future. This project will kick-off in February.

Finally, Public Lands has been working with other divisions and departments in the City to address the urgent roofing needs for some of the structures in the park. With collaboration with our partners in the Engineering Division, a process is underway to get an engineer and contractor beginning work as soon as possible.





## Glendale Regional Park Update

Public Lands kicked off the Community Advisory Committee last month and held our first meeting. The role of this committee will be to promote collaboration between residents, stakeholders, Public Lands and Engineering to guide the future conceptual design of Glendale Regional Park.

The project team will be opening a window of public engagement in the next two months in order to get feedback on three concepts presented. The project team is working with Glendale Community Council to plan a community event to encourage participation in this survey and gather community input.

## Bridge to Backman

Construction is on-going at the Bridge to Backman site with some exciting news! The much-anticipated bridge installation occurred the morning of January 2nd.

Construction after the bridge replacement is planning to extend through Spring 2022. The Jordan River Parkway will remain closed and re-routed with signage during this time.

## Pioneer Park Update

The project team will be presenting the Cultural Landscape Report to the Historic Landmarks Commission in February and will return with the concept plan in March. Currently, the team has launched our final engagement window in order to share the concept plan and gain feedback on the design. This public engagement period will conclude in February. the survey is currently open and more information about the project, the conceptual design and a project video can be found at [www.slc.gov/parks/pioneer-park-improvements/](http://www.slc.gov/parks/pioneer-park-improvements/).



Pioneer Park Improvements Concept Plan





## Miller Bird Refuge

Public Lands staff presented to the Yalecrest Neighborhood Council on January 13th regarding management concerns in the park. A second meeting was scheduled for January 27th to discuss the 2018 CIP timeline, process, status and scope. However, Yalecrest Neighborhood Council requested a change in date for this agenda item, so Public Lands staff will be presenting on the CIP project on February 10th.

Public Lands will request feedback from YNC in writing, which will be presented to the PNUT Board prior to the March meeting. Public Lands is prepared to make this presentation to the PNUT Board at the March meeting. For more information on the CIP project, please visit the new project page at [www.slc.gov/parks/miller-bird-refuge-and-nature-park-capital-improvement-program-projects/](http://www.slc.gov/parks/miller-bird-refuge-and-nature-park-capital-improvement-program-projects/).

## Fisher Mansion Carriage House

Construction continues on the Carriage House Improvements. Work is anticipated to be completed in summer 2022.

## Wasatch Hollow Access Improvements

Construction Design for Wasatch Hollow Access Improvements began in December 2021. Public Lands is working with Bio-West Inc to have 70% construction documents and corresponding cost estimates ready for review at the end of February 2022. Planning staff is working with the Wasatch Hollow Community Council to present these designs at the March Community Council Meeting.

## 9Line Urban Orchard

Concept design began for the 9Line Urban Orchard Project located at 1100 West along the 9Line Trail. This project was a constituent CIP application from Tree Utah. Initial concept designs will be completed in January 2022. Engagement on these concepts will be completed in Spring 2022 with the Glendale and Poplar Grove communities.





## **Folsom Trail**

Folsom Trail construction is nearing completion. This project is being led by SLC Transportation and UTA. Lighting will be added in Spring 2022. Phase I construction includes only trail construction and lighting. Landscaping improvements was submitted as a separate CIP application.

## **Rose Park Open Space Trails**

Construction of the Rose Park Open Space Trails are complete. Public Lands is working internally on wayfinding and safety signage and are engaged with the Disc Golf Group and the Tunnel Runners to help educate disc golf users and trail users who now share this space.

## **Foothill Trailhead Improvements**

Salt Lake City Public Lands received \$1.3 million in Capital Improvement funding and was recently awarded a \$1.3 million Outdoor Recreation grant for improvements to trailheads in Salt Lake City Foothills.

Conceptual design and landowner negotiations have commenced in January 2022. Public Engagement for this project is anticipated in the summer of 2022. This project was also recently selected by the Arts Council Advisory Board for the upcoming fiscal year.





## PARKS DIVISION

### **Liberty Park Artesian Fountain Now Reopened**

In August 2021, the artesian drinking fountain at Liberty Park was closed to the public after the water tested positive for Total Coliform.

The Parks Division worked with Public Utilities to address this issue and remove the contamination.

In order to address the concern, staff needed to remove the top of the fountain and internal gravel.

In the middle of January 2022, Parks staff was able to reopen the fountain after all repairs were made and the fountain tested negative for Total Coliform. Staff will work with Public Utilities to continue testing the fountain.

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Fountain Maintenance, Summer 2021

### **Madsen Park**

Parks staff have removed the bumps in the grass and will either sod or seed the area when the weather is slightly warmer. Staff is repairing the raised sidewalk concrete and will also replace the backflow concrete and install a new cage around it.

A new playground dome is on backorder and should arrive next month. The Parks Division will reopen the park in February.



**Formal Meeting  
Thursday, March 3, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Join Via Webex (Encouraged):**

<https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=macff7eeabd063c89b883d73a7dacac1>

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## **AGENDA**

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
Call to Order	
Chair Comments	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:03PM</b>
Approve February 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:05PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:20PM</b>
Park Ranger Program Update – Carmen Bailey	15 mins
Miller Park Update – Tyler Murdock	10 mins
KABOOM! Donation Proposal – Kat Maus (Action Item)	5 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>5:50PM</b>
Board Discussion about Engaging with Constituents	10 mins
Board Review and Discuss Draft Letter Regarding Reimagine Nature Master Plan (Action Item)	10 mins
Continued Board Discussion on Public Lands FY2023 Budget Initiatives & Ranking Letter (Action Item)	30 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:40PM</b>
Board Subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails Subcommittee</li><li>• Bylaws Subcommittee</li><li>• Communication Subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board Comment and Question Period	
Next Meeting: April 7, 2022	
Request for Future Agenda Item	
Upcoming Involvement Opportunities	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>

Formal Meeting  
Thursday, February 3, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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## February 3, 2022 Minutes (**Unapproved**)

1 – Convening the Meeting	5:00PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call to Order</li><li>• Polly Hart</li><li>• Brianna Binnebose</li><li>• Samantha Finch</li><li>• Jenny Hewson</li><li>• Phil Carroll</li><li>• CJ Whittaker</li><li>• Ginger Cannon</li><li>• Clayton Scrivner</li></ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair Comments</li></ul> <p>Polly Hart announced that Tyler Murdock will be Public Land’s new Deputy Director.</p>	
2 – Approval of Minutes	5:03PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approve January 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes</li></ul> <p>Ms. Hart solicited the board for a motion to approve the January 2022 PNUT Board Meeting minutes. Bri Binnebose motioned to approve the minutes. Phil Carroll seconded the motion.</p> <p>The PNUT Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.</p>	
3 – Public Comment Period	5:05PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.</li></ul>	

<p><b>Anne Cannon</b></p> <p>Ms. Cannon stated that at the last community council meeting, many people expressed concerns regarding the overuse of Wasatch Hollow's off-leash dog area. Ms. Cannon encouraged Public Lands to implement the Park Ranger program in other parks.</p> <p><b>Jan Hemming</b></p> <p>Ms. Hemming provided the PNUT Board with an update on the Miller Bird Refuge and Nature Park, a critical issue that has been going on for the past eight years. On February 2, 2022, community members met with city officials to discuss specific issues in the park. Community members have also met with twelve conservationist groups who are anxious to work with the City. The community is hoping to bring together a coalition to stop bad practices in the park and begin a revitalization process. The community's residents also passed in a vote support for a moratorium period for vegetation plantings, soil erosion restoration and other improvements to the park.</p>	
<p><b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b></p>	<p><b>5:20PM</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Road Map of Public Lands Projects in 2022 – Kristin Riker</li> </ul> <p>Public Lands Director Kristin Riker shared a road map of the department's projects by division for 2022.</p> <p><b>Administration</b></p> <p>Legislative Intent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Lands has been asked by City Council to provide an estimate of the funding that would be needed to adequately maintain all the city's Public Lands. This estimate should include the number of employees, supplies, equipment and appropriate signage needed. This is a large project that Public Lands hopes to complete by April 2022. The legislative intent addresses 6 goals: recruitment, matching the growth of SLC with the growth of Public Lands, addressing aging infrastructure, improving stewardship capacity, funding currently unfunded responsibilities and reducing crime and anti-social behavior in Public Lands.</li> </ul> <p><b>Planning and Ecological Services</b></p> <p>Major Projects</p> <p>Planning and Ecological Services will be completing the following major projects. Each of these projects contains elements of Public Engagement involving Planning and Communications staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allen Park, Glendale Water Park, Pioneer Park, Emerald Ribbon Master Plan, Downtown Green Loop Design, Foothills Trailhead Development, Liberty Park</li> </ul>	<p>15 mins</p>



<p>Cultural Landscape Report and Masterplan, Seven Canyons Fountain and Fisher Mansion Carriage House.</p> <p>Medium Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 9Line Urban Orchard, Wasatch Hollow Access, Hidden Hollow Irrigation, Community Parks Wayfinding and Signage, Miller Bird Refuge, Poplar Grove Tennis Renovation, Three Creeks West Vision, Liberty Park Basketball Court Resurfacing, Jordan Park Pedestrian Pathways and Event Grounds, Harrison Community Garden and the RAC Playground.</li> </ul> <p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>Communications will be completing a variety of projects throughout the year. These projects include implementing community engagement and equity analytics to analyze communications engagement data and understand how Public Lands can communicate with all, updating web pages, planning grand openings and celebrations, implementing the Love your Block grant initiative and implementing the second year of the Trail Ambassadors program.</p> <p><b>Urban Forestry</b></p> <p>Urban Forestry will be focusing on maximizing the quality of production capability and currently allocated resources as well as advocating for additional resources that are needed.</p> <p>The Division will also be engaging in education and outreach to SLC residents to encourage tree health and watering schedules.</p> <p><b>Operations</b></p> <p>Operations is working on implementing Cartegraph, a work order software with capabilities for tracking asset conditions, warehouse materials and work tasks, throughout Public Lands.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion about Backlog of Public Lands Construction Projects – Tyler Murdock</li> </ul> <p>Tyler Murdock presented background information on the Planning and Projects team, the challenges currently being faced by the team and the solutions the team is working on. Mr. Murdock also provided the board with a written update regarding 5 projects.</p> <p>The growth of Salt Lake City is creating a demand for expansion of the Public Lands network. Along with this growth comes is an increased impact fee collection, which allows for the growth of Public Lands Planning Team.</p> <p>Currently, Public Lands has a total of 58 capital projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 15 recently funded and not yet started projects</li> </ul>	15 mins

- 27 projects in concept/construction design phase
- 7 projects in bid/construction phase
- 9 closeout projects

Public Lands is facing the following challenges:

- Staffing Capacity – currently, Public Lands has 3 project planning staff members. The City’s Engineering division and outside consultant groups are also facing similar staffing issues.
- Project Management Issues – Many key issues that delay projects are related to permitting and needs for approval from numerous jurisdiction partners.
- Budget Overruns/Inflation – Historically, Public Lands has funded projects concept design and construction at the same time. This funding process is currently being altered because this process results in projects securing funding years before the funding is spent, which does not account for rise in cost of materials and inflation.
- Lack of a Project Management System – Public Lands and Engineering do not have a shared project management system. This presents a challenge for timely review, leading to delays.
- Land Use – Land use problems, zoning process, right of way vacation and lot consolidation all go through a formal process of 6-9 months which adds to complications and delays.
- Rise in Constituent Applications – A rise in these applications has resulted in reduced capacity for the planning team.
- Project Prioritization – The planning team is in need of a new project prioritization structure.

The following solutions are being implemented to address current challenges:

- Staff Capacity – Staff is currently working on the legislative intent to address staffing capacity issues. Engineering is also working on revising staff classifications to implement and hire more staff. Public Lands has also increased its number of on call consultants to 5.
- Project Management – The Engineering division recently implemented a joint project management system. Public Lands planning staff is also implementing a shared project implementation software with the community engagement team to ensure timely updates on project’s status.
- Project Charters – Project charters will be implemented to improve the decision-making process surrounding larger projects.
- Planning Timelines – Public Lands will create a 5-year strategic plan as outlined in the Reimagine Nature Masterplan.
- Asset Management – An asset management plan will be developed.
- Communication – Public Lands will be creating a website with information about all projects and updates. This site will be going live in the next couple of months.

Mr. Murdock would like to provide the PNUT Board with a write up of the timeline and implementation plan of solutions next month.

<p>Ginger Cannon asked what ideas does Mr. Murdock have to tie back projects to the five goals of sustain, connect, welcome, protect and grow that are outlined in the masterplan and what timelines have been submitted to the City Council in regards to the masterplan?</p> <p>Mr. Murdock responded that the masterplan recommends a strategic 5-year plan is outlined for CIP projects. This timeline will help Public Lands understand the priorities of the community and what projects the department should be applying for. In these CIP projects, Public Lands would like to see every project tie back to the five strategic goals outlined in the masterplan.</p> <p>As for the Reimagine Nature Master Plan, the plan has been transmitted to the Mayor and forwarded to the Council. Public Lands is still working with Council and the plan's consulting group to identify a date for a presentation in March. After the presentation, there will be two more Council sessions featuring a public hearing and adoption of the plan. Public Lands is hoping to have the plan adopted in April 2022.</p> <p>During the public hearing process there will be opportunity for members of the public to comment on the masterplan draft. The draft is available at <a href="https://www.reimagineatureslc.com/">https://www.reimagineatureslc.com/</a> for public viewing.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Miller Park Update – Kat Maus</li> </ul> <p>Public Lands Planner Kat Maus provided the PNUT Board with an update on the Miller Park CIP application. The update provided was just on the CIP application titled Miller Park Trail ADA Access Improvements and Historic Structure Preservation. While management concerns are related to the future of this project, this project is running parallel to discussions recurring in the city regarding management of the park.</p> <p>The original CIP project was funded in 2018 for \$425,000. The City has used a total of \$57,165 of these funds.</p> <p>\$37,000 of the spent funds was used for hiring consult team Alta Planning, public engagement, hiring geotechnical structure engineers, summary board creations and producing boards and information materials that will be used in future presentations to the Yalecrest Community Council and PNUT Board. \$16,500 of these funds have gone towards engineering fees in Salt Lake City's Engineering division. \$3,700 of these funds is still left in the consultant's contract, leaving a remaining balance of \$367,835. The remaining balance will be utilized once Public Lands has direction on the scope of design and construction costs for implementing this project.</p> <p>Ms. Maus provided the PNUT Board with a timeline of items that have occurred since the CIP project was funded. The Miller Park CIP Project was applied for in 2017 and approved by City Council. In September of 2018, Public Lands engaged a consultant to perform an evaluation of historic walls and park accessibility. The most significant delays of the Miller Park CIP project resulted from months of no contact from this initial consultant. In early 2019 Public Lands canceled their request for contract from this consultant and went out to bid for a new consultant between February 2019 to</p>	10 mins



May 2019. Public Lands then brought on Alta Consulting to perform an evaluation of the walls and ADA access.

The second setback that Public Lands encountered was the COVID-19 Pandemic, which lead to many projects being put on hold between March 2020 and February 2021.

In Early spring 2021, Public Engagement surrounding this project took place. Also in spring 2021, Public Land's project manager moved to the engineering division, causing the project to go without a manager for a period of time.

In July 2021, Ms. Maus was assigned to this project and has been in conversations with the constituent who submitted the project on how to proceed.

In October 2021, Public Lands met on site with community members, Councilman Dugan and Mayor's office representatives to share the project.

In December 2021, Public Lands intended to go to the Yalecrest Community Council to present a change in scope of the project. As a number of concerns have risen, this agenda item has been moved.

Public Lands proposed to present to the Yalecrest Community Council in February 2021 but had the agenda item moved due to COVID-19 concerns.

Public Lands is proposing to redefine the scope of the CIP project. The original CIP application listed two major goals of preserving the historic walls and providing ADA access to the park.

In the initial round of public engagement that began in spring 2021 as well as in findings from geotechnical structural reports, several projects have been identified that will fulfill the goals of the original application to a greater extent than the individual projects that were originally proposed in the application. The City feels it's important to share this new information and propose a change of scope amendment.

After getting feedback and recommendations, Public Lands staff will submit a budget amendment request to City Council who will make the final decision.

The timeline for this project moving forward is as follows.

Public Lands will appear on the Yalecrest Community Council agenda in March 2022. Then, Public Lands will return to the PNUT board in April 2022 for a recommendation. Once City Council makes their determination, Public Lands will work with the consultant to implement the project.

Public Lands will also ask for Yalecrest Community council to provide written feedback for the PNUT Board presentation that will be included in the board packet.

If any board members have questions regarding the project, please contact Ms. Maus directly at [katherine.maus@slcgov.com](mailto:katherine.maus@slcgov.com)

<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:00PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Discussion on Public Lands FY2023 Budget Initiatives &amp; Recommendation</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Cannon asked Ms. Riker how do the budget initiatives presented tie into the budget process? Ms. Riker responded that each year Public Lands starts with their budget from last year. The initiatives proposed are added funds to the existing budget. The budget initiatives are comprised of new things Public Lands needs to support properties coming online, currently unfunded tasks and initiatives that support the Mayor’s 2022 objectives or the masterplan vision.</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked whether the golf course fund takes care of the trees located on golf courses? Ms. Riker responded that Urban Forestry is not responsible for taking care of golf course trees. Currently, the Golf division lacks capacity to maintain the trees in the manner that Urban Forestry could. Public Lands also recognizes that the trees on golf courses greatly benefit the community, leading the department to propose the planting of more trees in these areas since they will be watered and cared for.</p> <p>The PNUT Board decided that Ms. Binnebose will create a Google Form that board members will use to rank and provide feedback on the FY2023 budget initiatives. After the form is created, the board will have 10 days to make their recommendations. Then Ms. Hart and Ms. Binnebose will take a week to go through everyone’s responses and clarify the list.</p>	30 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:30PM</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Subcommittee updates as needed</li> </ul> <p><b>Trails Subcommittee Update</b></p> <p>Mr. Whittaker, Mr. Carroll and Ms. Hart met with Mr. Murdock before the PNUT Board meeting to get the subcommittee moving forward.</p> <p><b>Communications Subcommittee</b></p> <p>Ms. Binnebose stated that the communications subcommittee can serve as a sounding board to Public Lands for any projects that could use input or a review. The subcommittee would love to utilize their experience to aid Public Lands communications team however they can.</p> <p><b>Bylaws Subcommittee</b></p> <p>Ms. Cannon stated that the subcommittee has a copy of some draft bylaw changes specifically about the number of voting procedures, board responsibilities, officer responsibilities and public responsibilities. The subcommittee is looking to review these with Ms. Riker and the city attorney and report back to the board after for a final</p>	

review and vote. Mr. Allen will assist the subcommittee in facilitating a meeting with Ms. Riker and the city attorney.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Comment and Question Period</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Cannon commented that she is concerned that new board member Nathan Manuel has not been present at any meetings. Mr. Allen has contacted him numerous times before meetings but has been unable to get a response. Ms. Hart will attempt to contact Mr. Manuel and if there is no response the board will look at next steps.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll asked if Public Lands could provide the board with an org chart. Mr. Allen will send a copy of the chart to the board members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next Meeting: March 3, 2022</li> <li>• Request for Future Agenda Item</li> </ul> <p>In September 2021, the board was supposed to write a letter of support for the Reimagine Nature Master Plan. Ms. Cannon and Ms. Binnebose received support from the board to coordinate and write a letter of support. If completed, the letter will be a future agenda item for March 2022.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming Involvement Opportunities</li> </ul>	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:40PM</b>

Ms. Binnebose motioned to end the February meeting. Ms. Hewson seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor of ending the meeting.

### WebEx Meeting Chat

Hi everyone, I just got an email that City internet might go down for about 15 minutes momentarily. I made Tyler Murdock the host of the meeting in case I disappear for a few minutes.

from Allen, Luke to everyone: 5:44 PM

<https://www.reimaginenatureslc.com/>

from Bri Binnebose to everyone: 5:45 PM

Would it be possible to get calendar invites once those dates are set?

from Allen, Luke to everyone: 5:45 PM

Yes, good idea Bri. I will keep an eye out for those dates.

from Bri Binnebose to everyone: 5:45 PM

Thanks Luke, appreciate that!

from Riker, Kristin to everyone: 6:01 PM

support

from Riker, Kristin to everyone: 6:06 PM



Thank you PNUT Board. Time to sign off. Thank you for your continued support! Tyler, Carmen, division directors, Luke, etc. can respond to your questions.

from Carmen Bailey, Public Lands SLC to everyone: 6:08 PM

Luke and I will double check that March 3rd due date for the letter

from Mikala J to everyone: 6:11 PM

Hi all, I'm signing off but I wanted to say that this is the first PNUT meeting I've attended, and I appreciate all your time and work! Thanks!

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## **Staff Responses to Public Comments from the February 3, 2022 PNUT Board Meeting**

### **Anne Cannon**

Ms. Cannon stated that at the last community council meeting, many people expressed concerns regarding the overuse of Wasatch Hollow's off-leash dog area. Ms. Cannon encouraged Public Lands to implement the Park Ranger program in other parks.

#### *Staff Response:*

*Public Lands staff is aware of resident concerns regarding the time limited off leash dog area at Wasatch Hollow. Following last month's meeting, Public Lands staff met with Anne Cannon of the Wasatch Hollow Community Council to better understand these concerns. At this time, Public Lands has contacted SLCo Animal Control to increase presence in the park to help enforce off leash dogs during non-off leash hours. Public Lands staff plans to attend the March Wasatch Hollow Community Council meeting to discuss possible solutions to mitigate these concerns including the fencing and formal designation process for establishment of a permanent off leash dog area.*

*Carmen Bailey will be providing an update on the Park Rangers at the March 3rd PNUT Board Meeting*

### **Jan Hemming**

Ms. Hemming provided the PNUT Board with an update on the Miller Bird Refuge and Nature Park, a critical issue that has been going on for the past eight years. On February 2, 2022, community members met with city officials to discuss specific issues in the park. Community members have also met with twelve conservationist groups who are anxious to work with the City. The community is hoping to bring together a coalition to stop bad practices in the park and begin a revitalization process. The community's residents also passed in a vote support for a moratorium period for vegetation plantings, soil erosion restoration and other improvements to the park.

#### *Staff Response:*

*Tyler Murdock will address Jan's comments during an update on Miller Park at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> PNUT Meeting*



## Memorandum

To: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, & Trails Advisory Board

From: Kat Maus, Public Lands Planner

Date: March 3, 2022

Re: KABOOM! In-Kind Playground Donation at Miami Park

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### Background:

Salt Lake City Department of Public Lands requests the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Board to provide a formal recommendation for the donation proposal listed below. Prior to approval, Salt Lake City will develop a contract for each proposal. Donations to the City are governed by [Salt Lake City Code Chapter 3.60](#). Final donation approval is granted by the Salt Lake City Mayor.

### Overview

Salt Lake City Public Lands has been approached by KABOOM!, a nonprofit organization that facilitates the installation of playgrounds nationwide to close the gap in play space inequities through community builds, encouraging the City to apply for funding to accept partial donation of a playground to a community in need. This in-kind contribution will fund the installation of a new play space at Miami Park with a funding obligation of \$8,500 from the City. Playgrounds of this size would typically cost the City anywhere between \$125,000 and \$200,000 without an external funding partner like KABOOM! Funding will include materials, installation and associated amenities determined by the Parks Division.

Design of the playground will be selected by Public Lands taking into consideration feedback provided by robust community engagement. Miami Park as the location for the playground was selected through collaboration with Public Lands staff and data of asset conditions shown in Cartegraph. Miami Park playground had a low overall condition index and is in a high-needs area according to the 2019 Public Lands Needs Assessment. Miami Park also met specific site characters required for this type of community build.

KABOOM! Facilitates volunteer participation for the four days required for the construction of the playground. The Parks Division will prepare the site, and our Planning and Communications teams will work with the public throughout this process to meet community needs with the playground design and involve the community in the construction of the playground through volunteering. The tentative playground construction period is scheduled for end of July 2022.

Parks Division has performed its due diligence and finds no reason to reject the proposed donation.

### Suggested PNUT Board Action:



Recommend that the City's Public Lands Department and the Mayor accept the proposed donation upon the execution of an approved donation agreement by the parties involved.

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## PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT

### Operational Updates

#### **Tyler Murdock - Deputy Director of Public Lands**

Former Public Lands Project Manager Tyler Murdock has been selected as the new Deputy Director of Public Lands.

Tyler Murdock began working at Public Lands since July of 2015 as a Project Manager overseeing multiple capital and deferred maintenance projects. During this time, Tyler proved himself to be a quick learner and visionary leader who is invaluable to our organization.

Before his time at Public Lands, Tyler has also worked for the State of Utah DNR: Forestry, Fire and State Lands and the Jordan River Commission. He holds an undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies with a Political Science minor and a Masters of Science in Public Policy with an emphasis in city and metropolitan planning.

Public Lands is fortunate to have Tyler Murdock's expertise and kind-hearted approach on our administrative team and we congratulate him on this new role!

In his role as Deputy Director of Public Lands, Tyler will oversee the Planning and Ecological Services team as well as the Trails and Natural Lands Division. His portfolio will have a direct impact on the future of our public green spaces in Salt Lake City and his oversight will help facilitate collaboration between residents, future capital projects and the ecological health of our city.



#### **Orlando Fernandez - Graffiti Supervisor**

Former Graffiti Technician Orlando Fernandez has been selected as Public Land's new Graffiti Maintenance Supervisor.

Orlando has been working for the City for 7 years. He embodies a great work ethic, the ability to mentor others and many years of experience, giving him the skills needed to excel in a supervisor role.

We are excited to have Orlando in this new role and look forward to seeing him take the graffiti team to a new level!





## Park Ranger Program Update

Salt Lake City's Park Ranger Program will provide educational services and safety in City parks, trails and natural areas through quality customer service to all park users and visitors.

Salt Lake City's Park Rangers will:

- Serve as a friendly representative for the City, build relationships, create community, and assist park visitors.
- Support positive use of the downtown parks and natural areas, aid in constructive activation efforts and maintenance.
- Support the outreach efforts of human services organizations to assist people in need of support.
- Promote voluntary compliance by educating the public about the Parks Code and Parks rules.
- Deter negative activity through a uniformed, diplomatic, and authoritative presence.
- Have 16 Park Rangers, operating in teams of two, managed by a Park Ranger Supervisor and led by the Park Rangers Manager.
- Will be stationed at Fisher Carriage House, Pioneer Park, Liberty Park and Fairmont Park. These locations will serve as the ranger's home base as they hike, bike and walk our parks, trails and natural lands.

Salt Lake City's Park Rangers **will not**:

- Enforce the City's municipal code with citations or arrests, rather they will promote voluntary compliance by educating the public of the Code and Park rules.
- Engage in physical contact or argumentative confrontation. Rangers will regularly encounter park users who violate park rules. If a park user becomes verbally or physically aggressive, rangers may attempt to de-escalate the situation. If this is unsuccessful, the ranger will disengage from the contact, leave the site if necessary and immediately notify SLCPD.



Unofficial Park Ranger Logo – Pending Approval





## URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION

### Spring Planting Season is Here!

Public Land's Oregon-based tree supplier has delivered hundreds of new trees to the Urban Forestry Division.

The installation of these new trees will begin on Monday, March 7th with tree planting expected to continue through May. At the end of the spring planting season, over 1,000 new trees will be planted throughout Salt Lake City.



New Trees Ready for Planting

### Operational Backlogs

As the busy spring season begins, Urban Forestry unfortunately has not been able to catch up on the backlog of last year's requested work.

The division currently stands about 2 months behind on tree removal work and 8 months behind on tree pruning work.

The Urban Forestry division will continue to explore time saving approaches in order to prune more trees each week. However, the division is currently only able to complete a bare minimum service before moving onto the next tree, making it difficult to further maximize efficiency.

The division is hopeful that funding will be allocated to address the storm related tree backlog that has become insurmountable at Urban Forestry's current resource levels.



## Watering Bags

Urban Forestry is excited to announce that we're bring back watering bags this spring.

Due to the bag's design resulting in damage to young tree trunks by trapping moisture and limiting airflow, Urban Forestry ceased using watering bags in 2020.

However, the Division came up with two solutions to bring the bags back.

First, Urban Forestry engineered a means to improve the watering bag's function by adding a corrugated drainpipe sleeve fitted between the tree and the bag.

Second, Urban Forestry will also be utilizing an alternative watering bag. These alternative bags are brown and lay flat on the ground beneath the tree. Being less conspicuous than the green watering bags many are accustomed to, these bags may be a preferable option for residents.

As Urban Forestry utilizes both of these solutions this spring, the division will be listening to feedback from residents and conducting evaluations to measure the solution's success.

## 2022 Watering Calendars

The Urban Forestry division is pleased to announce that every resident who gets a new tree will now receive a 'Salt Lake City Urban Forestry Division - Tree Watering Calendar!'

The 12-month wall calendar is filled with stunning images of our city's trees as well as a wealth of other tree related information.

Most importantly, the calendar features blue watering can icons that remind residents what days they should water their trees.

Urban Forestry is excited to use this calendar as a means to get residents excited about their new tree and well-versed on proper watering practices.

If any board members would like a calendar mailed to them, reach out to Kezia Lopez.



2022 Tree Watering Wall Calendars





## PLANNING & ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

### PLANNING TEAM

#### Pioneer Park

The project team presented the Cultural Landscape Report to the Historic Landmarks Commission who expressed appreciation and satisfaction for the document. The team is looking forward to presenting the Vision Plan to the Historic Landmarks Commission in March. The project team also hosted an open house for the public and presented the Vision Plan to City Council this month. The public survey soliciting feedback on the Vision Plan closed on February 18th and the team is working on analyzing and incorporating the findings for the final concept. Additional background, a project video, the Vision Plan and a recording of the open house can all be found at

<https://www.slc.gov/parks/pioneer-park-improvements/>.





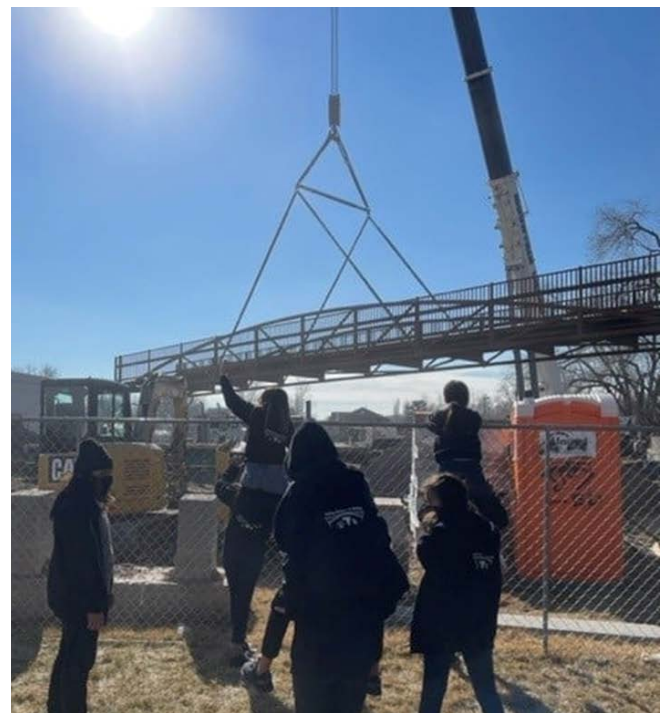


## Bridge to Backman

On February 9th, the Bridge to Backman was installed! School children, administration and teachers from Backman Elementary joined the contractors and Salt Lake City staff to witness the successful installation of the bridge.

The City has been working with the school and other stakeholders to provide access via this new bridge. The project will continue with implementation of a pathway from the bridge to the school, and replacement and regrading of the Jordan River Parkway providing access to the bridge. To view drone footage of the bridge installation, visit:

[https://youtu.be/Ewc\\_5zxYy5Q](https://youtu.be/Ewc_5zxYy5Q).



Bridge to Backman Installation





## Allen Park

We are continuing to make final edits to a Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) for Allen Park. This report will dive into the unique background, history, and culture of the space and will help inform future decisions in the park. The City is working with the consultant to make final revisions chapter by chapter, and as final draft materials are completed, they will be posted on the Allen Park website for public viewing prior to the completion of the document.

After completing the CLR, the next step is to develop an Adaptive Reuse and Activation plan for the park. Public Lands is requesting a change in scope from City Council for recently allocated funding to include the development of this plan and will hopefully be decided upon in April 2022. The re-scope request was submitted through a the Budget Amendment process, and will hopefully be decided upon by April 2022. The final plan will involve robust community engagement and will act as a guiding document for activating, preserving, and reimagining Allen Park. Public engagement for this plan is anticipated to begin summer of 2022.

In the meantime, Public Lands is continuing to respond to urgent needs in the Park, including making repairs to the leaky roof in the main Allen Home, and has begun the technical drawing process to install irrigation and a water line. We hope that construction of a water meter and irrigation at the park can begin this summer. In the meantime, our team of stewards will continue to use a pump and water tank system to water the property. Finally, work has been completed to restore external power to four of the structures for future uses.







## PARKS DIVISION

### Madsen Park

The new playground dome for Madsen Park has arrived and Parks staff will finish the installation in the next week, weather permitting. New soccer goals are on backorder and should arrive late spring.

Madsen Park is scheduled to reopen on March 8th with a possible community celebration on March 9th, more details to come.



### Conversion to Battery-Powered Equipment

For the past several months, the Parks Division has been working with Sustainability to determine which gas-powered small equipment can be converted to electric and the associated cost. Staff recently completed this inventory and are now meeting with representatives for product demonstrations of battery powered equipment. This will provide the Parks Division with more information regarding which gas-powered equipment can be realistically transitioned to battery-powered equipment.

Sustainability will submit a budget amendment in March to request funding to convert the gas equipment to electric for multiple City Departments.





## REGIONAL ATHLETIC COMPLEX

### 2022 Notable Events

The RAC will be hosting the following notable sport events in 2022

- US Quidditch Cup
- US Soccer Presidents Cup
- Legends Western Invitational (Lacrosse)
- Premier Super Copa (Soccer)
- North American Invitational 7's (Rugby)
- UHSAA State Cross Country Championships

### Community Events

The RAC will participate in the following community events in 2022

- Tabling at Westpointe Park for the Westpointe Night Out Celebration
- Halloween Trunk or Treat hosted at the RAC

### 2022 RAC Goals

- Generate **\$620,000** in reservation revenue
- Book **9,000** reservation hours
- Generate **\$18,000,000** in economic impact

### 2022 Challenges

The RAC is anticipating the following challenges in 2022

- **Seasonal/Part Time Hiring** - This year, the RAC anticipates less seasonal and part time staff returning from last year and a smaller hiring pool.
- **Weather** - Hot and dry conditions during the summer create challenges during the RAC's busiest season.



**Formal Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 7, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Join Via Webex:**  
<https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=m8b71228a7cf5c94e88e27d8975a11cd5>

**Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104**  
**Upstairs Parks Training Room**

**Join by phone**  
**1-408-418-9388**  
**Access code: 2486 555 1907**

# AGENDA

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
Call to Order	
Chair Comments	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:03PM</b>
Approve March 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:05PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:20PM</b>
Tree Donation (Action Item)	5 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>5:25PM</b>
Board Discussion and Potential Approval of Recommended Bylaws Updates (Action Item)	60 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:25PM</b>
Board Subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails Subcommittee</li><li>• Bylaws Subcommittee</li><li>• Communication Subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board Comment and Question Period	
Next Meeting: May 5, 2022	
Request for Future Agenda Item	
Upcoming Involvement Opportunities	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:40PM</b>

**Formal Meeting  
Thursday, March 3, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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<https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=macff7eeaebd063c89b883d73a7dacac1>

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## **Minutes (Unapproved)**

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
Call to Order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Polly Hart</li><li>- Brianna Binnebose</li><li>- Samantha Finch</li><li>- Jenny Hewson</li><li>- Melanie Pehrson</li><li>- Phil Carroll</li><li>- CJ Whittaker</li><li>- Ginger Cannon</li><li>- Clayton Scrivner</li></ul>	
Chair Comments	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:03PM</b>
Approve February 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes <p>Jenny Hewson motioned to approve the meeting minutes.</p> <p>Ginger Cannon seconded the motion.</p> <p>All PNUT Board members voted in favor of approving the February 3, 2022 meeting minutes.</p>	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:05PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>Eric Edelman</b>	

<p>Eric Edelman, a resident of District 7, stated that no long-term maintenance plan has been put in place for the Foothills. With the Foothills seeing erosion in Lower City Creek Canyon, Mr. Edelman was hoping that the City would have a long-term maintenance plan implemented. Mr. Edelman requests that the PNUT board reaches out to the City about development of a long-term maintenance plan for existing trails in the Foothills.</p> <p><b>Ian Muccubbin</b></p> <p>Ian Muccubbin, a District 3 resident from the Upper Avenues, expressed concerns regarding the Foothills Trails expansion. As a result of phase one of the Foothills Trails masterplan completion, the Upper Avenues have seen challenges associated with traffic, high speed drivers and parking in the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Terrace Hills areas. After these concerns were brought to Public Lands during a masterplan engagement exercise, the Bonneville Shoreline, Morris Meadows and Terrace Hills have seen a large increase in activity and associated parking and traffic issues. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue is designed for 15 MPH and is seeing drivers going 50-60 MPH. Mr. Muccubbin has been in conversation with Tyler Fonarow and Public Utilities regarding these issues.</p> <p>Mr. Muccubbin also expressed concerns with the I Street Bike Park. The area is seeing many park users actively building jumps, smoking and drinking alcohol.</p> <p>Mr. Muccubbin reached his 3-minute time limit. Mr. Muccubbin was encouraged to email Public Lands staff or Polly Hart the rest of his comments so that they can be addressed in the next Trails Subcommittee meeting.</p>	
<p><b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b></p>	<p><b>5:20PM</b></p>
<p>Park Ranger Program Update – Carmen Bailey</p> <p>Public Lands Deputy Director Carmen Bailey gave the PNUT Board an update on the Park Ranger Program.</p> <p>Public Lands received approval to move forward with building the program. Currently, Public Lands is trying to hire a program manager and supervisor. Once these positions are hired Public Lands will move ahead with hiring 16 park rangers.</p> <p>Park Rangers will be an educational, uniformed presence in parks who support the positive use of downtown parks, promote voluntary compliance through education and deter negative activity.</p> <p>The Park Rangers team of 16 will operate in pairs of two, with mobile office stations located at the Fisher Carriage House, Pioneer Park, Liberty Park and Fairmont Park. Park Rangers will have access to trucks, mountain bikes and e bikes when working.</p> <p>The Park Rangers are not able to enforce municipal code with citations or arrests, rather they will promote voluntary compliance through educating the public on the code and park rules.</p> <p>The Rangers will also not engage in any physical conduct or argumentative confrontation. They will be trained on de-escalation, basic medical and radio and</p>	<p>15 mins</p>



dispatch. Rangers will also be connected to dispatch to call homeless services, medical services or SLCPD.

Ms. Bailey solicited questions about the Park Ranger Program from the PNUT Board.

Ms. Hewson asked if Public Lands is familiar with any other cities that have a similar Park Ranger Program?

Ms. Bailey responded yes; the department has talked to a few cities with similar programs. Specifically, Public Lands has connected with Seattle and Boise. Seattle has an amazing operational procedure manual that Salt Lake City modeled the Park Ranger program on. Boise has a similar but smaller Park Ranger program in comparison to Salt Lake City.

Ms. Riker has also spoke with Denver Park Rangers at a conference. Like Salt Lake City's Park Rangers, Denver Rangers do not carry firearms. Instead, they are equipped with radios that can call law enforcement if needed.

Phil Carroll asked what the Park Rangers mobile office stations will consist of? Mr. Carroll also suggested that Public Lands has a Park Ranger presence in the Foothills high impact areas.

Ms. Bailey responded that the mobile office stations will be a home base where rangers will store their computers and bikes. Park Rangers will be spending most of their time out in the field patrolling parks. Fisher Carriage House, Pioneer Park, Liberty Park and Fairmont Park were chosen as strategic home base locations because of their proximity to other parks.

The Foothills are not an intention in the Park Ranger Program. With incidents happening in the Foothills related to guns, drinking and other issues it would be difficult for Park Rangers to manage these instances without police support. The Rangers will have the capacity to visit areas such as Morris Meadows and I Street Bike Park but will not have capacity to patrol the Foothills.

Ms. Cannon asked if Ms. Bailey could give more information about what's been shared about the Ranger Program and if there's any established coordination procedures with SLCPD?

Ms. Bailey stated that Public Lands has been coordinating with SLCPD. SLCPD's main concern with the program is ensuring the Park Rangers safety. SLCPD will work with rangers to facilitate a dispatch training and are supportive of rangers receiving a de-escalation training.

Salt Lake City also currently has a SLCPD Parks Squad consisting of five officers and one Sargent who patrol the parks Monday through Sunday from 2- midnight. The Parks Squad will be getting to know the Park Rangers and will be in contact with them.

Ms. Binnebose asked if Public Lands knows any information about how Draper City's ranger program is going? Ms. Bailey responded that Draper City has one ranger who is a law enforcement officer. She has been trying to get in contact with him but has not been successful.

<p>Ms. Riker said that the last time council talked about the Park Ranger program they were strongly opposed to Park Rangers carrying guns and wants to find a solution to not having police officer presence in the parks.</p> <p>If Park Rangers were to carry guns, they would need to be law enforcement officers. Over the past two years, it has been difficult for police to manage the parks because they are pulled away from parks when they are needed elsewhere, and they are not able to patrol when doing paperwork.</p> <p>Salt Lake City and Public Lands are pushing for the Park Rangers program to work by focusing on voluntary compliance through education. The Rangers will be trained and qualified to decide whether police presence is needed in a situation. The Rangers will not be armed.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked if Park Rangers would be able to write citations for things such as off-leash dogs, speeding or vandalism?</p> <p>Ms. Riker responded that Public Lands hoped that Rangers would be able to, but after conversations with civil enforcement they realized there would be difficulty with this. Since Rangers are not law enforcement officers, they do not have the authority to request identification and other information. Information can only be given voluntarily to them.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson commented that it is important for the City to consider how police officer presence could deter park use in certain communities. It is important to be cognizant of how presence can become threatening to people rather than inviting.</p>	
<p>Miller Park Update – Tyler Murdock</p> <p>Tyler Murdock presented a response and update to the public comment received at last month’s meeting. The public comment addressed relates specifically to vegetation management at Miller Park.</p> <p>Public Lands is working on a coordinated response in how to move forward with solutions to the presented concerns.</p> <p>Public Lands uses several management documents that date back to 2010 and 2013 for vegetation management practices in Miller Park.</p> <p>One of the documents that Public Lands utilizes is a noxious invasive weed species management plan created by SWCA Environmental Consultants in 2013. This document guides all invasive species management across open spaces and makes specific recommendations. This document specifically details vegetation removal, vegetation practices and chemical herbicide use.</p> <p>Another document that’s utilized for specific management recommendations in Miller Park is from the Red Butte Creek Corridor study completed by Bio West Inc in 2010. This plan looks at the Red Butte Creek Corridor while also making specific recommendations for Miller Park.</p>	<p>10 mins</p>

To address management concerns, the following approach will be shared with the Yalecrest Community Council.

Public Lands plans to first increase vegetation data collection in the park. This has been a priority for the past couple of years with Public Lands recently hired botanist. Public Lands has also hired an on-call consultant to increase the amount of vegetation monitoring to better understand what vegetation is present in the park and how to best move forward. This year, Public Lands will be focusing on the spread of invasive species, vegetation makeup and the vegetation impact of off leash dogs in the park.

The second action Public Lands plans to take is revisiting specific sections of the management plans regarding invasive species removal and chemical and herbicide application. Public Lands will bring on an outside consultant to evaluate sections of the plan and park and make specific recommendations that are in line with best practices. We anticipate this work to take 3-6 months.

The third action is to develop vegetation metrics, targets, goals and objectives for what the vegetation makeup of Miller Park would ideally consist of. This has been a challenging aspect for Public Lands and the community due to a lack of clear goals. Public lands will utilize an outside consultant to help formulate vegetation targets and end goals.

At this time, Public Lands plans to pause vegetation removal and chemical herbicide application. Currently, the department only uses chemicals on stump cut treatments for woody species removal. This practice will be paused for analysis with the outside consultant.

Mr. Murdock will share the following information in a formal letter to the constituent providing the public comment and the Yalecrest Community Council.

CJ Whittaker expressed that he has heard concerns from residents regarding what's considered to be an invasive species and what is not. Some of the trees that Salt Lake City claims are invasive are not claimed as invasive by other botanists. Residents are concerned that removal of these trees will result in erosion of soil into the gulley.

Mr. Murdock responded that there is debate among the scientific community regarding invasive species, specifically the Black Lotus tree. Public Lands is focused on end outcomes through analyzing if invasive species are outcompeting native species in the park. To focus on these end outcomes, Public Lands will be utilizing the knowledge of an outside consultant to identify what plants and vegetation are best suited.

Mr. Whittaker asked if the outside consultant will also be looking at riverbank stability? Community members are concerned that when removing existing vegetation, the soil will not hold together resulting in erosion.

Mr. Murdock responded that one area that is underdeveloped in Miller Park is the understory. Public Lands will be getting recommendations on creating a layered understory and caring for the overstory as this is critical to soil stability in Miller Park. Vegetation will play a role in these recommendations.



<p>Mr. Whittaker asked how Public Lands plans to mitigate the erosion processes causing walls and infrastructure in the park to fail? Mr. Whittaker has received concerns from community members regarding the historic walls and structures in the park being undercut by trail alignments in 2014. Community members have brought their concerns to Public Lands but have been told they are overreacting. This has created lots of distrust between community members and Salt Lake City.</p> <p>Mr. Murdock responded that there is an entire conversation around the historic walls in the Miller Park CCIP project. Public Lands is working on an approach to these concerns. Public Lands will have more information when they brief the board on the CCIP project.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked if Public Lands makes invasive species distinctions based on NRCS Utah specific guide for invasive species?</p> <p>Mr. Murdock responded yes. The city goes off what species are recognized as invasive by the state.</p>	
<p><b>KABOOM! Donation Proposal – Kat Maus (Action Item)</b></p> <p>KABOOM! is a nonprofit organization that facilitates the installation of playgrounds nationwide to close the gap in potential play space inequities in communities. KABOOM! coordinates with major funding partners to contribute to a community build playground.</p> <p>Public Lands was approached by KABOOM! late last year and was encouraged to apply for funding for a playground replacement as one of their funding partners is specifically interested in Salt Lake City.</p> <p>Public Lands applied for a playground replacement at Miami Park. For full disclosure, Public Lands hasn't received official confirmation that the donation has been received yet but wanted to solicit the board for a recommendation as soon as possible to be on track to complete the build by July or August of this year.</p> <p>Miami Park was selected by the department because it is first on the list for an asset replacement this year. The park also has the lowest playground condition index score in the city and has one of the earliest install dates.</p> <p>If approved, the city is obligated to contribute \$8,500 to the project with the rest of the cost covered by KABOOM! and their funding partners. For perspective, if the city paid for the build in its entirety, the playground would cost \$125,00 to \$200,000.</p> <p>The playground's design will be selected by Public Lands based on thorough public engagement jointly conducted by KABOOM! and Public Lands. The Westpointe Community Council has been briefed on this project and is excited for the build.</p> <p>Volunteers from the community and KABOOM! representatives will assemble the playground in a 4 day build period.</p> <p>Public Lands finds no reason to reject this proposal and solicits a recommendation from the board to move forward with the donation less the \$8,500.</p>	<p>5 mins</p>

<p>Ms. Hart asked what the maintenance budget will look like in the future for the playground? Ms. Maus responded that since a playground already exists in the space, there won't be much of a change in the current maintenance budget. New assets also require less maintenance than older assets, creating a minimal obligation. Public Lands also included Miami Park for CIP funding so the playground donation will open up additional funds that can be utilized for an additional playground replacement in the city.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon asked what the timeline for community engagement and installation looks like? Ms. Maus responded that Public Lands hopes to have the build scheduled for late July or August of this year. KABOOM! commits a community organizer to facilitate community engagement with a selected community organization. Public Lands has decided to facilitate community engagement through the Westpointe Community Council and community members. If officially approved, community engagement will start immediately, going through April to early May.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the proposed donation. Ms. Finch seconded the motion. The donation proposal was unanimously approved.</p>	
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>5:50PM</b>
<p>Board Discussion about Engaging with Constituents</p> <p>Melanie Pehrson asked the PNUT Board about their best practices in engaging with their communities.</p> <p>Mr. Whittaker responded that he gives people in his community his phone number and talks with them at events to gain insights.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon will wear a vest that says “ask me anything” when she is out in the parks. This allows for people to approach her with questions about what is happening within Public Lands.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson will write blurbs in the Greater Avenues Community Council Newsletter. Ms. Hewson will also provide community members with a copy of the PNUT Monthly Updates packet.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll has been involved with the Greater Avenues Community Council for 40 years. Many community members know him from his involvement and have his contact information. Mr. Carroll will also write updates for the Greater Avenues Community Council Newsletter.</p> <p>Ms. Finch partners with groups within her community council and friends of groups in her local parks.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked if the board could work with Luke Allen to put together a board meet and greet for social media and if the board could receive official email addresses that will allow for continual communication and conversation.</p>	10 mins
Board Review and Discuss Draft Letter Regarding Reimagine Nature Master Plan (Action Item)	10 mins

<p>Ms. Cannon wrote a letter of approval for the Reimagine Nature Master Plan on behalf of the PNUF Board. The letter indicates to the mayor and city council that the board supports the plan and asks how the city council, staff and leadership can be advocates for the plan.</p> <p>The board decided that all member's names will be signed on the letter.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll motioned that the board supports the letter with the individual signings of board member's names.</p> <p>Ms. Finch seconded the motion.</p> <p>The board voted unanimously to approve the letter.</p>	
<p>Continued Board Discussion on Public Lands FY2023 Budget Initiatives &amp; Ranking Letter (Action Item)</p> <p>Ms. Riker presented the board with some updates regarding the FY2023 budget initiatives.</p> <p>Public Lands received budget direction from the mayor's office. Public Lands will be presenting the budget initiatives to the mayor on March 14<sup>th</sup> or March 21<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>This year, the mayor would like each department to share their top five priorities. Public Lands currently has 8 budget initiatives and the housekeeping initiative which covers inflationary increases and a living wage increase for part time and seasonal employees. The housekeeping initiative is the priority initiative for Public Lands.</p> <p>The mayor is also asking each department to provide a 3-year budget forecast.</p> <p>Public Lands proposes moving the Parks Division District 5 staffing initiative under the new properties and amenities initiative. Combining these two initiatives together would allow for the ranking of the other initiatives to go up.</p> <p>Ms. Hart solicited discussion from the board about if board members would like to add the living wage increase initiative to their recommendation and if they would like to combine the District 5 staffing initiative with the new properties and amenities initiative.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll agrees with adding the living wage increase to the board's recommendations.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon agrees with Mr. Carroll and thanks Ms. Riker and Public Lands staff for their transparency in sharing process updates and being timely in their responses to board member's questions.</p> <p>Ms. Finch also agrees with combining the two budget initiatives and accepting the living wage increase as the number one priority.</p>	30 mins



<p>Ms. Finch motioned to approve the letter with the addition of the living wage increase as priority and the combining of the District 5 staffing initiative with the new properties and amenities initiative.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson seconded the motion. The board unanimously passed the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked Ms. Riker to send her the official name of the living wage increase initiative so it can be properly noted in the letter.</p> <p>Ms. Finch asked if the board could receive a copy of the recommendation.</p>	
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:40PM</b>
<p>Board Subcommittee updates as needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails Subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>The Trails subcommittee is working on setting up a meeting with Tyler Fonarow and Ashley Cleveland.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bylaws Subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>The Bylaws subcommittee has been working to get a draft together and has met with Ms. Riker to incorporate her feedback. The subcommittee will be following up with Ms. Riker and the City attorney to discuss final changes. Then, the subcommittee will present the changes to the board for discussion and possible adoption in April.</p> <p>Ms. Riker asked if the board has thought about any ordinance changes? If so, Ms. Riker would be happy to work with the board to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication Subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>The Communications subcommittee has no updates.</p>	
<p>Board Comment and Question Period</p> <p>Ms. Finch had two community members contact her regarding a change in ordinance about special event permits of less than 21 days being permitted being changed to special events of less than 31 days being permitted. This will amend two parts of SLC Code, 2.58.04 and 2.90, which are related to the sale of significant parcels of property and removal of land from the open space lands inventory. Ms. Finch asked if any staff members could comment on this change?</p> <p>Ms. Bailey commented that Salt Lake City had an ordinance that states if a special event lasts longer than 21 days, the event encumbers the property.</p> <p>Salt Lake City was approached to host a two-week rock-climbing event that would happen in Pioneer Park this summer. The event would take one week to set up, two weeks to facilitate and one week to take down. This causes the event to be in violation of the ordinance. The mayor is being asked to extend the length of special events to max out at 31 days instead of 21 days. Long events would only be approved in special circumstances by permission of the mayor. This change could allow Salt Lake City to attract cool special events in the future. The ordinance change was likely alarming for</p>	

<p>the community members because the change takes place in two sections talking about disposable open lands.</p> <p>Ms. Bailey has a description of the ordinance change that she will send to the board.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson asked if the board could discuss the I Street Bike Park and surrounding concerns. The board asked that staff come back with some information about the public comment received regarding the park and that staff provides an update on the park in the April board packet. If needed, an I Street Bike Park discussion can be added in the May agenda.</p>	
<p>Next Meeting: April 7, 2022</p> <p>Mr. Allen asked the board for their thoughts on in-person board meetings? Before the pandemic, the board would meet at the parks building and dinner would be provided. With the Mayor reversing the mask mandate for city buildings, the PNUT Board would be able to meet in person again.</p> <p>Ms. Riker asked that the board gives a count of who would like to attend in person and if they have any dietary needs.</p>	
<p>Request for Future Agenda Item</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked the board to email her any agenda items for next month's meeting.</p>	
<p>Upcoming Involvement Opportunities</p> <p>Public Lands has many upcoming involvement opportunities in 2022. Luke Allen listed the following upcoming opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Glendale Waterpark Site Community Engagement</li> <li>• Analyzing survey results for Pioneer Park</li> <li>• Numerous Grand Opening Events</li> <li>• Hidden Hollow Landscaping Improvements Presentation to Sugarhouse POST Subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Rocio Torres Mora provided the board with an update on the Love Your Block program. The Love Your Block program is a grant through Cities of Service and the Bloomberg Institute. Salt Lake City is one of eight cities awarded with funds to conduct small improvement projects along the Jordan River Corridor. Salt Lake City has hired a fellow and has one AmeriCrops VISTA working on the initiative. The Love Your Block Program is housed under Public Lands and is managed by Ms. Torres Mora. The Love Your Block Program hopes to have a community lead project that connects with people living around Bend in the River and Modesto Park throughout the course of the two-year grant.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll invited the PNUT Board to participate in the annual Memory Grove cleanup on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. Lunch will be provided for volunteers.</p>	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>

Ms. Hart motioned to close the meeting. Ms. Finch seconded the motion. All voted in favor of ending the meeting.

from Bri Binnebose to everyone: 5:08 PM

Kristin & Carmen - is the parking and speeding issue something that can be addressed collaboratively with the SLCPD and Transportation Department?

from Riker, Kristin to everyone: 5:10 PM

PD is the only Dept. with authority to enforce speeds, Transportation manages traffic calming.

from Ginger Cannon to everyone: 5:23 PM

Ryan Clegg is the Draper officer.

from Bri Binnebose to everyone: 5:24 PM

This is what I remember reading about the Draper program, years ago:

<https://www.draperjournal.com/2017/10/02/156456/draper-police-officer-takes-on-new-role-as-city-s-park-ranger>

to Ian Mccubbin (privately): 5:29 PM

Sorry Ian, I had to lower your hand. The public comment portion of the meeting is over. If you want to make additional comments, you can email me. [luke.allen@slcgov.com](mailto:luke.allen@slcgov.com)

from Ginger Cannon to everyone: 5:29 PM

Kristin, could you please add an update on the program for late Fall or early winter of this year? Excited to see how things go for the Park Rangers this first year.

from Riker, Kristin to everyone: 5:30 PM

We can do that. I will defer to Luke to remember to put this on the agenda.

from Samantha Finch to everyone: 5:30 PM

any applicants?

from Melanie to everyone: 5:31 PM

Congrats on the new position, Tyler!

from Bailey, Carmen to everyone: 5:42 PM

We are currently conducting interviews for the Manager and Supervisor. Once we have those two hired, we will start on hiring the Rangers. As far as applicants for the Manager and Supervisor, we have several strong candidate we are looking at.

from Bri Binnebose to everyone: 5:43 PM

Tyler - are the invasive species distinctions by the city made by consulting the NRCS UT Invasive Species List, as a baseline?



from Jenny Hewson to everyone: 5:47 PM

What CJ conveyed re neighbor concerns and then listening to Tyler's responses, if conveyed to citizens, could perhaps help with community awareness and building trust/transparency

from Jenny Hewson to everyone: 5:54 PM

Kat, thank you. Same question re longterm sustainability/maintenance (which was answered); do you know who KABOOMS! donors are, and are there future opportunities?

from Tony Gliot to everyone: 5:56 PM

That's AWESOME Ginger!

from Murdock, Tyler to everyone: 5:56 PM

I love this Ginger!

from polly hart to everyone: 5:56 PM

Can we have some vests made?

from Melanie to everyone: 6:01 PM

Oh that's a great idea.

from Ginger Cannon to everyone: 6:01 PM

Fantastic idea Bri. I would appreciate that if all are comfortable.

from Riker, Kristin to everyone: 6:02 PM

I love that idea Bri.

from Melanie to everyone: 6:02 PM

How would we get something like that up and running?

from Ginger Cannon to everyone: 6:03 PM

Maybe the communication subcmte could work with Luke on these items.

from Allen, Luke to everyone: 6:04 PM

Great idea Ginger. I'd love to work with that committee on efforts like this.

from Jenny Hewson to everyone: 6:08 PM

thank you, Ginger

from Bri Binnebose to everyone: 6:08 PM

Great job Ginger!

from Ginger Cannon to everyone: 6:15 PM

Thanks everyone! Great job :)

from Bri Binnebose to everyone: 6:19 PM

We also tried to use a bullet list instead of the chart, which you can probably see if you are in the document right now. However, it is still longer than a page so we kept the table in for visual effect.

from Jenny Hewson to everyone: 6:19 PM

please can i have edit permission to the initiatives letter?

from Bri Binnebose to everyone: 6:20 PM

Permission updated Jenny

from Ginger Cannon to everyone: 6:27 PM

Thank you Bri and Polly for all your work on this process!

from Riker, Kristin to everyone: 6:27 PM

Thank you all

from Riker, Kristin to everyone: 6:27 PM

Living Wage Adjustment

from Riker, Kristin to everyone: 6:28 PM

New Properties and Amenities title will stay the same, we'll just add, District 5 needs to this request.

from Melanie to everyone: 6:39 PM

it was beautiful!

from Riker, Kristin to everyone: 6:40 PM

Thanks to Luke for his work on the Annual Report!

from Melanie to everyone: 6:42 PM

I would love in person meetings.

from Ginger Cannon to everyone: 6:44 PM

Glad to hear we can meet again in person. Looking forward to it!



## Staff Responses to Public Comments from the March 3, 2022 PNUT Board Meeting

### Eric Edelman

Eric Edelman, a resident of District 7, stated that no long-term maintenance plan has been put in place for the Foothills. With the Foothills seeing erosion in Lower City Creek Canyon, Mr. Edelman was hoping that the City would have a long-term maintenance plan in place. Mr. Edelman requests that the PNUT board reaches out to the City about development of a long-term maintenance plan for existing trails in the Foothills.

#### Staff Response:

*Public Lands has been actively developing short- and long-term maintenance plans since 2020 for newly constructed trails. Since the pause in trail construction in May 2021 also included a hold on trail maintenance, the City has requested City Council lift the hold on funds so that Public Lands staff and volunteers can responsibly maintain the trails built in Phase I. The City does not have maintenance plans for existing trails in the Foothills unless they are formally integrated into the Foothills Trail System Plan. The RFP currently open for a Trails Plan and Construction Evaluation consultation also includes the creation of a long-term maintenance plan for the Foothills Trail System, which will include recommendations for formally integrated existing trails.*

**Ian Mccubbin** Ian Mccubbin, a District 3 resident from the Upper Avenues, expressed concerns regarding the Foothills Trails expansion. As a result of phase one of the Foothills Trails masterplan completion, the Upper Avenues have seen challenges associated with traffic, high speed drivers and parking in the 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Terrace Hills area. After these concerns were brought to Public Lands during a masterplan engagement exercise, The Bonneville Shoreline, Morris Meadows and Terrace Hills have seen a huge increase in activity and associated parking and traffic issues. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue is designed for 15 MPH and is seeing drivers going 50-60 MPH. Mr. Mccubbin has been in conversation with Tyler Fonarow and Public Utilities regarding these issues. Mr. Mccubbin also expressed concerns with the I Street Bike Park. The area is seeing many park users actively building jumps, smoking and drinking alcohol. Mr. Mccubbin reached his 3-minute time limit. Mr. Mccubbin was encouraged to email Public Lands staff or Polly Hart the rest of his comments so that they can be addressed in the next Trails Subcommittee meeting.

#### Staff Response:

*Public Lands has been working with Public Utilities on creating an updated management plan for the I-Street Bike Park. The City will be creating an RFP to select a new stewardship and maintenance organization to partner with the City since past advocacy groups have dissolved.*



# Memorandum

To: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, & Trails Advisory Board  
From: Kyle Shields, Park Operations Manager  
Date: March 31, 2022  
Re: Proposed Tree Donations for Memory Grove

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## Background:

Salt Lake City, Public Lands Department requests the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Board to provide a formal recommendation for the donation proposal listed below. Prior to approval, Salt Lake City will develop a contract for the proposal. Donations to the City are governed by [Salt Lake City Code Chapter 3.60](#). Final donation approval is granted by the Salt Lake City Mayor.

### Overview:

Salt Lake City Public Lands has received a donation proposal from Deborah Sawyer for two trees at Memory Grove. The trees will be located on the west side of City Creek just above Memory Grove near the Freedom Trail.

- Tree species will be Bristle Cone Pine 2” caliper
- Total Value of donation is estimated between \$500-\$700

The Parks Division has performed its due diligence and finds no reason to reject the proposed donations.

The City’s Public Lands Department has conducted the analysis required under Chapter

3.60.070 of the City Code and finds that the proposed donation meets or exceeds all the pertinent requirements set forth in said Chapter. Because the contemplated donations consist of a park amenity and labor costs that satisfy all the criteria set forth in Salt Lake City Code

Section 3.60.050 and 070 the decision to accept or reject such donations is subject to review and recommendation from a board or commission or may be requested by the Mayor.

# **SALT LAKE CITY PARKS, NATURAL LANDS, TRAILS, AND URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD**

## **BY-LAWS**

Updated April 2022

### **AUTHORITY**

The Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board (the “Board”) will operate pursuant to Salt Lake City Code Chapter 2.94, Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

The Board was created in 2012 for increased stewardship and public participation for the Open Space Program. The City’s Parks Division, Trails and Natural Lands Division, Golf Division, and Urban Forestry Division are now part of the City’s Public Lands Department (the “Department”). The City Council has determined that one advising board for those divisions will lead to efficiencies and remove duplication and confusion as to the respective roles and responsibilities and has determined that Chapter 2.94 is in the best interest of the City and its citizens. The Mayor and the City Council recognize the need to acquire, preserve, and protect these critical resources within Salt Lake City and its environs. They have adopted multiple plans to identify, protect, and manage open space lands and have established the Board to facilitate the City’s acquisition, management, promotion, preservation, protection, and enhancement of public lands.

The Board has established the following By-Laws for the conduct of Board business:

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The Board’s principal office is at the Public Lands Building at 1965 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TERMS**

The Board’s officers will be a chair and a vice-chair. The term of those positions will be one year. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms as chair. The vice-chair may be reelected one or more times successively. The vice-chair will not automatically succeed to the position of chair, except that the vice-chair will succeed the chair if the chair vacates the office before the chair’s term is completed; in that event the vice-chair will serve as chair for the unexpired term of the vacated office. The Board shall elect a new vice-chair at the next regular Board meeting.

If the vice-chair is unable or unwilling to serve the remaining term of the vacated office, the Board shall meet as soon as practicable to elect a new chair for the remainder of the term.

Any Board member may nominate themselves or any other Board member for the positions of chair and vice-chair. The Board may nominate and elect members to other offices as deemed appropriate by a majority of the Board. Oral nominations from the floor as well as written or digital nominations will be accepted. Written, digital and oral nominations must be made in the month of December or at the last Board meeting of the year. All nominees must be contacted and state their availability and willingness to serve before being placed in nomination.

The election will be by written, oral, or digital ballot. Subject to City Code Section 2.07.120, the Board, at its first regular meeting of each calendar year, shall select a member as chair and another as vice-chair. Proxy votes will not be allowed. Officers will be elected by an affirmative majority vote of the Board members in attendance. The current chair shall solicit two members of the Board who are neither officers nor a nominee to conduct the vote and count ballots. The officers-elect shall assume their duties at the next regular Board meeting.

## **POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Without limiting the foregoing, the duties and powers of the officers of the Board are as follows:

### **A. Chair:**

- (1) Preside at all meetings of the Board.
- (2) Call special meetings of the Board in accordance with the By-laws.
- (3) Sign Board documents.
- (4) See that the Board complies with the By-laws and applicable law.
- (5) Appoint standing or ad hoc subcommittees of the Board.
- (6) May be an ex-officio member of any or all subcommittees with a voice but no vote.
- (7) Act as official spokesperson for the Board in matters of which the Board has taken a formal vote or position.

### **B. Vice-Chair:**

The vice-chair shall assist the chair, and during the absence of the chair, shall exercise or perform all the duties and be subject to all the responsibilities of the chair.

## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

The Chair will govern the conduct of all regular and special meetings of the Board and ensure agenda items are to involve a motion, a second, any pertinent discussion, and a vote.

The Board shall meet on an as needed basis but at least twice per quarter as specified in City Code Section 2.94.050. The Board shall establish a schedule specifying the times,



dates, and locations of regular meetings. The Board may alter the schedule at any regular meeting, and shall comply with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (“OPMA”). A quorum will consist of the majority of filled Board positions.

The Board may hold an electronic meeting in accordance with OPMA. A Board member who attends an electronic meeting remotely by electronic means will be counted as present for purposes of calculating whether a quorum of the Board is present at the meeting. The length of a Board meeting can extend for the length of time necessary to complete Board business and/or discussion.

All Board meeting agendas and minutes will be posted and provided for public review according to OPMA.

### **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Board, by the chair or by the mayor and shall comply with OPMA. The call for a special meeting must be signed by the member calling such meeting and, unless waived in writing, each member not joining in the order for such special meeting must be given not less than 24 hours’ notice. Said notice must be served personally through email, phone, or by hand delivery at a member’s residence or business office. Attendance by a Board member will constitute the waiver by that Board member of any defects in the notice.

Special meetings will be held at the Department’s building, or remotely using an electronic meeting, or at such other public place as may be designated by the Board.

### **VOTING**

All official Board business that results in a recommendation to the Mayor, the City Council, or any other public agency or commission must be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members, and must comply with City Code Section 2.07.150.

The Board must take a roll call vote of record upon request of any Board member. Each Board member will only have one vote and a record of each vote within the roll call must be included in the meeting minutes.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At any regular meeting of the Board, the order of business will generally be as follows:

- A. Call meeting to order.
- B. Approval of minutes.
- C. Invite public comment.
- D. Public Lands Department - staff presentation(s) and discussion

- E. Board Discussion
- F. Voting on official business.
- G. Confirm date for next meeting; reporting of sub-committees.
- H. Adjournment.

## **AGENDA**

The meeting agenda will be prepared by the Department liaison and the chair, working together. The agenda must be given as part of the meeting notice in accordance with OPMA. The Department liaison will provide the agenda to Board members seven days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting, with an exception for urgent circumstances as approved by the chair. Any member of the Board may request topics for discussion at the meeting through communication with the chair.

At the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year, the Board shall review a calendar of anticipated Department projects for the forthcoming year. For any agenda, the priority order for agenda items will be (1) staff presentation and discussion; (2) Board discussion; and (3) vote on official business.

Out of respect for members of the public in attendance, if a closed session of the Board is necessary, the closed session will be the last item on the agenda. Except in the case of an emergency meeting, the Board may not take final action on a topic unless the topic is listed under an agenda item and included with the advance public notice of the meeting.

Each topic considered at the Board meeting must be included in the agenda except topics raised during the public comment period. If a member of the public raises a topic, the majority of the Board may request, and the chair may allow, Board discussion of the public comments. The Board may respond to public comments or advise staff to respond to public comments made within a public meeting.

The public will be invited to speak during a 15 minute public comment period on issues that pertain to parks and public lands. Public comment speaking limits will be prescribed by the chair, and the chair will have discretion to extend the public comment period beyond the allotted time period.

## **MINUTES**

In accordance with OPMA, the Department liaison shall keep written minutes and a recording of each Board meeting. Pending minutes will be provided to the Board members for their review within two weeks after a Board meeting and will contain a clear indication that the Board has not approved the minutes or that the minutes are subject to change until the Board approves them. Board members may return amendments and corrections to the minutes at or before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The updated minutes will be included with the agenda for approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Within three days after approving the minutes, the Department Liaison must make the approved minutes available to the public in accordance with OPMA.

## **BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings. Board members are expected to actively serve on a minimum of one subcommittee during each year of their Board term and assist with drafting letters and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council under Chapter 2.94.060 paragraph J.

Any Board member failing to attend two Board meetings in one calendar year without advance notice to the chair of the Board member's absence will be subject to removal by the Board in accordance with City Code Section 2.07.090.

Board members are expected to review all agenda items or other provided materials in advance of each scheduled meeting.

Board members shall be respectful of the public, staff, and each other.

The Board chair shall ensure that all Board members have a fair, balanced, and respectful opportunity to share their knowledge, opinions, and perspectives.

The role of the Board is to advise the Mayor and the City Council and/or staff. Board appointment does not empower Members to make final decisions or to supervise staff.

Board correspondence written to the Mayor and the City Council as prescribed under Chapter 2.94.060 paragraph J must be made through the Chair to ensure that the consensus opinion of the Board is represented. The Department liaison fulfills an important role in assisting the Board with this regard.

If a Board member, other than the chair, gives their opinion to the media or in a public forum about Board business, that member must also clarify that this is their personal view or opinion and not the opinion or view of the Board or another Board member.

Subcommittees of the Board will be established by the chair, or by majority vote of the Board when proposed by any Board member. The chair shall cause the following details to be placed on the agenda for Board consideration:

- Committee type (standing or ad-hoc)
- Committee membership (who is involved and the expected time commitment)
- Work objective (the purpose or scope of the subcommittee work)
- Timeline (when and how the work will be accomplished)
- Committee reporting (a presentation and/or written summary of committee work for Board review and/or approval)

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

The chair may cause the removal of any person from a meeting if the person willfully disrupts the meeting to the extent that orderly conduct of the meeting is seriously compromised. In the alternative, the chair may terminate the meeting in the event of such a disruption.

All meeting attendees, including Board members, must be respectful of another person speaking and conduct themselves in a civil manner. If any person fails to do so, the chair can direct that person to leave the meeting.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Board members must avoid and disclose conflicts of interest in accordance with applicable conflict of interest laws, including City Code Section 2.07.080. If any member wonders whether a particular set of circumstances might involve a conflict of interest, that member shall notify the Director of Public Lands requesting an opinion of the City Attorney on whether there is a conflict and how to avoid or otherwise resolve it.

## **AMENDMENT**

These By-Laws may be amended in writing at any meeting by a vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Board, provided prior notice has been given to each Board member.

## **MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, the By-Laws of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, were formally adopted.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIR

## **CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_, in my capacity as chair of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board hereby certify that the



foregoing document is a complete, accurate, and current copy of the By-Laws of that Board.

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CHAIR

DRAFT

**MONTHLY**

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## PUBLIC LANDS DEPARTMENT

### Salt Lake City Surveys

Public Lands received the results of Salt Lake City's [2021 Resident Survey](#) and [2021 Fall Budgetary Priorities Survey](#). The following information collected relates to Public Lands.

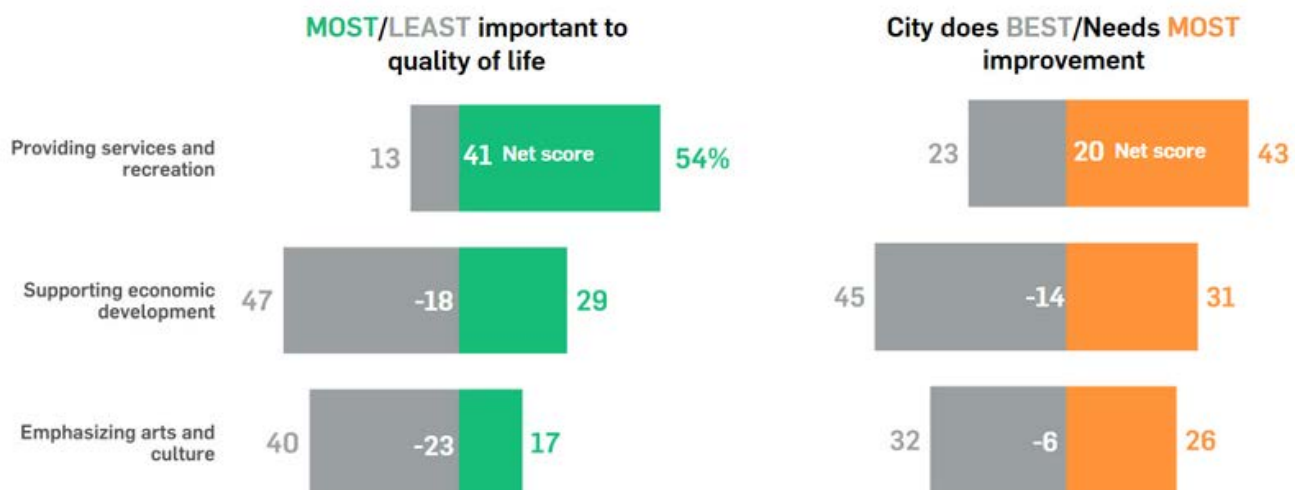
#### Accessibility and Quality of Life

54% of respondents strongly agree with the statement "My neighborhood has access to parks and public lands". In comparison to the 2019 resident survey, the percentage of respondents who strongly agree with this statement has decreased by 3%. 33% of respondents somewhat agree with this statement. ([2021 Resident Survey](#), pg 21).

When asked about various growth initiatives, 54% of respondents said that providing services and recreation was most important to quality of life. 43% of respondents said that providing services and recreation also needs the most improvement from the city. ([Refer to figure below, 2021 Fall Budgetary Survey](#), pg 13).

### SERVICES & RECREATION MOST IMPORTANT TO GROWTH

When asked about various growth initiatives, residents said that providing services and recreation was both most important to their quality of life and needed the most improvement from the city. The initiatives supporting economic development and emphasizing arts and culture were seen as both less important to them and less in need of attention from the city.



Q: Of the following aspects of growth and development, which is the most important to your quality of life? Which is the least important? (n = 568)

Q: Of the following aspects of growth and development, which do you think the city needs to improve most? Which do you think the city does best? (n = 564)





## Community Activity

In the last 12 months, 70% of respondents reported visiting a park or natural land at least once a month or more often ([2021 Resident Survey, pg 39](#)).

When asked about excitement towards visiting a city park or natural land, 59% of respondents reported being very excited and 31% reported being excited to do so ([2021 Resident Survey, pg 40](#)).

## City Initiative Priorities and Importance

71% of respondents say increasing investment in current parks, trails, and open spaces is a high priority ([2021 Resident Survey, pg 24](#)).

66% of respondents say increasing safety in City parks, trails and open spaces is a high priority ([2021 Resident Survey, pg 24](#)).

63% of respondents say increasing the amount of parks, trails and open spaces is a high priority ([2021 Resident Survey, pg 24](#)).

## Potential City Project Priorities

When asked about potential environmental and sustainability project priorities, 76% of respondents said implementing water conservation programs was a high priority and 65% of respondents said planting trees throughout the city was a high priority ([2021 Fall Budgetary Survey, pg 20](#)).

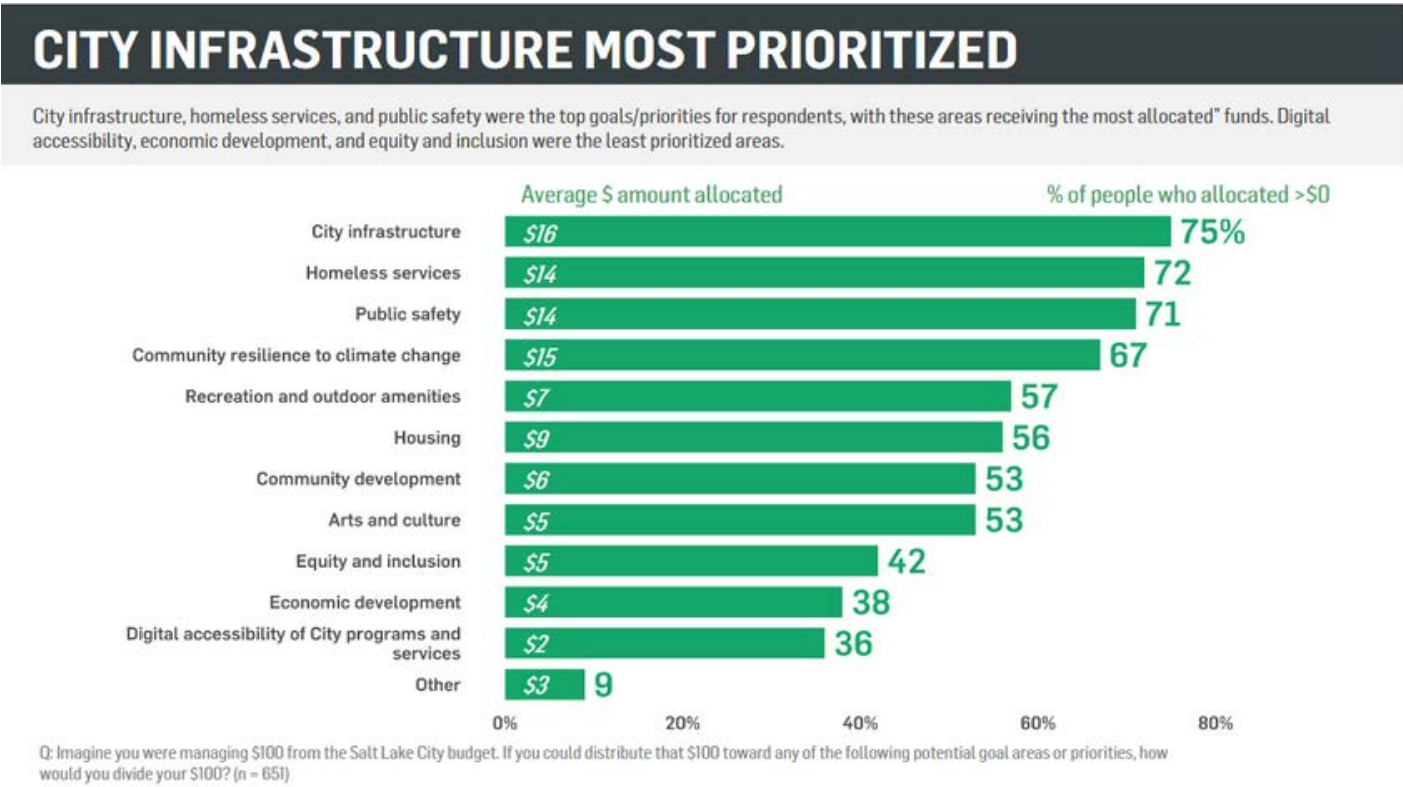
When asked about potential growth and development project priorities, 54% of respondents said developing trails and trailheads to improve amenities and accessibility was a high priority and 52% of respondents said increasing opportunities for residents to participate in arts, culture, and recreation activities was a high priority ([2021 Fall Budgetary Survey, pg 14](#)).





### Priority Budget Distribution

When asked how one would distribute \$100 of Salt Lake City’s budget, 67% of respondents chose to allocate funds to community resilience to climate change and 57% of respondents chose to allocate funds to recreation and outdoor amenities ([Refer to figure below, 2021 Fall Budgetary Survey, pg 11](#)).







## Operational Updates

### New Hires

#### **Janessa Edwards - Park Ranger Manager**

Janessa has an extensive background in community engagement and education through working with the Natural History Museum of Utah and Friends of the Great Salt Lake. Additionally, Janessa worked as a Special Programs Manager for the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police where she developed critical and relevant statewide trainings for law enforcement. Janessa's experience in community outreach and law enforcement make her a key asset to the newly developed Park Rangers program.

#### **Suzy Lee - Park Ranger Supervisor**

Suzy Lee has a Master of Science in Biological Science and extensive experience with community engagement. Specifically, Suzy most recently worked as Public Lands Park Usage Coordinator and has worked as the Volunteer Services Coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources and as an Americorps Program Manager. We are excited to see Suzy apply her skillset and expertise in this new role.

#### **Makaylah Respcio-Evans - Public Lands Planner**

Makaylah is joining Public Lands from her recent role working with Salt Lake City Public Services and Mayor Mendenhall's team on Public Policy and Community Engagement. Prior to working for the City, Makaylah worked as a Planning Project Manager for Envision Utah. Makaylah will be completing her Master of Science in Technology Environmental Science in April 2022. Makaylah's project planning and community engagement expertise will make her an amazing asset to the Public Lands Planning team.

#### **Melissa Lewis - Natural Lands Supervisor**

Melissa has been with Pubic Lands for the past five years as a Trails and Natural Lands Senior Technician. Throughout her time at Public Lands, Melissa has excelled in her role through her hardworking, observant and conscientious qualities. We are thrilled to have Melissa as a wonderful asset to Public Lands through the Natural Lands Supervisor position.



## URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION

### March 6th Winter Storm

On Sunday, March 6th, a late winter storm brought heavy wet snow to Salt Lake City. The storm wreaked havoc on the City's Urban Forest, causing thousands of broken tree branches on neighborhood streets and in parks throughout the City.

While trees in every part of the city sustained damage, the hardest hit community councils were Sugar House, Greater Avenues, East Central, East Liberty Park and Wasatch Hollow.

Urban Forestry Division crews responded immediately to the hundreds of calls for service in the aftermath of the storm, prioritizing tree branches on homes, cars, blocking streets/driveways and large hanging limbs that presented the greatest risk to public safety.

Resources from the City's Streets, Waste & Recycling and Parks divisions have assisted in cleanup process when available, but ultimately this storm will add two or months to service backlogs already at unprecedented levels.

The current tree service backlog has swelled to a more than 14 month wait for tree pruning services which is entirely a result of weather related tree damage.

Salt Lake City has suffered 4 significant tree damaging weather events in the last 18 months.





## PLANNING & ECOLOGICAL SERVICES

### Planning Team

#### Pioneer Park

The project team presented the Vision Plan to the Historic Landmarks Commission in March and the plan was positively received by the Commission. The project team will go back to the Commission for approval of first phase implementation as construction documents are developed and projects are confirmed.

The project team has also been working to summarize input from the final public survey on the Plan. Nearly 1,000 people responded and learned that nearly 80% of respondents are satisfied with the Vision Plan and would be more likely to use the park when the plan is complete.

For phase 1 implementation priorities natural plantings, the plaza and event pavilion rose to the top!

The project team will now work through mid-2023 to determine which of the improvements can be included in phase 1 and which will be implemented when additional funds are available.

Phase 1 implementations will be shared with the PNUT board when they are confirmed, and construction will likely begin summer of 2023. Additional background, a project video, the Vision Plan and a recording of the open house can all be found at

[https://www.slc.gov/parks/pioneer-park-improvements/.](https://www.slc.gov/parks/pioneer-park-improvements/)



## Glendale Regional Park

The project team held an in-person event in cooperation with Glendale Community Council at the Community Learning Center in Glendale on March 16th to announce the launch of a public survey gathering input for the future of the site.

The survey will remain open until April 16th and will give the project team priorities for amenities and projects the community and the City want to see at the park. The survey will also give the project team an idea of phase 1 implementation projects, which must be completed by April of 2024.

In conjunction with the construction of phase 1, a Master Plan will also be moving forward to guide improvements for the full site moving forward.

For more information and to take the online survey, visit

<https://www.slc.gov/parks/parks-division/glendale-waterpark/>.

## 9 Line Urban Orchard

Construction documentation for the 9Line Urban Orchard has begun! Working with the constituent, Tree Utah, who submitted the original CIP application, Public Lands is ready to begin public engagement with the Glendale and Poplar Grove communities, as well as nearby schools who will benefit and interact with the orchard upon completion. The project team and Tree Utah will share out the project concept with the public in the coming month.



9 Line Orchard





## Planning Updates Continued

### Allen Park

Public Lands has engaged consultants to begin work on updates to Allen Park. Roofing needs, the addition of irrigation and structural assessments of the buildings are all underway in the Park.

In addition to these improvements, the consultant for the Cultural Landscape Report is completing edits chapter by chapter. The completed draft materials will be posted on the Allen Park webpage for viewing.

SLC City Council has now formally approved the budget amendment to utilize the CIP funding for the Adaptive Reuse and Management Plan. The final plan will involve robust community engagement and will act as a guiding document for the future of Allen Park as a public open space in Salt Lake City.

Public engagement for this plan is anticipated to begin summer of 2022 following the completion of the CLR.

## Ecological Services

### I-Street Bike Park

#### Bike Park History

Salt Lake City Public Utilities (SLCPUD) is the property owner of the land at the location of the I-Street Bike Park. In the late 1990s, riders built the park's initial jumps and operated without City approval for many years.

Over the past two decades, the property had transformed into a volunteer-led biking community asset through diligent care and hard effort.

For the past 10 years, I-Street Bike Park has been managed by the Public Lands Department in collaboration with Public Utilities. During this time, the park was reasonably maintained by a community of diggers who understood the criteria and restrictions needed to keep the park running smoothly, thanks to agreements with local bike advocacy groups.



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## Recent Issues

More recently, digging in the park has surged without any oversight or agreed upon guidelines as the volunteer organizations stewarding the area have faded away.

This had led to concerns regarding user safety, strained community relationships, and environmental preservation. Additionally, Public Utilities has significant urban water system infrastructure around and under the park which much be protected for our City's population.



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## Maintenance and Management Solutions

Public Lands staff have recently met with several key users and founders of the I-Street Bike Park and there is a sincere willingness to collaborate with the City on a management solution.

In the meantime, Public Lands has placed signage at the I-Street Bike Park informing park users of the RFP creation and asking that users follow park usage guidelines.

The City hopes to work with local park users, the Greater Avenues neighborhood, and the Public Lands and Public Utilities Advisory Boards to create a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a stewardship and maintenance partner for the I-Street Bike Park.

This RFP would outline specific guidelines for maintaining and managing the Park and would also include restrictions and/or limitations to ensure the Park's risks are minimized and that it can respectfully co-exist within the Greater Avenues Neighborhood.

Public Lands has started drafting an agreement to begin this process and will work with the user group to ensure they can meet the requirements associated with development of a formalized user group.





## PARKS DIVISION

### Pavilions, Special Events & Athletic Fields

#### 2022 Reservation Season

The 2022 pavilion reservation season has begun!

This year, Public Lands implemented a new online reservation system utilizing ACTIVENet, a recreation management software.

Through ACTIVENet, constituents are able to easily make pavilion reservations online. In previous years, Public Lands staff received numerous calls to make reservations over the phone, rather than online.

Since the implementation of the new online system, Public Lands staff has seen a decrease in call volume. In 2021, Public Lands received over 300 calls regarding pavilion reservations. In 2022, we expect to see a significant decrease in call volume.

The pavilion reservation season runs from April 11th to October 16th with constituents able to begin making reservations for this time frame on March 1st.

#### Special Events Updates

##### Summer 2022 Events

Some of Salt Lake City's larger events are returning to pre-pandemic levels. Public Lands currently has over 50 special event permit applications in the works and is expecting to see event levels relative to or exceeding the number of events in 2019.

Living Traditions, the Utah Pride Festival/Parade, and Utah Arts Festival are back to their pre-pandemic footprints and dates.

After a 2-year hiatus, the Salt Lake City Marathon returns April 23rd.



## **Special Events Updates Continued**

### **Permitting Process**

Event Permitting is utilizing a new online permitting platform, OpenCounter.

Recently, the special events office added the permitting process for Waste Management and ADA to the OpenCounter platform. This streamlines the application process by allowing applicants to complete two additional permits in the single platform.

OpenCounter is also launching a new map interface which will give applicants a clearer picture of City parks layout and available amenities.

Moving forward, more permit applications will be available through OpenCounter, resulting in a "one stop shop" experience for applicants.

## **Park Athletics Updates**

### **Athletic Leagues**

Public Lands is starting to see many leagues coming back to our parks after pausing their play during the pandemic.

While our popular fields are still busy as ever, this year we have been able to activate many historically under-utilized parks and athletic fields.

### **Pioneer Park Multi-Use Field**

The multi-use field at Pioneer Park is not being reserved in April to make preparations for the month-long USA Climbing Competition coming to the park in May.

While we are excited for this type of activation in Pioneer Park, we expect that resulting damage from this event will make the field not suitable for league play for the remainder of the year.

This presents a challenge, as the Pioneer Park field is one of only two lighted fields in the City.

### **FY23 Field Rate Changes**

Starting on July 1, 2022, Public Lands will implement changes to field rates. To be in alignment with state regulations, Public Lands will no longer have non-profit field rates.

All fields will be reserved at a rate of \$15/hr regardless of non-profit vs. for-profit status and regardless of youth vs. adult leagues.

### **New Field Goals**

Several parks will be receiving new goals this year.

Madsen Park will be getting new youth sized goals, 11th Ave Park will be getting new 24 ft and 18 ft goals and Popperton Park will be getting new 18 ft goals.





## Park Updates

### Increase in Theft & Vandalism

Over the past few weeks, Public Lands has seen an increase in vandalism and theft of items from City parks.

Items such as irrigation backflows, catalytic converters, bronze plaques and aluminum table tops have been stolen from a number of sites around the City. More recently a bronze statue from in the Russian garden at the International Peace Gardens was stolen.

Just this past weekend a large section of the brass ornamental fencing surrounding Fisher Mansion was stolen. Parks staff removed the remaining two sections in order to preserve for future reconstruction if possible.

Public Lands is working on strategies to mitigate these instances of theft.

### Graffiti Updates

In March, the graffiti team completed 1100 graffiti removal requests. As we enter spring and summer, the graffiti team is seeing an increase in removal requests especially for areas located between State Street and 500 East and between South Temple and 800 South.

The team has also notice an increase in temporary shelters by people experiencing homelessness in these areas. For the safety of our employees the team must wait until these areas are vacated to complete requests.







## Liberty Park Moose Fireplace

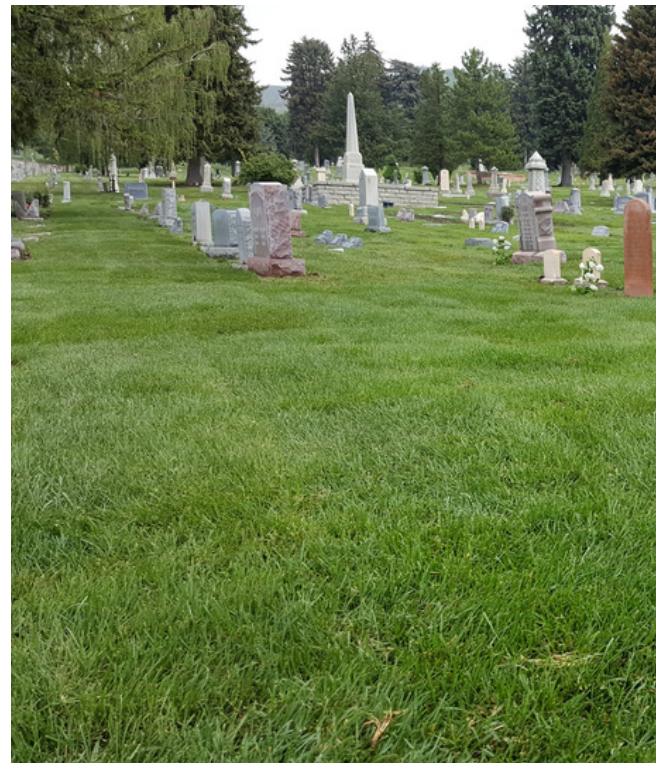
In early March the stand-alone fireplace located in Liberty Park sustained significant damage, thus comprising the integrity of the structure. This has been an ongoing concern over the past several years as individuals experiencing homelessness and others continue to light fires and remove bricks from the historic fireplace. Parks staff are exploring costs to repair the structure and make alterations to ensure the fireplace will remain inoperable to prevent further damage.



## Cemetery Sod

Each spring new sod is needed to cover burials which occurred since May of the previous year. This year there are approximately 425 locations where sod will need to be laid.

In past years, Cemetery staff had the capacity to lay thousands of square feet of sod over new graves from the prior year. However, due to limited seasonal and full-time staff, the Cemetery will not be able to complete this work in-house and will need to contract this work out. The preliminary cost estimates for laying sod over 13,000 square feet of graves will be \$59,490.







## Parley Platt Plaza

On November 16, 2020, a semi-truck crashed into Ed Fraghtons' Parley P. Pratt monument, Finding the Way at Parley Platt Plaza. The base of the monument in the plaza sustained significant damage as well as the bronze sculpture. The Parks Division has been coordinating with the original artist and Salt Lake City Arts Council to repair the monument.

A new stone base was recently installed and stabilized for the mounting of the bronze sculpture. The Parks Division was able to provide staff and equipment to assist with transportation and on Monday March 21st the statue was successfully reinstalled.



## Dee Glen Smith Tennis Center

Each year as the seasons change, the staff at the Dee Glen Smith Tennis Center install and remove a bubble structure over some of the courts. The current bubble structure disrepair and the contractor who operates the tennis center, recently obtained funding to build four new tennis courts and a permanent bubble structure to enclose the courts. The Parks Division is exploring options to repurpose the current tennis bubble instead of sending it to the landfill.

## Repurposing Park Amenities

The Salt Lake City right-of-way developed for the former Road Home located at 500 West and 200 South contains a playground, park benches and garbage receptacles. The Parks Division is working with the developer of the site to remove these items and repurpose them for use in in our city parks.



**Formal Meeting  
Thursday, May 5, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Join Via Webex: <https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=m28d75f61340d6db5f0ade1de58187dea>

**Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104  
Upstairs Parks Training Room**

**Join by phone  
1-408-418-9388  
Access code: 2492 310 3544**

## **AGENDA**

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order	
Chair comments	
New board members update and/or introductions	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>
Approve April 7, 2022 meeting minutes	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
Trailheads update – Tyler Fonarow	10 mins
Park signage project update – Kat Maus	10 mins
Donation proposals (action items): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Backman open space – Kat Maus</li><li>• Liberty Bell dedication plaques – Kezia Lopez</li><li>• International Peace Gardens Tree &amp; Bench Donation – Kezia Lopez</li></ul>	15 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:05 PM</b>
Finalize board discussion about updated bylaws	10 mins
Board discussion about formation of a foundation subcommittee	15 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:25 PM</b>
Board subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails subcommittee</li><li>• Bylaws subcommittee</li><li>• Communication subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board comment and question period	
Next meeting: June 2, 2022	
Request for future agenda item	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>

**Formal Meeting  
Thursday, April 7, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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## **Minutes (Unapproved)**

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00PM</b>
<p>Call to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Polly Hart</li><li>- Brianna Binnebose</li><li>- Samantha Finch</li><li>- Jenny Hewson</li><li>- Melanie Pehrson</li><li>- Phil Carroll</li><li>- Ginger Cannon</li><li>- Clayton Scrivner</li></ul>	
<p>Chair Comments</p> <p>Polly Hart solicited questions from the board regarding the April board packet.</p> <p>Ginger Cannon asked about the quote for sod at the Salt Lake City Cemetery. Ms. Cannon stated that the quote seemed to be abnormally high and asked if there was a way for Public Lands to decrease the cost. Lee Bollwinkel responded that included in the cost for sod is the cost for needed soil and labor, which results in the higher number listed in the packet.</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked a question relating to the results of Salt Lake City's 2021 Resident Survey. Ms. Hart asked if the data reporting 54% of respondents strongly agreeing with the statement "my neighborhood has access to parks and public lands" had been broken down by the respondent's location. Having access to information about the respondent's location can identify access inequities in the City.</p> <p>Kristin Riker responded that she would inquire if this information were available.</p>	

<p>Ms. Hart also asked if the department's Yappy Hour event would be happening this summer? Luke Allen responded that Yappy Hour will be happening.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon commented that she appreciated that Public Lands new hires were highlighted in the board packet.</p> <p>Jenny Hewson informed the board that one of the constituents providing a public comment at the March meeting also spoke at the Greater Avenues Community Council meeting and reiterated their concerns about the Foothills and I-Street Bike Park. The constituent has brought their concerns to a range of different entities and is feeling frustrated.</p> <p>Phil Carroll also informed the board that he has talked with this constituent and has reassured him that Public Lands is working on solving his concerns.</p> <p>Ms. Riker mentioned that she had met with LDS church representatives to discuss parking options at the I-Street Bike Park.</p> <p>Tyler Fonarow shared that he and the constituent have been talking a couple days a week and have a meeting scheduled at I-Street with some veteran builders. Mr. Fonarow and the constituent have also discussed traffic, speeding, trails population and bike park issues. The constituent understands the challenges presented but feels responsibility to keep voicing their opinion until Public Lands can make progress. The constituent is supportive of the actions Public Lands is currently taking and understands the department is doing its best to solve the issues at hand.</p>	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:03PM</b>
<p>Approve March 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Samantha Finch motioned to approve the March meeting minutes. Ms. Hewson seconded the motion. the minutes were unanimously approved by the PNUT Board.</p>	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:05PM</b>
<p>Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.</p> <p><b>Dru Whitlock</b></p> <p>Dru Whitlock, head coach of the West High School mountain bike team, shared that his team will be frequently practicing in the Foothills through the spring, summer and fall. As a requirement from the National Interscholastic Cycling Association and the Utah league, mountain bike teams are required to complete trail maintenance. The West High School mountain bike team would love to help Public Lands staff with trail maintenance and provide support to the department.</p>	



<p>Mr. Whitlock and his team are very happy with the phase 1 development of the Foothills trails. They are strongly advocating for further development of trails to a more highly managed system so their team can safely ride in the Foothills area.</p> <p><b>Jeff Rocco</b></p> <p>Jeff Rocco, a ride leader and coach for the West High mountain bike team, shared that the phase 1 of the Foothills trails has been a huge improvement for all user groups. As the City continues to grow, the use of trails will increase. Mr. Rocco appreciates all efforts to improve access to trails and distribute a large amount of people over a greater area to mitigate conflict between user groups like hikers and bikers.</p> <p>West High has over 50 riders on their team and is looking to fulfill a minimum of 150 – 200 volunteer hours. Mountain biking is the largest high school sport in the state and has a focus on stewardship and riding in a safe and beneficial manner.</p> <p>Mr. Fonarow will coordinate with Mr. Whitlock and Mr. Rocco. Volunteer opportunities in the Foothills are contingent on a meeting with City Council on April 19<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
<p><b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b></p>	<p><b>5:20PM</b></p>
<p>Tree Donation (Action Item)</p> <p>Public Lands received a potential tree donation from Deb Sawyer. The donation is comprised of two Bristle Cone Pine 2” caliper trees. The trees will be planted on the west side of City Creek just above Memory Grove near the Freedom Trail. Urban Forestry has approved the location of these trees and Luke Allen will provide the board with a map indicating the planting location. The total value of the donation is estimated between \$500 - \$700. This is the third year that Deb Sawyer has contributed a similar donation. Ms. Sawyer is also committed to taking care of the watering of these trees. After review, Public Lands sees no reason to decline this donation.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon asked if the constituent receives any acknowledgement from the City for this donation. Mr. Allen responded that they receive a written donation agreement document which is a legal document between the City and the donor that can be used for tax purposes.</p> <p>Ms. Hart and Ms. Riker stated that they can draft a thank you letter to the donor. Ms. Riker also stated that the Utah Recreational Parks Association has opportunities to recognize volunteers that could be utilized.</p> <p>Ms. Finch asked if the donated trees are in memory of people or if they are just being donated to enhance the space? Mr. Allen responded that these trees are being donated to enhance the space are not in memory of anyone.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon asked if every donation Public Lands receives must be advised by the PNU Board or is there a monetary threshold that requires the board’s input?</p>	<p>5 mins</p>

<p>Ms. Riker responded that it is up to the board. If the board would like to set a monetary threshold they may. Setting a monetary threshold would also allow Public Lands to expedite the donation process.</p> <p>Ms. Hart commented that we could add a monetary threshold for donation advising to the board's bylaws.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll motioned to approve the donation. Ms. Binnebose seconded the motion. The PNUT board voted unanimously to approve the donation.</p>	
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>5:25PM</b>
<p>Board Discussion and Potential Approval of Recommended Bylaws Updates (Action Item)</p> <p>The bylaws subcommittee has worked to update the board's bylaws. After working with Public Lands staff and the City attorneys to develop a revised set of bylaws, the subcommittee shared the revised set with the Board for feedback and approval.</p> <p><b>Agendas</b></p> <p>The Agenda section notes that each meeting's agenda will be prepared by the Board Chair and Public Lands board liaison. The agenda will be given out 7 days prior to the board meeting to abide by the Public Meetings Act.</p> <p>The board will be amending the section of the bylaws regarding public comment to illustrate that one's public comment may be discussed at the end of the meeting if time allows or if there is board interest in discussion.</p> <p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>The Minutes section memorializes the way meeting minutes have been conducted currently with the current process and timeline highlighted.</p> <p><b>Board Member Responsibilities</b></p> <p>The Board Member Responsibilities section notes the expectation that the Board will review agendas and board packets before meetings and be respectful of constituents, staff and fellow board members. The Board serves in an advisory capacity, where their purpose is to advise the Public Lands department, not make decisions.</p> <p>The Board Chair will be held accountable in ensuring balanced representation and allowing all board members to contribute.</p> <p>When speaking with the media, Board members have the right to speak with the media and express their opinions but must state that they are expressing their personal views and do not speak for the majority of the PNUT Board. In cases where</p>	<p>60 mins</p>

<p>the views of the PNUT Board are being expressed to media, the Chair will represent the board.</p> <p>Board members are required to give notice of absences to the Board Chair prior to meetings that they are not attending. Two unexcused absences will result in removal from the PNUT Board.</p> <p>The PNUT Board will require that all board members join a subcommittee.</p> <p><b>Public Involvement</b></p> <p>The Public Involvement section states that the Chair has the power to remove persons from the meeting who are disruptive or engaging in disorderly conduct.</p> <p>The PNUT Board discussed announcing a code of conduct statement at the start of meetings. The board also discussed creating a log of public comments and responses that can be listed on the Public Lands website.</p> <p>Mr. Allen will provide binders to board members who have yet to receive one.</p> <p>The board motioned to approve the bylaws with an amendment to the section outlining public comment and the addition of a code of conduct.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson motioned to approve the bylaws with the implementation of the two amendments. Ms. Finch seconded the motion. The PNUT Board passed the motion approving the bylaws.</p>	
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:25PM</b>
<p>Board Subcommittee updates as needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails Subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>A recurring trails subcommittee meeting will take place every third Thursday of the month at 4:00 pm.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson will be joining the trails subcommittee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication Subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Binnebose has sent out a meeting request and agenda to the members of the communication subcommittee.</p>	
<p>Board Comment and Question Period</p> <p>Ms. Riker announced that Public Lands has three recommendations for new PNUT Board members. All three of the recommended board members live in west side neighborhoods and are from the BIPOC community. Public Lands is excited the have more diverse and more west side representation on the PNUT Board.</p>	



Public Lands is also excited to employ DEI training and two speaker events for staff members. Ms. Riker invited the PNUT board to join in on the DEI trainings.	
Next Meeting: May 5, 2022	
<p>Request for Future Agenda Item</p> <p>Ms. Cannon recommended that the Board places an updates section in the agenda where staff and board members can give quick updates such as introductions.</p> <p>The following future agenda item requests were put forth by the board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of a foundations subcommittee</li> <li>- Removal of the bylaws committee</li> <li>- Introduction of new board members</li> <li>- New signage at Poplar Grove Park and 9 other selected parks</li> <li>- Update on the Glendale Water Park</li> <li>- Trailheads and associated issues</li> <li>- Park Ranger Program update</li> <li>- Budget Initiative updates</li> </ul>	
Upcoming Involvement Opportunities	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:40PM</b>

Ms. Finch motioned to adjourn the April PNUT Board meeting. Ms. Cannon seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.



## **Staff Responses to Public Comments from the April 7, 2022 PNUT Board Meeting**

### **Dru Whitlock**

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### **Staff Response to both comments:**

*Public Lands acknowledges both comments and is interested in exploring opportunities for local high school teams to get involved with trail maintenance*

## Memorandum

To: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, & Trails Advisory Board

From: Kat Maus, Public Lands Planner

Date: April 6, 2022

Re: \$10,000 Donation from Salt Lake Education Foundation for Backman Open Space Development

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### Background:

Salt Lake City Department of Public Lands requests the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails Board to provide a formal recommendation for the donation proposal listed below. Prior to approval, Salt Lake City will develop a contract for each proposal. Donations to the City are governed by [Salt Lake City Code Chapter 3.60](#). Final donation approval is granted by the Salt Lake City Mayor.

### Overview

Salt Lake City Public Lands is working in partnership with Backman Elementary to develop the open space located at 601 North 1500 West in Salt Lake City. Faculty and staff at Backman elementary have facilitated a contribution totaling \$20,000 to the Salt Lake Education Foundation through grants and private donations. Salt Lake Education Foundation would now like to contribute this \$20,000 to Salt Lake City Public Lands to assist in the development of the community open space.

The open space development project includes natural area enhancement and safety improvements on two acres of city open space adjacent to Backman Elementary and the Jordan River. This open space area is currently covered in thick, invasive vegetation and poses multiple safety concerns for students. Perceptions about the current conditions and safety of the space mean it is unused as a park space. However, an analysis of census block data and access points by the University of Utah shows that this specific natural area has the potential to provide walkable access to nature for more children than any other natural open space in the City. The design of this site is currently being developed by Public Lands with consultant BIOWEST. The final design will include infrastructure for an outdoor classroom, pathways for access to the Jordan River Parkway, landscaping and safety improvements, wildlife areas and/or similar amenities. The open space development is succeeding the installation of a bridge across the Jordan River from Backman Elementary to an adjacent nonprofit housing development.

Funds currently available for the development of the open space site are around \$230,000, and the contribution from Salt Lake Education Foundation would add \$20,000. The \$20,000 contribution will go towards the purchase of physical materials to contribute to the site, which includes the potential for seating, supplemental classroom materials, and other associated furnishings and amenities. The planning team has performed its due diligence and finds no reason to reject this proposed donation. A formal donation agreement will be executed upon PNUT recommendation.

### Suggested PNUT Board Action:

Recommend that the City's Public Lands Department and the Mayor accept the proposed donation upon the execution of an approved donation agreement by the parties involved.



# Memorandum

To: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, & Trails Advisory Board  
From: Kyle Shields, Park Operations Manager  
Date: April 28, 2022  
Re: Replacement or Repair of Liberty Bell Dedication Plaques – Memory Grove

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## Background:

The Parks Division has received a request to replace or repair the Liberty Bell dedication plaques located at Memory Grove. In 1978 the Beta Sigma Phi International Sorority donated a replica of the Liberty Bell to be placed in Memory Grove. Dedication plaques were placed near the replica and over the years, these plaques have sustained damage from vandalism and normal wear and tear.

## Overview:

The Beta Sigma Phi Salt Lake City Council would like to pay for the services to either repair the damage to the plaques or donate a new dedication plaque to replace the two current plaques. If the monument company is unable to repair the plaques, they would like to remove both plaque and replace with one larger plaque. They will work with Hans Monument, Weld Works and Parks staff to oversee the removal of the current dedication plaques and the installation of the new plaques.

The group is hosting a four-state convention at the University Marriot Park Hotel from June 10, 2022, through June 12, 2022 and hopes to unveil the new or repaired dedication plaques during the convention.

## Details:

- Total estimated value of donation is \$1,600.
- The sizes of the current plaques are 11" x 17" and 17" x 17."
- New size of potential replacement plaque is 27" x 27."
  - New post will be 42" high with a 3" square base.
- New plaque would be made of steel.

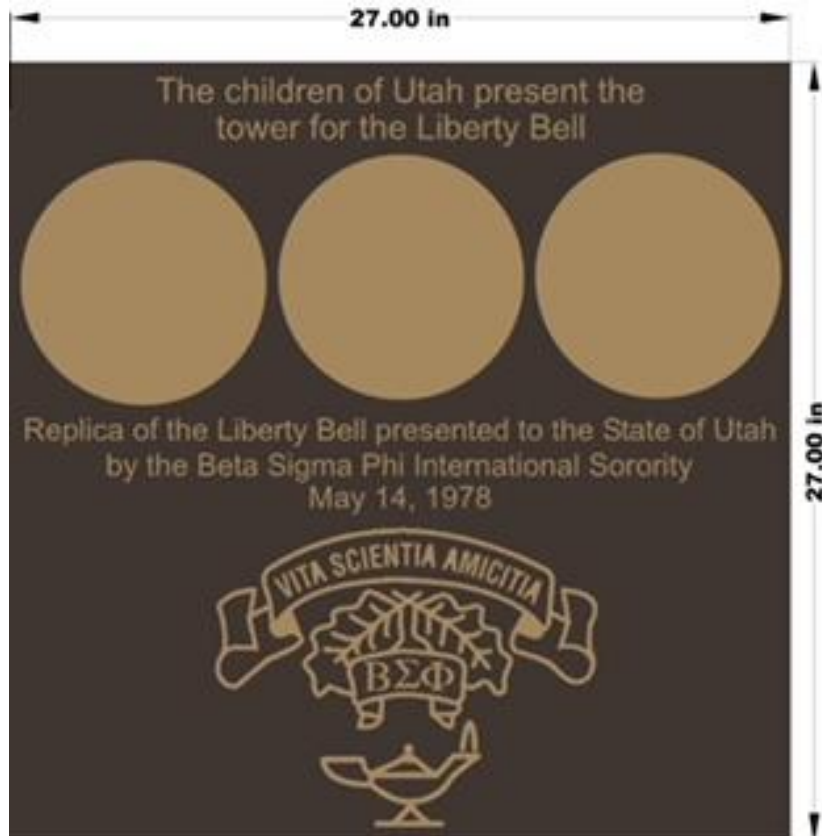


1 Original Dedication Plaque



2Original Dedication Plaque





*Proposed Replacement Plaque*

**Suggested PNUT Board Action:**

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# Memorandum

To: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, & Trails Advisory Board  
From: Aaron Benzon, Park Operations Manager  
Date: April 28, 2022  
Re: Proposed Tree and Bench Donation – International Peace Gardens

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## Background:

The Parks Division has received a request to donate a tree and bench to be placed in the Scotland Garden located at the International Peace Gardens. The Ray and Wagner family would like to donate the tree and granite bench in memory of their late sister Julianne Wagner who died tragically in a helicopter accident in December 2021. Julianne Wagner was a strong advocate for preserving the environment and wanted the memorialization of her passing to bring new life to the earth. They would like to plant this tree in her honor to have a place where her friends and family could visit and remember her.

The style of the bench is consistent with several of the existing benches in the International Peace Gardens and will be made of granite. The tree species will be one of the following approved tree species: Birch, Elm, Hornbeam or Hawthorne and will be planted near the bench.

## Details:

- Total estimated value of donation is \$4,400.
- The tree will be 2" caliper and one of the above approved tree species.
- The 4' bench will be made of granite and installed near the tree.
  - There will be a small engraving on the bench, 2" height and 7" wide
  - Engraving will be located on the front edge of the bench and will read:  
In Memory of Juli Wagner 1985-2021  
"I'll never say goodbye"
- The donors will work with Parks staff and a memorial company to have bench installed professionally.
- Anticipate completion date is July 26, 2022.



*Complementary Bench located at the International Peace Gardens*

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# **SALT LAKE CITY PARKS, NATURAL LANDS, TRAILS, AND URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD**

## **BY-LAWS**

Updated April 2022

### **AUTHORITY**

The Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board (the “Board”) will operate pursuant to Salt Lake City Code Chapter 2.94, Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

The Board was created in 2012 for increased stewardship and public participation for the Open Space Program. The City’s Parks Division, Trails and Natural Lands Division, Golf Division, and Urban Forestry Division are now part of the City’s Public Lands Department (the “Department”). The City Council has determined that one advising board for those divisions will lead to efficiencies and remove duplication and confusion as to the respective roles and responsibilities and has determined that Chapter 2.94 is in the best interest of the City and its citizens. The Mayor and the City Council recognize the need to acquire, preserve, and protect these critical resources within Salt Lake City and its environs. They have adopted multiple plans to identify, protect, and manage open space lands and have established the Board to facilitate the City’s acquisition, management, promotion, preservation, protection, and enhancement of public lands.

The Board has established the following By-Laws for the conduct of Board business:

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The Board’s principal office is at the Public Lands Building at 1965 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TERMS**

The Board’s officers will be a chair and a vice-chair. The term of those positions will be one year. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms as chair. The vice-chair may be reelected one or more times successively. The vice-chair will not automatically succeed to the position of chair, except that the vice-chair will succeed the chair if the chair vacates the office before the chair’s term is completed; in that event the vice-chair will serve as chair for the unexpired term of the vacated office. The Board shall elect a new vice-chair at the next regular Board meeting.

If the vice-chair is unable or unwilling to serve the remaining term of the vacated office, the Board shall meet as soon as practicable to elect a new chair for the remainder of the term.

Any Board member may nominate themselves or any other Board member for the positions of chair and vice-chair. The Board may nominate and elect members to other offices as deemed appropriate by a majority of the Board. Oral nominations from the floor as well as written or digital nominations will be accepted. Written, digital and oral nominations must be made in the month of December or at the last Board meeting of the year. All nominees must be contacted and state their availability and willingness to serve before being placed in nomination.

The election will be by written, oral, or digital ballot. Subject to City Code Section 2.07.120, the Board, at its first regular meeting of each calendar year, shall select a member as chair and another as vice-chair. Proxy votes will not be allowed. Officers will be elected by an affirmative majority vote of the Board members in attendance. The current chair shall solicit two members of the Board who are neither officers nor a nominee to conduct the vote and count ballots. The officers-elect shall assume their duties at the next regular Board meeting.

## **POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Without limiting the foregoing, the duties and powers of the officers of the Board are as follows:

### **A. Chair:**

- (1) Preside at all meetings of the Board.
- (2) Call special meetings of the Board in accordance with the By-laws.
- (3) Sign Board documents.
- (4) See that the Board complies with the By-laws and applicable law.
- (5) Appoint standing or ad hoc subcommittees of the Board.
- (6) May be an ex-officio member of any or all subcommittees with a voice but no vote.
- (7) Act as official spokesperson for the Board in matters of which the Board has taken a formal vote or position.

### **B. Vice-Chair:**

The vice-chair shall assist the chair, and during the absence of the chair, shall exercise or perform all the duties and be subject to all the responsibilities of the chair.

## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

The Chair will govern the conduct of all regular and special meetings of the Board and ensure agenda items are to involve a motion, a second, any pertinent discussion, and a vote.

The Board shall meet on an as needed basis but at least twice per quarter as specified in City Code Section 2.94.050. The Board shall establish a schedule specifying the times,

dates, and locations of regular meetings. The Board may alter the schedule at any regular meeting, and shall comply with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (“OPMA”). A quorum will consist of the majority of filled Board positions.

The Board may hold an electronic meeting in accordance with OPMA. A Board member who attends an electronic meeting remotely by electronic means will be counted as present for purposes of calculating whether a quorum of the Board is present at the meeting. The length of a Board meeting can extend for the length of time necessary to complete Board business and/or discussion.

All Board meeting agendas and minutes will be posted and provided for public review according to OPMA.

### **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Board, by the chair or by the mayor and shall comply with OPMA. The call for a special meeting must be signed by the member calling such meeting and, unless waived in writing, each member not joining in the order for such special meeting must be given not less than 24 hours’ notice. Said notice must be served personally through email, phone, or by hand delivery at a member’s residence or business office. Attendance by a Board member will constitute the waiver by that Board member of any defects in the notice.

Special meetings will be held at the Department’s building, or remotely using an electronic meeting, or at such other public place as may be designated by the Board.

### **VOTING**

All official Board business that results in a recommendation to the Mayor, the City Council, or any other public agency or commission must be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members, and must comply with City Code Section 2.07.150.

The Board must take a roll call vote of record upon request of any Board member. Each Board member will only have one vote and a record of each vote within the roll call must be included in the meeting minutes.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At any regular meeting of the Board, the order of business will generally be as follows:

- A. Call meeting to order.
- B. Approval of minutes.
- C. Invite public comment.
- D. Public Lands Department - staff presentation(s) and discussion



- E. Board Discussion
- F. Voting on official business.
- G. Confirm date for next meeting; reporting of sub-committees.
- H. Adjournment.

## **AGENDA**

The meeting agenda will be prepared by the Department liaison and the chair, working together. The agenda must be given as part of the meeting notice in accordance with OPMA. The Department liaison will provide the agenda to Board members seven days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting, with an exception for urgent circumstances as approved by the chair. Any member of the Board may request topics for discussion at the meeting through communication with the chair.

At the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year, the Board shall review a calendar of anticipated Department projects for the forthcoming year. For any agenda, the priority order for agenda items will be (1) staff presentation and discussion; (2) Board discussion; and (3) vote on official business.

Out of respect for members of the public in attendance, if a closed session of the Board is necessary, the closed session will be the last item on the agenda. Except in the case of an emergency meeting, the Board may not take final action on a topic unless the topic is listed under an agenda item and included with the advance public notice of the meeting.

Each topic considered at the Board meeting must be included in the agenda except topics raised during the public comment period. If a member of the public raises a topic, the majority of the Board may request, and the chair may allow, Board discussion of the public comments. The Board may respond to public comments or advise staff to respond to public comments made within a public meeting.

The public will be invited to speak during a 15 minute public comment period on issues that pertain to parks and public lands. Public comment speaking limits will be prescribed by the chair, and the chair will have discretion to extend the public comment period beyond the allotted time period.

## **MINUTES**

In accordance with OPMA, the Department liaison shall keep written minutes and a recording of each Board meeting. Pending minutes will be provided to the Board members for their review within two weeks after a Board meeting and will contain a clear indication that the Board has not approved the minutes or that the minutes are subject to change until the Board approves them. Board members may return amendments and corrections to the minutes at or before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The updated minutes will be included with the agenda for approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Within three days after approving the minutes, the Department Liaison must make the approved minutes available to the public in accordance with OPMA.

## **BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings. Board members are expected to actively serve on a minimum of one subcommittee during each year of their Board term and assist with drafting letters and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council under Chapter 2.94.060 paragraph J.

Any Board member failing to attend two Board meetings in one calendar year without advance notice to the chair of the Board member's absence will be subject to removal by the Board in accordance with City Code Section 2.07.090.

Board members are expected to review all agenda items or other provided materials in advance of each scheduled meeting.

Board members shall be respectful of the public, staff, and each other.

The Board chair shall ensure that all Board members have a fair, balanced, and respectful opportunity to share their knowledge, opinions, and perspectives.

The role of the Board is to advise the Mayor and the City Council and/or staff. Board appointment does not empower Members to make final decisions or to supervise staff.

Board correspondence written to the Mayor and the City Council as prescribed under Chapter 2.94.060 paragraph J must be made through the Chair to ensure that the consensus opinion of the Board is represented. The Department liaison fulfills an important role in assisting the Board with this regard.

If a Board member, other than the chair, gives their opinion to the media or in a public forum about Board business, that member must also clarify that this is their personal view or opinion and not the opinion or view of the Board or another Board member.

Subcommittees of the Board will be established by the chair, or by majority vote of the Board when proposed by any Board member. The chair shall cause the following details to be placed on the agenda for Board consideration:

- Committee type (standing or ad-hoc)
- Committee membership (who is involved and the expected time commitment)
- Work objective (the purpose or scope of the subcommittee work)
- Timeline (when and how the work will be accomplished)
- Committee reporting (a presentation and/or written summary of committee work for Board review and/or approval)

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

The chair may cause the removal of any person from a meeting if the person willfully disrupts the meeting to the extent that orderly conduct of the meeting is seriously compromised. In the alternative, the chair may terminate the meeting in the event of such a disruption.

All meeting attendees, including Board members, must be respectful of another person speaking and conduct themselves in a civil manner. If any person fails to do so, the chair can direct that person to leave the meeting.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Board members must avoid and disclose conflicts of interest in accordance with applicable conflict of interest laws, including City Code Section 2.07.080. If any member wonders whether a particular set of circumstances might involve a conflict of interest, that member shall notify the Director of Public Lands requesting an opinion of the City Attorney on whether there is a conflict and how to avoid or otherwise resolve it.

## **AMENDMENT**

These By-Laws may be amended in writing at any meeting by a vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Board, provided prior notice has been given to each Board member.

## **MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Upon motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, the By-Laws of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, were formally adopted.

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CHAIR

## **CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_, in my capacity as chair of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board hereby certify that the



foregoing document is a complete, accurate, and current copy of the By-Laws of that Board.

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CHAIR

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Formal Meeting  
Thursday, June 2, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join Via Webex: <https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=m9c9b666bf01d2e3fb4b28a095184565c>

Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104  
Upstairs Parks Training Room

Join by phone  
1-408-418-9388  
Access code: 2497 334 5760

## AGENDA

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order	
Chair comments	5 min
New board members update and/or introductions	15 min
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:20 PM</b>
Approve May 5, 2022, meeting minutes	5 min
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
Budget and Bond Update – Kristin Riker	20 min
Glendale Waterpark Update – Kat Maus	20 min
Election Discussion – Board members	15 min
Service Recognition for Polly Hart – Kristin Riker & PL Team	5 min
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:20 PM</b>
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:25 PM</b>
Board subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails subcommittee</li><li>• Bylaws subcommittee</li><li>• Communication subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board comment and question period	
Next meeting: July 7, 2022	
Request for future agenda item	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>

**Formal Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 5, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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## **Minutes (Unapproved)**

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<p>Call to order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Polly Hart</li><li>- Brianna Binnebose</li><li>- Samantha Finch</li><li>- Jenny Hewson</li><li>- Melanie Pehrson</li><li>- Phil Carroll</li><li>- CJ</li><li>- Clayton Scrivner</li></ul>	
<p>Chair comments</p> <p>Polly Hart updated the board on the donation of two Bristlecone Pine caliper trees received last month from Deb Sawyer. Ms. Hart announced that the trees will be planted tomorrow in Memory Grove and that she would be attending the planting along with children from Washington School.</p>	
<p>New board members update and/or introductions</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked staff whether any new board members were on Zoom for today's board meeting.</p> <p>Luke Allen responded that there were no new board members in attendance, but that there is a new member that was just appointed on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> to the board.</p> <p>The new board member's name is Frances Ngo. Mr. Luke read Frances Ngo's biography and stated that Frances will be attending the June board meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Hart confirmed with Mr. Luke that Frances' appointment fills the at-large appointment.</p>	

<p>Ms. Hart asked staff for an update on the District 1 candidate appointment as well as the second at-large candidate appointment</p> <p>Mr. Luke informed the board that there is a Council interview with a potential District 1 candidate on May 17<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Kristin Riker explained that the other at-large candidate appointment was paused due to the discovery that the candidate was married to a Public Lands Department employee, which is against ordinance. That at-large position is now re-opened, and Ms. Hart will stay on the board for one more month until this position is filled.</p> <p>Ms. Riker further explained that Ashley Cleveland, Salt Lake City Deputy Director of Community Outreach, is aiming to have Indigenous representation on the board and would like to put together a Salt Lake City ordinance that requires the board to have two Indigenous members on the board to fill the two at-large positions in the future.</p>	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>
<p>Approve April 7, 2022, meeting minutes</p> <p>Samantha Finch motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Jenny Hewson seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the PNUT Board.</p>	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
<p>Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.</p> <p><b>Dan Schelling</b></p> <p>Dan Schelling, 28-year resident of Salt Lake City who spends a lot of time in the foothills, explained that they were present at the April 19<sup>th</sup> City Council work session. Dan stated that they heard Public Lands staff Tyler Fonarow and Tyler Murdock provide an update on the Foothills Trail System to the Council and wanted to let the PNUT Board know that they are pleased and supportive of the requests submitted at the meeting, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) to extend the pause on trail construction on the foothills so that the city has time to complete essential studies related both to Foothills natural environments and its recreational use by Salt Lake City residents.</li> <li>2) a request funds to restore the Adventures [Avenues] Ridgeline Trail that was closed lats year.</li> <li>3) a request for funds to maintain existing “legacy trails and recently-constructed trails where necessary without the use of machinery.”</li> </ol> <p>Dan stated that they are also pleased and fully supportive of the Public Lands Department’s request to expand the initially planned review of the Phase I trail construction to include a review and inventory of previously existing trails, a review of present and future trail needs, and an increase in community outreach efforts. Dan stated that they do know that there are a number of folks in the Salt Lake community who are quite upset that there was a pause in the construction in trails and Dan expects they will be equally upset to learn about the request to continue to pause until</p>	



2023, but they would like to remind the PNUT Board and anyone else listening that the Salt Lake City foothills are a precious resource that should and can be shared, not only by the humans that live in Salt Lake City but by the wildlife that lives in the foothills and nearby wilderness including elk, deer, moose, fox, and owls. Dan further stated that the foothills are not going anywhere soon; they will still be here in 2023 and later years, so let us not be hasty and instead take the time and effort as requested by Public Lands to maintain our presently existing trails and build additional trails where necessary in order to preserve the environmental integrity of this precious urban wildlands interface. Lastly, in the words of Tyler Fonarow at the meeting, “The reason we are pausing is so we can get it done right.” Dan concluded their comment period by thanking the board.

#### **Hilary Jacobs**

Hilary Jacobs, long-time resident of Salt Lake City, wished to thank the Public Lands Department for extending the pause in the trail construction in the Salt Lake City Foothills for at least another year. Hilary stated that it was heartening to hear the Public Lands Department’s intention to complete environmental and cultural studies to gain a greater understanding of these complex lands and spaces before moving forward. Hilary further thanked the board for expand the Request for Proposal to find a consultant to do a comprehensive study and analysis of Phase I work, as well as an analysis to find a balance between human activities and a need to protect these fragile ecosystems. Hilary commented that we are but transient visitors in these desirable habitats. Further, Hilary commended the completion of your new Master Plan, Reimagine Nature. Hilary stated that it is clear that this document is the result of considerable effort by many dedicated people and it’s high time that the 1992 Plan—now 30 years-old—be replaced with this new vision.

Hilary mentioned one area of concern, which is that Reimagine Nature is being presented as a guidepost for all of the city lands, urban and natural, including the foothills. However, Hilary emphasized that planning for these distinctly different spaces must be two distinct different endeavors because the parameters for managing manicured urban parks should not be the same parameters used to manager vulnerable natural environments. In short, Hilary believes that Reimagine Nature is great for urban spaces but that it should not be used as a substitute for a comprehensive land use management plan for the foothills; they believe we need a regional land use management plan to envision a comprehensive recreation plan, and without both of those our lands will not be protected from the increasing urban pressure that is degrading the very qualities that we seek and need. Hilary concluded their comment period by thanking the board.

The Board thanked the public commenters and Ms. Hart asked if there was anyone else listening who would like to contribute public comment. Hearing none, Ms. Hart moved to the Staff Discussion and Agenda Items portion of the meeting.

#### **4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items**

**5:30PM**

Trailheads update – Tyler Fonarow

10 mins

Mr. Fonarow reviewed the five funded trailhead options for the foothills and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and provided updates. Mr. Fonarow explained that he would

start his project presentation moving from North to South, and they have about 10% conceptual designs of these different locations. He stated that Alta Planning Design is the firm that has been working on this moving towards 40% designs.

1. Victory Road is on Salt Lake Public Utilities property, so they have been working with them on agreements and memorandums of understanding related to their utility infrastructure. For this reason, the process is taking a bit longer as they work to ensure that the City is not disrupting any critical water infrastructure at this site. This is a trailhead of about twelve parking spots. The city is also working with the Utah Department of Transportation regarding right-of-way permissions, as this particular trailhead is a bit farther into UDOT's easement property than other trailheads.
2. Bonneville Boulevard (Salt Dome) trailhead is the furthest along in the process due to the parking lot that currently exists there being a wonderful footprint already in place, making extra redesigning efforts unnecessary. Mr. Fonarow explained that a lot of folks already use it as a trailhead; the plan will be to stripe the existing parking lot space to folks can use that as part of the trails.

Ms. Hewson asked a clarifying question pertaining to the Bonneville Boulevard Trailhead and any facilities being planned for public use.

Mr. Fonarow stated that they are looking at a possible comfort station/restroom at that location. He proceeded to further explain the layout of the area and movement of the gate location, as well as whether a bathroom would be viable at that location.

Mr. Fonarow further explained that he intentionally did not bring designs to this meeting as it was too early to critique the plans as viable options are still being explored.

3. 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue is one of the more complicated trailheads since it is a minor trailhead. Additionally, all that space is owned by SLC Public Utilities, including critical water infrastructure with Morris Reservoir. There are a few possibilities in the works for this site, including expanding the current spot to fit additional parking. The goal is to put together multiple conceptual designs to solicit community engagement before proceeding any further.

CJ asked Mr. Fonarow how many cars he expected to be able to fit up in this area. Mr. Fonarow mentioned that they were planning for approximately twenty cars but will only fully understand this upon further community engagement. Mr. Fonarow further stated that after speaking with neighbors he estimates that it will be split between those neighbors who want a larger parking lot for trailhead users to park instead of being on the street versus those residents who want a smaller parking lot with a lesser footprint and for parking to land where it may.

Mr. Fonarow added that one thing to keep in mind about all trailhead design is keeping up with increasingly large car bike racks. Other factors to keep in mind are looping in Public Safety on all plans in regard to backcountry rescue and firefighting as well as Public Utilities being able to access their water infrastructure.

4. Popperton Trailhead is one of the highest volume in current trail access. This one will definitely include a bathroom likely toward the West side of the trailhead area and in between the playground and soccer areas. The city is already in the process of a better signed access through Federal point due to neighbor concern. Mr. Fonarow has been working with the HOA president at Federal Point to include better signage and public accessibility points.
5. Emigration Trailhead is Utah State Parks property (This is the Place) and is also an important burial site for one of Utah's Tribal communities towards the Eastern edge of that lot. Mr. Fonarow and Ashely Cleveland have been working with the Utah Division of Indian Affairs and Native American Remains Council about an appropriate buffer zone between the trailhead and the burial vault in order to ensure a respectful coexistence in that space.

Mr. Fonarow gave the Board a heads up regarding Lakeline Drive. The city is exploring the parcel of land between the H Rock and the new segment of the BST, what has been traditionally known as Jack's Peak. Folks have approached the City about potential property available for a trailhead in this area.

Ms. Hart asked whether the Board had any further questions of Mr. Fonarow.

Phil Carroll stated that he had recently driven around to a few trailheads to observe the different parking situations. Mr. Carroll wondered if they could obtain an intern to go around at the same time and day of each week to survey folks about how they are accessing the trails and from where. Mr. Carroll also mentioned that there were a variety of bikes being used, such as e-bikes, and that might also be useful analysis pending there is room in the budget for it.

CJ responded that this might be a good time and space to get some of the differing parties together, such as the Wasatch Backcountry Alliance and the Save Our Foothills groups, since they share a common goal and both groups have access to data and resources for counting trail users.

Mr. Carroll responded that this confirmed some of his research as well. He also mentioned a few other trails he had walked and noticed about parking.

Ms. Hewson added that she had also done a few drives to check out the parking at various trailhead locations and seconds Mr. Carroll's recommendation of doing a weekend survey. Ms. Hewson added doing an afterwork survey as well would help ensure we are capturing all demographics.

CJ mentioned that the Board should probably also take into account the time of year and season as the user types and number of users will fluctuate month-to-month, so such a study would be a year-long process. CJ asked Mr. Fonarow what the consideration was for taking into account the volume of traffic.

Mr. Fonarow mentioned that there are two items he felt were important that Ms. Hewson and Mr. Carroll shared, which are time of day and parking as close to the trailhead as possible.

<p>Further discussion on the issue continued.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll asked Mr. Fonarow if he had spoken with Shriner's to use their parking lot on Saturdays. Mr. Fonarow stated that he would follow up with Shriner's about that.</p> <p>Ms. Hart mentioned that between 300N and 500N there are at least fifty spaces that recreators use.</p> <p>Mr. Fonarow confirmed that the State Capitol is a great partner for parking spaces since the capitol is not busy on weekends and that is Parks' busiest time of the week.</p> <p>Ms. Hart called for any further questions. Seeing none, the Board moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<p>Park signage project update – Kat Maus</p> <p>Kat Maus introduced herself and began the slide presentation on the Community Parks Signage Project. Ms. Maus explained that Landmark Design is the firm they have chosen to complete the \$335,125 project. The first part of the project is to design a multilingual signage standard primarily for English and Spanish as an addendum to the Salt Lake City Parkes, Open Space and Trail Signage Guidelines. The second part of the project is to implement the English/Spanish signage standard in ten community parks citywide. Ms. Maus finished the presentation and asked if the Board had any further questions.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll asked clarifying questions related to the QR codes and languages displayed on Ms. Maus' slide presentation, and also provided recommendations, such as including educational information about the sacred nature of Memory Grove and City Creek areas.</p> <p>Ms. Maus replied that her team had been doing demographic studies about park users as well as dominant languages spoken amongst those users and stated that she would explore the recommendations posed by Mr. Carroll. Ms. Maus also mentioned that they were looking into doing a separate master plan for Memory Grove, which would capture the signage for that site.</p> <p>Melanie Pehrson inquired about public engagement for signs and referenced Poplar Grove specifically.</p> <p>Ms. Maus stated she would follow up with Mr. Fonarow on the public engagement piece.</p> <p>Brianna Binnebose asked clarifying questions about the types of signage.</p> <p>Ms. Riker spoke to potential future funding related to unique signs.</p> <p>Ms. Maus referenced a few past Public Lands Parks projects.</p>	<p>10 mins</p>



<p>Ms. Hart called for further questions for Ms. Maus. Seeing none, Ms. Hart moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<p>Donation proposals (action items):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backman open space – Kat Maus</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Maus confirmed that the Salt Lake Education Foundation donation for the Backman Open Space project is \$20,000. Ms. Maus stated that they are using the funding to develop the open space on the West side of the bridge between the housing area and Jordan River into a community outdoor classroom and safety upgrades for the area. She stated that they are hoping to begin construction on this with BioWest Summer 2022. Ms. Maus further stated that including this donation from SL Education Foundation and Backman Elementary, they will have close to \$250,000 to fund this project. Now a PNUT board recommendation to move forward with the donation agreement is needed. Ms. Maus completed her presentation and opened it up for questions.</p> <p>Clayton Scrivner asked whether there are other partners involved in managing and programming the space.</p> <p>Ms. Maus responded that the main programmer will be Backman Elementary to use as an outdoor playground; however, when not in use as an open classroom, it will be available for the general public to utilize.</p> <p>Samantha Finch asked whether this project had any relation to a past project presented to the Board years ago that she recalled being similar in concept, though that particular project was never finalized.</p> <p>Ms. Riker and Ms. Maus responded to Ms. Finch’s question.</p> <p>Ms. Maus provided further details about the space and continued to answer questions from the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll and Ms. Hewson asked clarifying questions related to the bridge, design, and concept.</p> <p>Ms. Riker and Ms. Maus responded to Mr. Carroll’s and Ms. Hewson’s questions.</p> <p>Ms. Finch asked further questions related to the funding sources and Ms. Maus responded.</p> <p>Mr. Scrivner made a motion to approve the Backman Open Space Project. Ms. Finch seconded the motion. The project was approved unanimously by the PNUT Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liberty Bell dedication plaques – Kezia Lopez</li> </ul> <p>Kezia Lopez introduced herself and began presenting the Liberty Bell dedication plaques item to the Board.</p>	<p>15 mins</p>

Ms. Lopez stated that the Beta Sigma Phi sorority is proposing to replace or repair the original plaques for the Liberty Bell. The current plaques that were donated in 1978 are very damaged. The sorority group would like to remove one of the plaques and replace it with a new one that is a replica of the plaque that states, "The children of Utah present the tower of the liberty bell," which Ms. Lopez referred to as the second photo in the Board Packet memo. Ms. Lopez mentioned that if they cannot buff out the scratches on the first plaque (represented by the first picture), they will move to replace it. Ms. Lopez also mentioned that the group is hoping to have everything completed by June and will be working with Kyle Shields and the metal work company to ensure everything goes smoothly. Ms. Lopez stated that the total estimated value of the donation is \$1600 and mentioned that the new plaque would be made of steel for increased durability and enhanced care.

Ms. Hart asked a clarifying question regarding the donor. Ms. Lopez confirmed that only Beta Sigma Phi sorority is the sole party responsible for the donation.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to accept the donation for the Liberty Bell dedication plaques. Ms. Binnebose seconded the motion. The donation was approved unanimously by the PNUT Board.

- International Peace Gardens Tree & Bench Donation – Kezia Lopez

Ms. Lopez proceeded to present the second donation from a private donor. This is a family who would like to plant a tree and place a bench inside the International Peace Gardens in memory of their late sister. The area will be in the Scotland Garden and the trees they have a choice of are birch, elm, hornbeam, or hawthorn. It needs to be a two-inch caliper for better chances of survival. The family will also be donating a bench made of granite and installed near a tree. Ms. Lopez mentioned that at first, the family wanted to installation in the German Garden; however, they changed to the Scotland Garden due to many similar installations already in place at the German Garden. The family is requesting a small engraving on the side of the bench that will say, "In memory of Julie Wagner, 1985-2021, 'I'll never say goodbye.'" Ms. Lopez affirmed that the family will be paying for all costs and working with Aaron Benzon to ensure that the installation goes smoothly.

Mr. Scrivner asked Ms. Lopez whether the memorial installation was in-line with regulatory code.

Ms. Lopez stated that currently, the City does not have any memorial plaque regulations; however, she deferred to Ms. Riker and Mr. Bollwinkel to provide more information on this topic.

Mr. Bollwinkel stated that Public Lands has historically backed away from memorial plaques and encouraged 3-4 inch by 7-inch plaque mounted to the bench versus in the ground. This has been the standard for quite a while. Mr. Bollwinkel mentioned that one discussion that he, Tony Gliot, and other staff have been having is regarding potentially having memorial groves designated in each park; in such an instance, policies and guidelines would then follow.

Ms. Finch asked if it was somewhere in City Code.

Ms. Riker replied that Public Lands has created this policy since, when we accept memorial plaques, there is an expectation that the plaque will be there forever, though the reality is that plaques often get vandalized and stolen, and then Public Lands is expected to pay and replace that. Ms. Finch confirmed that it is more of an internal policy and adopted practice, and there is nothing in code or regulation.

Mr. Carroll confirmed with Mr. Bollwinkel the reasons that this particular plaque was acceptable by internal policy, which range from the fact that it is small and made of durable material, less likely to be vandalized.

Ms. Riker mentioned that in the donation agreement, there is also an understanding between the signing donor and Public Lands that the department is not responsible for any damage or theft; furthermore, the bench is like other benches in the area.

Ms. Hart pointed to the Board packet where there were examples of similar benches already in the German Garden. She asked whether engraving directly into the granite was an option.

Ms. Lopez confirmed that this is exactly what the donor is proposing.

Ms. Finch expressed some concern related to consistency and referenced a family wanting to memorialize something at the ballpark that was for their son who had passed away. Ms. Finch's memory was that the PNUT Board was willing to accept the donation but no plaque. Mr. Scrivner stated that this was exactly why he raised the question regarding memorial plaque regulations.

Ms. Riker stated that the distinction was that there was no plaque or bench requested, and asked Ms. Lopez to weigh in on what was communicated to the family at that time.

Ms. Lopez stated that they wanted to do improvements to the park itself and then a large plaque and picture with bio.

Ms. Finch asked if the family were presented with an alternative, and Ms. Lopez stated that the family worked with Kyle Shields on different options that would fit within their budget, though she did not believe that a granite bench was presented in the list of options.

Mr. Carroll asked how Public Lands can get the policy pertaining to memorial plaques, and Ms. Riker replied that it is on the list of items that staff is working towards.

Ms. Hart called for final questions, comments, or actions pertaining to the agenda item.

Mr. Carroll made a motion to accept the International Peace Gardens Tree & Bench Donation. Ms. Binnebose seconded the motion. The donation was unanimously approved by the PNUT Board.	
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:05 PM</b>
<p>Finalize board discussion about updated bylaws</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked Board members if everyone had a chance to re-read the updated bylaws and whether there were any questions or comments at this time.</p> <p>Ms. Finch and Ms. Hewson both provided comments; Ms. Hewson asked whether the code of conduct portion needs to be added to the agenda or read at the beginning of each meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Allen stated that the language could be added as an anchor statement on the agenda.</p> <p>The Board discussed this option and Ms. Hart proceeded to call for a motion to approve the bylaws.</p> <p>Ms. Finch made a motion to approve the bylaws. Ms. Hewson seconded the motion. The bylaws were approved unanimously by the PNUT Board.</p> <p>Ms. Hart thanked Ms. Finch and Ginger Cannon for their work on formulating the updated bylaws.</p>	10 mins
<p>Board discussion about formation of a foundation subcommittee</p> <p>Ms. Finch referred to the PNUT Board bylaws, “board member responsibilities” listed in the final paragraph of page 5, which states that, “a subcommittee to the board shall be established by the chair whenever proposed by a board member.” Ms. Finch explained that the point of this subcommittee is to be exploratory and comprised of a few PNUT Board members with the purpose of investigating some sort of outside funding vehicle for the Public Lands Department in its mission. Ms. Finch mentioned that she would propose an ad-hoc committee versus a standing committee, which would culminate to a final report and presentation to the PNUT Board illustrating what the subcommittee learned. Ms. Finch is happy to take the lead on the subcommittee and mentioned that both Ms. Hewson and Ms. Pehrson had expressed interest in joining her on the subcommittee.</p> <p>Ms. Hart called for questions or comments by the PNUT Board on the proposed subcommittee.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson mentioned that they have met with four different community members: Amy May of Tree Utah, City Community Council, Turner Bitton, and Jake, a local real estate developer who is now leaving the state.</p> <p>Ms. Finch stated that she believes the first steps for the proposed subcommittee would be to reach out to members of the community who they believe would provide</p>	15 mins



<p>the subcommittee with some direction, advice, and connections for the subcommittee to follow up on. Ms. Finch stated that she is collecting names and if any other PNUT members are interested in joining the subcommittee or have suggested folks that the subcommittee should connect with, please let her know.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson and Ms. Finch stated that they have had many interesting ideas suggested to them. Ms. Hewson shared that Amy May suggested it could be under the PNUT umbrella for now, and then as time goes on, the subcommittee could become a larger initiative or project. Ms. Hewson's first concern is whether it is appropriate for the subcommittee to be solely a PNUT-driven initiative; Ms. Hewson's other concern is the time commitment and PNUT member capacity.</p> <p>Ms. Hart confirmed that the PNUT Board had a quorum and called for a vote to create an exploratory ad-hoc subcommittee. The PNUT Board voted to unanimously approve the creation of the subcommittee.</p> <p>Ms. Hart mentioned that the PNUT Board would look forward to hearing back from the subcommittee with their first update during the June PNUT meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked Ms. Riker if there are any grant opportunities – such as through CIP or other pathways – to fund a paid executive director role to lead such an initiative.</p> <p>Ms. Riker replied that although CIP funding or other City funding would not apply in such a situation, she is uncertain if there are others out there. Ms. Riker mentioned the Project for Public Lands and the Trust for Public lands, which are national nonprofits that assist with natural space conservation. She recommended reaching out to them to inquire about funding.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson stated that exploring such funding is another item that the subcommittee could explore and update the PNUT Board on.</p> <p>Mr. Allen and Ms. Pehrson mentioned internship and apprenticeship initiatives. Ms. Riker replied that city-sponsored apprenticeships are not likely to apply to this situation due to the subcommittee's purview not being city-specific.</p>	
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:25 PM</b>
<p>Board subcommittee updates as needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Hart will be leaving the PNUT Board but would still like to remain on the trails subcommittee.</p> <p>Mr. Fonarow also mentioned having Rick Edelman, who holds a PhD in soils engineering, on the trails subcommittee.</p> <p>Ms. Hart mentioned they will also expand the non-member board opportunities to include more folks in the trails subcommittee.</p> <p>Also discussed at the trails subcommittee was off-leash user groups.</p>	

- Bylaws subcommittee

The bylaws subcommittee has winded up due to passing the PNUT Board bylaws.

- Communication subcommittee

Ms. Binnebose stated key takeaways from the communication subcommittee were envisioning key takeaways about future roles and what they can provide to the city, as well as looking at strategic communications plans and processes, and looking at the communications plan. Ms. Binnebose also mentioned the importance of discussing as a larger group the sharing of Board members' personal information as well as keeping track of what we are doing as a board for continuity and historical knowledge once PNUT board members leave and so forth, such as digitizing all board packets and important records.

Other topics were making the board more accessible and enhanced community engagement opportunities with City Council.

The last items discussed by the communication subcommittee was developing PNUT Board member bios online and parking ambassadors.

Mr. Carroll also mentioned getting the PNUT Board onto an internal communications platform, and Mr. Allen stated that he had email the City Recorder's Office about getting the members Microsoft Teams account.

#### Board comment and question period

Mr. Carroll stated that it is very important to replace trees in Memory Grove.

Ms. Riker mentioned that Tree Utah provides the Department with a lot of trees.

Tony Gliot updated the PNUT Board on the status of Memory Grove tree replacement. He stated that the current issue is identifying the tree species most desired by the community, as this is common historical practice. However, they are not going to plant any tree species susceptible to verticillium wilt, which some of the previous community choices, such as maples, were susceptible to. Mr. Gliot stated that he has been working with Kyle Shields on this.

Mr. Carroll stated that he would follow-up with Kyle tomorrow on this issue.

Mr. Gliot assured the PNUT members that they do have the money for it and are prepared to plant the trees, and one more final question is whether the community wants a single species of tree or to alternate between two different trees, as they have heard both.

Mr. Carroll referenced the federal legislation proposed for public lands that would require shooting ranges on public lands across the country. Mr. Carroll asked if the city has plans to address that.

<p>Ms. Riker mentioned that it is probably more of a state government issue.</p> <p>Carmen Bailey mentioned that there are several rural communities that are very active about fire mitigation around shooting ranges, as well as various ordinances in place regulating shooting range activities on public lands.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll stated he simply wanted to bring it to the Board's attention as it was of concern to him.</p> <p>Ms. Riker also announced that Mr. Allen will be on parental leave and Ms. Lopez would also be out leading up to the next meeting. Ms. Riker will be working with Sarah Balland, Carly Anderson, and Brandon Fleming to prepare for the PNUT Board's June and July meetings while both Ms. Lopez and Mr. Allen are out of office.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson thanked staff for the online layout and accessible preparation of board meeting documents.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson will be in England in June.</p>	
<p>Next meeting: June 2, 2022</p>	
<p>Request for future agenda item</p> <p>Ms. Finch stated that she would like to hear more from staff about the Public Lands Budget, specifically the information on the \$80M bond.</p> <p>Ms. Riker stated that on May 24<sup>th</sup> at the 2pm work session, she will be giving a presentation to the City Council on the proposed Public Lands Budget. She would be happy to do the same presentation again for the PNUT Board. She reminded the board that there is no guarantee that the Council will accept the full budget.</p> <p>Ms. Hart reminded the members that the May 24<sup>th</sup> work session meeting will be recorded.</p> <p>Ms. Riker stated that Public Lands submitted a transmittal for the \$80 million bond and would love to share that with the PNUT board once it is scheduled with the City Council. She also announced that the mayor had recommended \$2 million in maintenance funds from Funding our Future to go to Public Lands maintenance. She stated that the \$2 million does not include equipment or staff, so the Department will have to request some other items to actually spend the \$2 million. Ms. Riker stated that the public has expressed what is most important is taking care of what we have.</p> <p>Ms. Riker informed the Board that the Department had conducted a statistically randomized community survey about the bond and what resident interests are, and the results are very interesting. She offered to present the results at a future agenda.</p> <p>Ms. Bailey also mentioned that the new Park Ranger Program Manager Janessa Edwards will be introduced at the next meeting. Suzy Lee is the Park Ranger Program Coordinator. Ms. Bailey provided a quick status update on the Park Ranger positions</p>	

and interview process. The Park Ranger Program will be able to provide an update to the PNUT Board in either is June or July meeting.	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>

Ms. Hart moved to adjourn the May PNUT Board meeting. Ms. Finch seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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## **Staff Responses to Public Comments from the May 5, 2022, PNUT Board Meeting**

**Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.**

### **Dan Schelling**

Dan Schelling, 28-year resident of Salt Lake City who spends a lot of time in the foothills, explained that they were present at the April 19th City Council work session. Dan stated that they heard Public Lands staff Tyler Fonarow and Tyler Murdock provide an update on the Foothills Trail System to the Council and wanted to let the PNUT Board know that they are pleased and supportive of the requests submitted at the meeting, including:

- 1) to extend the pause on trail construction on the foothills so that the city has time to complete essential studies related both to Foothills natural environments and its recreational use by Salt Lake City residents.
- 2) a request funds to restore the Adventures Ridgeline Trail that was closed last year.
- 3) a request for funds to maintain existing "legacy trails and recently-constructed trails where necessary without the use of machinery."

Dan stated that they are also pleased and fully supportive of the Public Lands Department's request to expand the initially planned review of the Phase I trail construction to include a review and inventory of previously existing trails, a review of present and future trail needs, and an increase in community outreach efforts. Dan stated that they do know that there are a number of folks in the Salt Lake community who are quite upset that there was a pause in the construction in trails and they expect that those folks will be equally upset to learn about the request to continue the pause until 2023, but Dan would like to remind the PNUT Board and anyone else listening that the Salt Lake City foothills are a precious resource that should and can be shared, not only by the humans that live in Salt Lake City but by the wildlife that lives in the foothills and nearby wilderness including elk, deer, moose, fox, and owls.

Dan further stated that the foothills are not going anywhere soon; they will still be here in 2023 and later years, so let us not be hasty and instead take the time and effort as requested by Public Lands to maintain our presently existing trails and build additional trails where necessary in order to preserve the environmental integrity of this precious urban wildlands interface. Lastly, in the words of Tyler Fonarow at the meeting, "The reason we are pausing is so we can get it done right." Dan concluded their comment period by thanking the board.

### Staff Response

*Thank you, Dan Schelling, for the comments. The Public Lands staff would like to make a few clarifications. Dan said that they are pleased and supportive of the requests submitted at the meeting, including:*

- 1) to extend the pause on trail construction on the foothills so that the city has time to complete essential studies related both to Foothills natural environments and its recreational use by Salt Lake City residents.*
- 2) a request funds to restore the Adventures (sic Avenues) Ridgeline Trail that was closed lats year. Public Lands did not request funds but simply requested that the Terrace Hills ridgeline trail that was closed with fences and trenches could be rehabilitated and monitored for public safety.*
- 3) a request for funds to maintain existing “legacy trails and recently-constructed trails where necessary without the use of machinery.” Again, Public Lands did not request funds for maintenance, but to clarify that maintenance of trails was not included in the pause of trail construction.*

### **Hilary Jacobs**

Hilary Jacobs, long-time resident of Salt Lake City, wished to thank the Public Lands Department for extending the pause in the trail construction in the Salt Lake City Foothills for at least another year. Hillary stated that it was heartening to hear the Public Lands Department’s intention to complete environmental and cultural studies to gain a greater understanding of these complex lands and spaces before moving forward. Hillary further thanked the board for expand the Request for Proposal to find a consultant to do a comprehensive study and analysis of Phase I work, as well as an analysis to find a balance between human activities and a need to protect these fragile ecosystems. Hillary commented that we are but transient visitors in these desirable habitats. Further, Hillary commended the completion of your new Master Plan, Reimagine Nature. Hillary stated that it is clear that this document is the result of considerable effort by many dedicated people and it’s high time that the 1992 Plan—now 30 years-old—be replaced with this new vision.

Hilary mentioned one area of concern, which is that Reimagine Nature is being presented as a guidepost for all of the city lands, urban and natural, including the foothills. However, Hillary emphasized that planning for these distinctly different spaces must be two distinct different endeavors because the parameters for managing manicured urban parks should not be the same parameters used to manager vulnerable natural environments. In short, Hillary believes that Reimagine Nature is great for urban spaces but that it should not be used as a substitute for a comprehensive land use management plan for the foothills; they believe we need a regional land use management plan to envision a comprehensive recreation plan, and without both of those our lands will not be protected from the increasing urban pressure that is degrading the very qualities that we seek and need. Hillary concluded their comment period by thanking the board.

The Board thanked the public commenters and Ms. Hart asked if there was anyone else listening who would like to contribute public comment. Hearing none, Ms. Hart moved to the Staff Discussion and Agenda Items portion of the meeting.

### Staff Response

*The Public Lands Master Plan provides a high-level vision with big ideas to transform and sustain quality outdoor spaces that are welcoming, safe, and walkable, ensuring people, wildlife and ecosystems benefit from fair investment of Salt Lake City resources over the next 20 years. Public Lands understands that additional site-specific management plans, including future management planning for Salt Lake City's Foothills, will be required to provide the level of detail and attention to each unique property with SLC Public Lands inventory. The "Sustain: Strategies & Policies Overview" outlined towards the end of the Master Plan highlight this need by calling for additional planning for all significant public lands properties, including the Foothill Natural Area, development of a Climate Resiliency Plan, increased collaboration with external government and environmental partners to protect biodiversity, and valuable habitat in these areas.*

**Formal Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 7, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Join Via Webex:** <https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=maf7d320463ac25f92bfb20577f7d7beb>

**Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104**  
**Upstairs Parks Training Room**

**Join by phone**  
**1-408-418-9388**  
**Access code: 2498 654 7796**

## **AGENDA**

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order	
Chair comments	5 min
New board members update and/or introductions	15 min
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:20 PM</b>
Approve June 2, 2022, meeting minutes	5 min
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:40 PM</b>
Park Ranger Update – Suzy Lee	20 min
Allen Park Update – Kat Maus	10 min
Discuss Draft Ordinance Amendment to Section 2.94.040 of the Salt Lake City Code – Ashley Cleveland or Kristin Riker	15 min
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:25 PM</b>
Continued Board Chair Discussion	15 min
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:40 PM</b>
Board subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails subcommittee</li><li>• Bylaws subcommittee</li><li>• Communication subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board comment and question period	
Next meeting: August 4, 2022	
Request for future agenda item	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>



**Formal Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 2, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

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## Minutes (**Unapproved**)

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Polly Hart</li><li>- Brianna Binnebose</li><li>- Samantha Finch</li><li>- Melanie Pehrson</li><li>- CJ</li><li>- Frances Ngo</li></ul>	
Chair comments <p>Polly Hart referenced the Code of Conduct in the newly approved Bylaws, reminding all meeting attendees to please be polite and civil.</p>	5 min
New board members update and/or introductions <p>Ms. Hart introduced Frances Ngo as a newly appointed board member.</p> <p>Frances Ngo introduced herself as a recent transplant to Salt Lake City who is a biologist interested and excited to get to know more about SLC and natural lands.</p> <p>Ms. Hart requested everyone to please introduce themselves to Frances.</p> <p>Melanie Pehrson introduced herself to Frances. Ms. Pehrson represents District 2 and has served on the PNUT Board for about one year.</p> <p>Brianna Binnebose introduced herself to Frances. Ms. Binnebose represents District 5 and has served on the PNUT Board for about 3 years.</p> <p>Samantha Finch introduced herself to Frances. Ms. Finch represents District 7 and has served on the PNUT Board for four years and is in her second term.</p>	15 min

Ms. Hart introduced herself as the outgoing chair representing an at-large position and explained that her term ends this month and will be filled with a new member presumably in July.

CJ introduced himself to Frances. CJ represents District 6 and has served on the PNUT Board for about one year.

Ginger Cannon introduced herself to Frances. Ms. Cannon represents an at-large position with the PNUT Board and looks forward to working with Frances for their remaining term times.

Ms. Hart stated that, prior to the start of the meeting, the Board had met with Janessa Edwards, Ranger Program Manager, and Suzy Lee, Ranger Program Coordinator, about the new Parks Ranger Program for SLC Public Lands. Ms. Hart had Kristin Riker, Director of Public Lands, provide an update to the PNUT Board on the Program.

Ms. Riker announced that the Parks Ranger Program staff have hired four of the park ranger leads who started this week. Staff are also doing another round of interviews to fill twelve more ranger positions and have been doing site visits, training, and manual development with the leads. Staff would like to present to the July PNUT Board meeting.

Ms. Hart agreed that the Park Rangers Program crew should visit the Board during its next meeting.

Ms. Cannon mentioned that she wanted to reserve some time to provide feedback to the Park Rangers Program staff based on what the Board members have heard from the public about the Program.

Ms. Hart agreed that reserving 15-20 minutes to provide feedback during the July meeting would be good, and Ms. Cannon agreed. Ms. Hart stated that she believes that this agenda item should be a priority agenda item for July.

Ms. Pehrson asked which parks the Rangers would be stationed in.

Ms. Riker replied that there are four home locations: Liberty Park, Jordan River Carriage House at Fisher Mansion, Pioneer Park, and Fairmont Park. She explained that those four places will serve as the rangers' home hubs where their work offices are stationed. From those main hubs, the rangers will have work vehicles and bikes to do outreach to all city parks at a frequency that is still to be determined depending on differing parks' needs.

Ms. Hart asked if rangers would also be in the Foothills trail systems, too.

<p>Ms. Riker replied that the Parks Ranger Program staff will not be in the Foothills area, but that she would share a bit more of an update about the Foothills in her upcoming budget presentation.</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked if there were any other questions from the PNUT Board; seeing none, she moved on to the next agenda item.</p>	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:20 PM</b>
<p>Approve May 5, 2022, meeting minutes</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked if there were any changes that had not yet been addressed in the May minutes or if members were ready to make a motion.</p> <p>Ms. Finch motioned to approve the May meeting minutes. Ms. Binnebose seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the PNUT Board.</p>	5 min
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
<p>Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.</p> <p>Ms. Hart called for public comment. Seeing none, she moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
<p>Service Recognition for Polly Hart – Kristin Riker &amp; PL Team</p> <p>Ms. Riker presented a service recognition to Polly Hart for her service to the Public Lands Department and commended Ms. Hart for all the changes she has seen the Department through. Ms. Riker and the PNUT Board thanked Ms. Hart for her influence and contributions to the Public Lands Department.</p> <p>Ms. Hart thanked Ms. Riker and the PNUT Board and assured everyone that she would still be active and engaged in the Department’s activities.</p> <p>Lee Bollwinkel, Parks Division Director, spoke to Ms. Hart’s service as well and requested a group photo.</p> <p>Ms. Riker stated that the Department still had not found anyone to fill Ms. Hart’s at-large position but are working diligently to find someone and confirm them, particularly someone who is Native American or Indigenous. Ms. Riker reiterated that Ashley Cleveland, Deputy Director of Community Outreach in the Mayor’s Office, was still looking into adding a requirement to the PNUT Board composition that two members of the board must be Native American or Indigenous.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose inquired about a member who was supposed to be confirmed named “Nathan Manuel.”</p> <p>Ms. Riker replied that Nathan ended up having some medical issues and needed to resign due to this.</p>	20 min

<p>Ms. Hart mentioned that she had texted Ashley Cleveland recently who had expressed optimism at having Ms. Hart's position filled by July, but in the case that does not happen, Ms. Hart will return in July to continue helping.</p> <p>Ms. Riker thanked Ms. Hart for this additional support.</p>	
<p>Budget and Bond Update – Kristin Riker</p> <p>Ms. Riker started this presentation by asking if any members had viewed her budget presentation to the Council during the past working session?</p> <p>PNUT Members responded that they had not yet viewed the recorded budget presentation.</p> <p>Ms. Riker stated that she would provide an overview of that same presentation and began to share her screen with her City Council Budget Presentation with the PNUT Board. Ms. Riker started with the key values and mission statement of the Department and explained that when making new master plans and budget proposals, the Department looks to the key values of Stewardship, Livability, and Equity for guidance.</p> <p>Ms. Riker's presentation included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The organizational structure of the Public Lands Department, where the Park Rangers Program will eventually be housed under Tyler Murdock's purview of Planning, Trails, and Natural Lands;</li> <li>• Highlights from the Public Lands Department 2021 Annual Report from the Parks, City Cemetery, Special Events Office, Recreational Athletic Complex, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Divisions;</li> <li>• Survey responses from the public to the City regarding preferred initiatives in order of importance, where the following ranked highly on that list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Increase investment in the current parks, trails, and open spaces;</li> <li>○ Increase safety in city parks, trails, and open spaces; and</li> <li>○ Increase number of parks, trails, and open space;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Master Plan's "Big Goals" list (Sustain, Welcome, Protect, Grow, and Connect);</li> <li>• Budget Requests Presented to Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Workforce and nondiscretionary items as priorities; Utilities, Inflationary Contractual Increases and Fleet Fuel and Maintenance</li> <li>○ Seasonal positions competitive wage increase approval to from \$13.15/hour to \$17/hour;</li> <li>○ Urban Forestry's Tree Planting and Preservation Initiative;</li> <li>○ New Properties and Amenities derived from the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process;</li> <li>○ The Board and Community Engagement full-time position and associated costs; and</li> <li>○ 2 additional Park Ranger FTE's for the Foothills.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>20 min</p>



Ms. Cannon and Ms. Pehrson asked clarifying questions of Ms. Riker pertaining to the Urban Forestry item in her presentation.

Ms. Riker pivoted to the General Obligation (GO) Bond Projects presentation and thanked Makaylah Respcio-Evans for her assistance in putting the presentation together. Ms. Riker explained that the Public Lands Department has proposed an \$80 million GO Bond to fund several projects throughout the city, which constituents will vote on in November 2022. If constituents vote to pass the bond, the tax impact for a homeowner with an average home value of \$583,858 will be approximately \$41.

Ms. Riker reiterated that all the GO Bond projects are still proposals at this time, meaning that proposed items could still change.

GO Bond Project Selection criteria includes:

- Alignment with the Public Lands Master Plan and the Mayor's 2022 Plan;
- Geographic distribution and equity in level of services in the city; and
- Community priorities identified in the preliminary polling: air quality, water quality, and access to open space.

The Seven Proposed Bond Projects include:

- Glendale Regional Park Construction (\$30M)
- Jordan River Corridor Improvements and Activation (\$9M)
- Allen Park Revitalization and Access (\$9M)
- Reimagine Seven Neighborhood Parks (\$7M)
- Fleet Block New Park Establishment (\$5M)
- Liberty Park Playground Replacement (\$2M)
- Folsom Trail Completion and Landscaping (\$5M)

Ms. Riker also mentioned that the Central Neighborhood of Salt Lake City has the least access to green space, yet it is currently slated for the most residential growth.

Board members asked clarifying questions of Ms. Riker throughout her GO Bond Project presentation.

Ms. Finch referred to the PNUT Board's proposed budget recommendations for CIP projects that the Board had sent to the City Council in the past and inquired whether Ms. Riker knew the status of those recommendations being funded.

Ms. Riker suggested another presentation for the PNUT Board's July meeting pertaining to the CIP Projects recommended by the Mayor to move forward. She then clarified between three different items: the budget initiatives (the Public Lands' ongoing operating expenses and budget); the CIP Projects (one-time money to improve facilities or planning projects that are greater than \$50K that the PNUT Board ranked); and the \$80M general obligation bond.

Ms. Riker stated that the capital improvement projects were recommended by the CDCIP Board to the Mayor, who then forwarded those recommendations to the City

<p>Council. Council has not discussed these yet, as they are not a part of the budget process. They will be addressed by September 2022. Ms. Riker further clarified that it may be a good idea to cover recommendations that were forwarded by the Mayor, since there will be an opportunity for the public and the Board to approach the Council regarding these recommendations.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose located the letter of recommendations that the PNUT Board had drafted to the Council and read the recommendations from the Board aloud: living wage adjustment, preservation of properties and amenities, increasing climate resiliency and environmental health, golf course tree maintenance, public lands signage maintenance and graphic design, board and community diversity and equity, and weed abatement program. Ms. Riker responded which ones were not recommended.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon asked whether staff could provide the Board with a table that distinguishes projects as budget initiatives, CIP projects, or general obligation bond projects. Ms. Cannon also requested a link to Ms. Riker's presentation and/or date of the presentation given to the City Council. Ms. Riker responded yes to these requests.</p>	
<p>Glendale Waterpark Update – Kat Maus</p> <p>Kat Maus, Public Lands Planner, introduced herself and explained that she was going to provide the Board with a quick update on the Glendale Waterpark Project and its timeline.</p> <p>Ms. Maus stated that the project was in the middle of Engagement Window 3 and Window 4, and that Engagement Window 4's completion would most likely be pushed back by a few weeks to mid-July 2022. She stated that there are a few more revisions they need to incorporate from the latest community advisory committee meeting into the plan and then Public Lands will begin sharing the plan out with the public.</p> <p>Ms. Maus provided a recap of engagement events that had been conducted for the purposes of the Glendale Regional Park Vision Plan. This included, but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Glendale Neighborhood Community Events involving approximately 110 participants;</li> <li>• Youth engagement at Glendale Middle School and Mountain View Elementary School involving approximately 128 participants;</li> <li>• Four Community Advisory Committee Meetings involving fourteen participants; and</li> <li>• Two citywide engagement events, including an open house where approximately one hundred attendees were present and an online survey where 1,361 folks participated.</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Maus then expanded on the survey questions and results and displayed the highest interest features expressed from both the in-person open house and the online survey, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hiking and biking trails</li> <li>• Swimming/outdoor pool</li> </ul>	<p>15 min</p>

- pursuing SLCo. Partnership regarding the pool's operation
- Skateboarding features
- Riverside features
- Food trucks
- Multi-use sports court
- Ice- and roller-skating ribbon

Ms. Maus presented the Glendale Regional Park Vision Plan with the caveat that she will be editing it since a few more recommendations followed from the latest committee meeting on the plan. Ms. Maus further stated that the final Vision Plan will contain interactive buttons that readers can click on and pull up the image.

Ms. Maus presented the Vision Plan from East to West, and briefly went through all the proposed Park Features numbered on the plan.

Ms. Binnebose and Ms. Cannon inquired about transit stations, crosswalks, and alternative modes of transit; Ms. Maus answered that the City will continue collaborating with Transportation and the Utah Transit Authority on the project and spoke in-depth about the parking lot, safety, and other features.

CJ asked what the rationale was behind limiting the pavilion gathering for the Glendale Regional Park to 5,000 versus more than this. Ms. Maus responded that the Community Advisory Committee had strong feelings about the space not exceeding a certain number or growing to a concert-size, and the public also responded that 1,000 – 5,000 was the preferred range.

Ms. Cannon asked Ms. Maus to talk a bit more about creating a large regional park but still honoring the neighboring community's feedback; Ms. Maus responded that the City wanted the park to embody the character of this area but recognized that in order to obtain the funding needed to transform this area and to fit within the Master Plan's parameters, they needed to look at the park through a regional lens as well.

Ms. Maus mentioned the possibility for volleyball courts to be added to the Vision Plan.

Ms. Binnebose and Ms. Maus discussed the prospects of a kayak share program.

Ms. Cannon asked if disc golf raised to the top of the features for the Glendale Regional Park Vision Plan. Ms. Maus responded that it had not.

Ms. Maus proceeded to show the Board a few renderings for some of the features, including the Playground for All Ages & Abilities, the Hillside Sledding & Mountain Views, and the Community Plaza & Promenade.

Ms. Maus reminded the Board that they had to have some element of recreation for this site open to the public by April 2024; thus, considering current funding allocated

for the project, Ms. Maus explained some of the elements determined for the City to move forward with Phase 1.

Ms. Maus reiterated the that next steps for the project will be to revise the concept plan to reflect all the Community Advisory Committee's recommendations, sharing the plan out with the public with an interactive map to solicit feedback, and the project consultant is finalizing the Vision Plan which is a Master Plan. Public Lands will likely have a transmittal ready to send to City Council by end of June so it can continue through the Master Plan adoption process on the Council's July 2022 agenda.

Ms. Cannon asked if the \$30M bond does not go through and we only have the \$3.2M to proceed forward with Phase 1, what is the Public Lands Department's thinking regarding phasing this next part of the Vision Plan?

Ms. Maus replied that the Department has intentionally had their consultant build the Vision Plan into phases for this exact reason and would pursue this through the Capital Improvement Project (CIP) process. Additionally, there are other external funding sources the Department could explore that would help reduce the number of CIP requests in such an instance. Worst-case scenario, Ms. Maus stated that it would be a phased buildout.

Ms. Cannon expressed her concern if the \$30M bond does not pass. Ms. Maus affirmed that the amount of investment will determine the success of this park, which will take several years to build out and complete regardless of funding stream.

Ms. Pehrson asked if there was continued capacity for the Community Advisory Committee on this project. Ms. Maus replied that transitioning the advisory committee into the Friends of Glendale Park group is being pursued; a member of the committee will be reaching out to the Glendale Community Council to pursue this.

Ms. Pehrson expressed gratitude for being part of the community advisory committee process and that that group's perspective is so valuable.

Ms. Maus mentioned that the subconsultant, Agora Partners, have been working with local nonprofits, organizations, and community members to create capacity for programming the park.

Ms. Cannon asked whether there was anything more that the PNUT Board could do to place pressure on Transportation and/or Engineering to ensure that 1700 S is fully accessible and safe for all ages and abilities to get to this park. Ms. Maus responded that it is important for each Board member to speak to their councilpersons and that shared a few other ways they could support.

Ms. Cannon mentioned working with the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) to align their goals, including having Ms. Maus present this same presentation to the TAB on a future agenda. Ms. Maus stated that she would look into this.



The PNUT Board continued to discuss the Plan and other opportunities to collaborate on the 1700 S issue.	
Ms. Maus shared that the Folsom Trail Grand Opening is Tuesday, June 7 <sup>th</sup> .	
<p>Election Discussion – Board members</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked if there is anyone interested in being Chair or nominating a Chair to take Ms. Hart's place.</p> <p>Ms. Finch mentioned that she would like to nominate Board member Jenny Hewson, and Ms. Hart stated that she would send Ms. Hewson an email notifying her that she had been nominated and will also email the rest of the board asking nominations.</p> <p>Ms. Hart reminded the Board that the new bylaws do allow members to nominate themselves.</p>	5 min
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:20 PM</b>
Ms. Binnebose mentioned one open Action Item pertaining to the Communication subcommittee while Luke Allen is out of office.	
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:25 PM</b>
<p>Board subcommittee updates as needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park Rangers Program (Janessa Edwards &amp; Suzy Lee)</li> </ul> <p>This will be an agenda item for the July 7, 2022, meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Hart stated that two weeks prior, Eric Edelman joined the committee and they discussed off-leash within the Foothill Trails area.</p> <p>CJ added that they researched places in California, Canada, and Colorado with different spectrums for dog leash policy; right now, the subcommittee is in its research gathering phase and nothing formal has been proposed.</p> <p>CJ also mentioned a few other items on the subcommittee agenda that are to be continued.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked whether most of the research they are focused on is educational or enforcement-based?</p> <p>CJ and Ms. Hart responded that they are looking at both, and the Board continued its discussion on the variety of options they are looking into regarding dog leash policies.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon asked about the scope of the Trails Subcommittee and discussion continued. Members are invited to attend the subcommittee if they would like to.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bylaws subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Hart stated that there is nothing further to report at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Binnebose mentioned setting up the email file sharing hotline to be more accessible to the community for engagement purposes as well as scheduling a standing meeting for this subcommittee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital Improvement Program Projects Presentation</li> </ul> <p>Staff will provide a presentation of those CIP projects that the Mayor has recommended to the City Council to move forward.</p> <p>This will be an agenda item for the July 7, 2022, meeting.</p>	
Board comment and question period	
Next meeting: July 7, 2022	
Request for future agenda item	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:45PM</b>
Ms. Finch motioned to adjourn the June PNUT Board meeting. CJ seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned by the PNUT Board.	

SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2022

(Creation of Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board)

An ordinance amending Section 2.94.040 of the Salt Lake City Code, relating to the creation of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

WHEREAS, the city desires to make certain changes to require the appointment to the board of representatives of Indigenous Tribes or organizations of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, desires to amend Section 2.94.040 of the Salt Lake City Code, relating to such change.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah that:

SECTION 1. Section 2.94.040 of the Salt Lake City Code, relating to the creation of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board, is amended as follows:

2.94.040: CREATION OF BOARD:

A. There is created the city parks, natural lands, trails, and urban forestry advisory board (board). The board shall be comprised of nine (9) to eleven (11) voting members. All appointments shall be made for a three (3) year term. One member of the board shall be appointed from each city council district and must reside in that council district. The remaining members of the board shall be appointed as at large members. At least two (2) of such at large members shall represent Indigenous Tribes or organizations. No more than three (3) at large members may live outside of the Salt Lake City boundaries.

B. Nominations to the board should reflect many communities' needs by seeking to find members with geographic, professional, ethnic, cultural and community diversity. In addition, at least two of the at-large members of the board must be representatives of Indigenous

Tribes or organizations of Utah, which for purposes of this chapter means members of or descendants of the following tribes: Utes (all bands); Paiute, Goshute, Dine'/Navajo; Shoshoni; Arapaho; Oglala Sioux; Cheyenne River Sioux; Wind River Shoshone; Cherokee; or Rosebud Sioux.

C. The board shall also include the following ex officio nonvoting members:

1. The chair of the city's transportation advisory board, or the chair's designee;
2. The chair of the community development and capital improvements board or the chair's designee;
3. The chair of the historic landmark commission or the chair's designee; and
4. The mayor or the mayor's designees.

D. The board will be located and staffed in the department of public lands and will have access to and assistance from the parks director, the urban forester, the director of transportation, the trails coordinator, the city natural lands program manager, or their designees; other city departments and/or divisions; and the city attorney's office as needed.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published or posted in accordance with Utah Code section 10-3-711 and recorded in accordance with Utah Code section 10-3-713.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST AND COUNTERSIGN:

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Transmitted to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.



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Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved. \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed.

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Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2022.  
Published: \_\_\_\_\_.

Salt Lake City Attorney's Office Approved As To Form By: <u>Boyd Ferguson</u> Boyd Ferguson Date: <u>7-1-22</u>
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**Formal Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 4, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Join Via Webex:** <https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=mb77987d7de13150afdd5a494d03e0ae1>

**Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104**  
**Upstairs Parks Training Room**

**Join by phone**  
**1-408-418-9388**  
**Access code: 24819102502**

## **AGENDA**

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order	
Chair comments	5 min
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:05 PM</b>
Approve July 7, 2022, meeting minutes	5 min
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
Seven Greenways Vision Plan Update – Brian Tonetti	10 min
Capital Investment and Deferred Maintenance Spending – Tyler Murdock	15 min
Miller Park Update – Tyler Murdock	5 min
Continued Discussion of Draft Ordinance Amendment to Section 2.94.040 of the Salt Lake City Code – Ashley Cleveland – Potential Action Item	10 min
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:05 PM</b>
N/A	N/A
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:05 PM</b>
Board subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails subcommittee</li><li>• Communication subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board comment and question period	
Next meeting: September 1, 2022	
Request for future agenda item	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>

Formal Meeting  
Thursday, July 7, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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## Minutes (**Unapproved**)

1 – Convening the Meeting	5:00 PM
<p>Call to order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Polly Hart</li><li>- Frances Ngo</li><li>- Brianna Binnebose</li><li>- Samantha Finch</li><li>- Jenny Hewson</li><li>- Melanie Pehrson</li><li>- Phil Carroll</li><li>- Ginger Cannon</li><li>- CJ</li><li>- Clayton Scrivner</li><li>- Aaron Wiley</li></ul>	
<p>Chair comments</p> <p>Polly Hart stated that she is present at this month's meeting due to there still not being a replacement for her position. Due to this, Ms. Harts stated that she does not know whether she'll be returning for the August Board meeting or not but stated that Board member Jenny Hewson did accept the Board's nomination of her for the Chair position.</p> <p>Jenny Hewson clarified that while she did not accept the nomination, she is happy to participate in further discussion about the chairmanship with the rest of the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Hart stated the Board would be discussing the chairmanship further down the agenda.</p>	5 min
New board members update and/or introductions	15 min

Melanie Pehrson asked if an adjustment can be made to the agenda, which was striking the "Bylaws Committee" item from the agenda, as this committee would no longer be gathering, and the bylaws have been amended and approved for now.

Aaron Wiley introduced himself to the Board. Aaron lives in District 1 and stated that what excited him about getting involved in the PNUT Board was spending lots of time in the outdoors as well as with his community. Aaron further stated that he wishes to ensure folks in District 1 are aware of all happening that may impact them.

Phil Carroll asked a clarifying question about District 1's make up, to which Mr. Wiley confirmed that it District 1 is mostly made up of the Rose Park neighborhood.

Ms. Hewson introduced herself to Mr. Wiley. Ms. Hewson stated that she serves as an at-large Board member and is in her second term.

Mr. Carroll introduced himself to Mr. Wiley as representing District 3, which is primarily the Avenues neighborhood. Mr. Carroll stated that this is his first term with the Board.

Ms. Hart formally introduced herself and explained that she has already finished out her second term and continues to serve on the Board due to not yet being replaced.

Ginger Cannon introduced herself and stated that she is also an at-large Board member and is currently serving her first term.

Brianna Binnebose introduced herself and stated that she represents District 5 which includes the Ballpark and Liberty Park neighborhoods. Ms. Binnebose is currently renewing for a second term with the Board. Ms. Binnebose also serves on the advisory committee for the upcoming Glendale Regional Park.

Melanie Pehrson introduced herself as representing District 2 and an interested community member in Westside public spaces equity.

Samantha Finch introduced herself as representing District 7 and as passionate about assisting the "Friends of" groups in her district in their adoption and support of District 7 parks.

Frances Ngo introduced herself as representing the District containing Poplar Grove. Ms. Ngo expressed interest in joining the Board to be more involved in her community; she has a background in ecology and wildlife conservation.

Clayton Scrivner introduced himself as representing District 4, which includes Granary, East-Central, and some Downtown neighborhoods. Clayton is in his first term of service with the PNUT Board and has lived in Salt Lake City for 25 years.

CJ introduced himself as representing District 6. CJ is in his first term of service with the PNUT Board and joined the Board because he enjoys the parks and helping out.



Ashley Cleveland, Deputy Director of Community Outreach for the Mayor, introduced herself to new PNUT Board members and emphasized her role in ensuring that City Boards and Commissions are accessible to all communities. Ms. Cleveland is also the Outdoor Afro Leader for the State of Utah.	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:20 PM</b>
<p>Approve June 2, 2022, meeting minutes</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked if there were any changes that had not yet been addressed in the June minutes or if members were ready to make a motion to approve them.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson asked a clarifying question regarding page two of the June minutes. Public Lands staff clarified the sentence in question for Ms. Hewson.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson motioned to approve the June meeting minutes. Ms. Binnebose seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved by the PNUT Board.</p>	5 min
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
<p>Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.</p> <p>Ms. Hart called for public comment.</p> <p><b>Dan Schelling</b> Dan introduced themselves as a resident of Salt Lake City Avenues and welcomed new board members.</p> <p>Dan stated that they wanted people to know that next Wednesday, July 13, at the Greater Avenues Council Committee Meeting at 6pm, the meeting will open with a 45-minute period dubbed “the Foothills Forum.” Public Lands Recreational Trails Manager Tyler Fonarow will be speaking at this forum.</p> <p>Also present at the Greater Avenues Council Meeting will be a members of the Salt Lake Trails Alliance as well as Save Our Foothills, whom Dan will be representing. The meeting with be virtual. Dan also thanked Ms. Hart for her service to the PNUT Board.</p> <p>Ms. Hart thanked Dan and requested they send her a link to the meeting so that she could distribute it to the rest of the Board.</p> <p><b>Billy Kurek</b> Billy introduced themselves to the Board as resident of District 1 in Salt Lake City. Billy explained that this is their first time attending a PNUT Board meeting and just wanted to initiate engagement with the Board.</p> <p>Billy further stated that Salt Lake City’s Westside has underserved Parks resources and would like to know what kinds of plans the Board must revitalize certain areas such as Riverside Park where there is a lot of drug use and trash in the area.</p>	

<p>Ms. Hart requested that Billy please provide their email address to Public Lands Department staff so that we can make sure their question is answered via email.</p> <p>Kristin Riker, Director of Public Lands, explained that the common practice is for staff to generate a written response to public commenters and then to include that written response in the publicly posted minutes.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll also mentioned that either the Mayor or City Council is going to have a Townhall on the Westside.</p> <p>Billy stated that they were simply curious with how the PNUT Board interfaces with some of the policy on the Westside as far as taking action is concerned.</p> <p>Ms. Hart explained that the PNUT Board in an advisory board, so generally speaking, it is not a policymaking entity. The Board acts as a conduit to channel public information and communication to the Parks when there are issues or requests.</p> <p>Billy thanked the Board for their time.</p> <p>Ms. Riker mentioned that Billy might consider staying for the Park Ranger Update portion of the Board meeting.</p> <p>Seeing no further public comment, Ms. Hart moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:40 PM</b>
<p>Park Ranger Update – Suzy Lee</p> <p>Suzy Lee introduced herself as the Supervisor and Acting Manager for the Park Ranger Program and began her presentation to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Lee explained that the program involves four main hubs where the Rangers will be based out of: Fairmont, Jordan, Liberty, and Pioneer Parks. Each of these hubs will have a mobile office, with a team of four Rangers based out of each hub.</p> <p>Rangers will also be visiting other parks outside of their hubs, as well as walking, biking, and hiking during high-usage times to interact with the public.</p> <p>Rangers’ shifts of service will span Wednesday through Saturday and Wednesday through Sunday, 10am – 8pm, with some seasonal shift changes.</p> <p>Ms. Lee further explained the locations that each hub would be responsible for, based upon park:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pioneer Hub: this team will cover Washington Square, Library Plaza, and Memory Grove.</li> <li>• Jordan Hub: this team will focus on the entire Jordan River Trail. The team will try to determine the highest usage sections of the Trail.</li> <li>• Liberty Hub: this team will be covering Herman Franks Baseball Field and dog park, and Sunnyside Park.</li> </ul>	<p>20 min</p>

- Fairmont Hub: this team will cover Hidden Hollow, Wasatch Hollow, and some of the other natural areas such as Parley's. This also includes the East Bench area.

Ms. Riker asked Suzy to all share whether the Rangers will be covering other parks and areas outside of what has been presented.

Ms. Lee replied that there will be a list of other parks and areas that really need visitation, and that this will most likely be part of a weekly rotating system based upon Ranger bandwidth and other factors.

Ms. Hart asked if Warm Springs Park will also be included in the rotating list, and Ms. Lee responded that yes it would be.

Mr. Carroll asked what the plan was for Trails.

Ms. Lee replied that there is funding for two more Park Rangers who will be dedicated to the Foothills Trail System and deferred to Ms. Riker for further information.

Ms. Riker explained that the City Council had indeed approved the Public Lands Department budget to include two more Park Rangers dedicated to the Foothills Trail System. Ms. Riker stated that the Department can begin hiring for these positions now; however, the Department would prefer to fill the vacant Park Ranger Program Manager position that Ms. Lee is temporarily covering before taking on even more staff during this already busy time.

Ms. Riker further explained that, similar to Parks Rangers, the Foothills Rangers will not act as law enforcement or have a default position to contact law enforcement, but will instead be present to engage, educate, and deescalate while spending time in the City's foothills.

Ms. Riker also stated that Public Lands Recreational Trails Manager Tyler Fonarow will be very involved with the two Foothills Park Rangers' training alongside Ms. Lee.

Ms. Hewson asked Ms. Lee and Ms. Riker how the list of parks that Ms. Lee referenced earlier would be produced.

Ms. Lee responded that the list would be based on usage, such as pavilion reservations, fields usage, and group knowledge of park and open space activity.

Mr. Carroll asked whether the Parks Rangers have already been hired. Ms. Lee responded that yes, there are currently 12 Rangers and 4 Lead Rangers in place and undergoing training. She added that with the future hiring of two Foothills Rangers, there will be a total of 18 Rangers housed within the Public Lands Department.

Mr. Carroll expressed concern from his district regarding the fire danger in the Foothills and asked when approximately there might be Rangers observed in that

area. Ms. Lee and Ms. Riker responded that this would happen within the next two months or so.

Ms. Finch asked what type of cadence there would be for Rangers visiting a park.

Ms. Lee stated that there might not be a regular cadence right away due to ongoing hiring and staffing issues; for now, Ranger visitation to the Parks on the rotating list will most likely be based on reservations and activity. She emphasized that the only Parks with consistent visitation and focus will be the four hubs and their nearby parks.

Ms. Pehrson asked staff to clarify the placement of the hubs, inquiring why Jordan Park is seemingly the only Westside Park with Ranger presence. Ms. Pehrson clarified that, to her, "Westside" means West of Interstate 15. Ms. Pehrson referenced equitable distribution of services among Westside and Eastside Parks as being a concern.

Ms. Lee and Ms. Riker addressed Ms. Pehrson concerns, and further stated that part of the reasoning for Ranger Hub placement was due to space available for mobile offices.

Ms. Pehrson asked a follow up question pertaining to crisis response training and resource knowledge being the primary focus for Rangers. She would like to know more specifics about what this type of training entails.

Ms. Lee transitioned into speaking about the Rangers' training. She explained that the Rangers are focused right now on learning about the Public Lands Department and the City's internal processes. Ms. Lee further stated that the Rangers have also gone through the de-escalation training out of Moab, which is a nationally accredited and used training. Rangers have also undergone Naloxone training, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion training, social media etiquette and training, and will soon have CPR and First Aid training. Finally, the Rangers will receive training from an expert trainer out of Chicago regarding people experiencing homelessness.

Ms. Riker added that the Salt Lake City Police Department has been funded to implement a Citizen Action Team (CAT) with hopes to be operational by early 2023. The Rangers have been invited to the training for the CAT, which has a non-law enforcement emphasis and will strengthen relationships between the two programs.

Ms. Lee agreed that a large emphasis of the Ranger Program will be to cross-train and collaborate with other City departments.

Aaron Wiley asked whether there would be a Junior Ranger Program in the future. Ms. Lee responded that she wasn't certain at this moment of this. Ms. Cleveland added that there indeed has been a lot of interest in starting up a Junior Ranger Program with the Youth and Family Program as the programmers get the My Brother's Keeper Initiative off the ground. Ms. Cleveland mentioned that this could happen within the next year or so.



Aaron Wiley asked what the purpose and goal is of the Ranger Program. Ms. Lee responded that the purpose of the Ranger Program is to make the parks a more welcoming place, and that the Department acknowledges that that looks different to different people. The Ranger Program does not exist to enforce compliance and rules. The Rangers exist to provide education and information to users of the parks, be a reliable source of information for when City departments need support, be the eyes on the ground if there happens to be a crime committed that a Ranger is witness to, and to build relationships with park users and various City groups and departments. The Rangers will also be using tracking software, which will support data finding on equitable access to and understanding activity within the parks.

Both Ms. Riker and Ms. Lee emphasized that this is a new and evolving program that we will continue to learn about.

Mr. Carroll asked if the Rangers will also act as a conduit between park user's complaints or frustrations while using parks and the City? Ms. Lee replied that yes, via the tracking software that the Rangers will be using, they will engage in this type of reporting and filtering of public commentary to the various City departments, and then following up with the public to close those issues.

The Board continued discussion on various ways to report issues in City parks, such as SLC Mobile. Ms. Lee emphasized that the Department of Public Lands is currently trying to ensure that the Rangers' reporting of issues within their new tracking system is not duplicating other systems that already exist.

Ms. Binnebose asked what the plan was to introduce the Ranger Program to the City and public, such as attending community council meetings and so forth. Ms. Lee replied that yes, the Rangers are already scheduled to attend Yappy Hour, the Farmers Market, and many other Public Lands events. She added that they don't have concrete plans yet for the Rangers to visit community councils, but that the Rangers will continue to visit as many internal City events and external outreach events as possible.

Ms. Hart asked if Ms. Lee would attend one of the Capitol Hill Community Council meetings, and Ms. Binnebose stated that this is also what she was hoping for. Ms. Lee and Ms. Riker stated that Ms. Lee and the Rangers would love to attend community council meetings but will likely be a little too busy until the Park Ranger Manager is hired, and the program is more established.

Ms. Lee also spoke to the diversity in geographic location, background, education, and identity represented by the current Ranger pool.

Mr. Carroll also mentioned the Avenues Street Fair on September 10<sup>th</sup>, in case the Rangers were interested in obtaining a booth. Several other board members commented on various street fairs happening in their neighborhoods that the Rangers could also attend.

Ms. Lee confirmed that the Parks Rangers are year-round, full-time employees.

<p>Ms. Hewson inquired about the funding and sustainability of the Park Rangers Program, to which Ms. Riker responded that the program is funded out of the General Fund and is an ongoing, consistent stream of funding. This funding includes salaries, uniforms, and trainings.</p> <p>The Board thanked Ms. Lee for her time and Ms. Lee responded by also commending the Rangers for their flexibility, resilience, and commitment thus far to the program.</p>	
<p>Allen Park Update – Kat Maus</p> <p>Kat Maus, Public Lands Planner, introduced herself and the Adaptive Reuse Management Plan. Ms. Maus explained that she would start with immediate, on-the-ground plans at Allen Park.</p> <p>The Public Lands Department is currently doing some design to get utilities into the Park, specifically irrigation water so the Department can keep vegetation alive pertaining to culturally and historically significant landscapes within the Park. Ms. Maus also stated that the Department is also working on inputting some fire suppression lines.</p> <p>The Department is also conducting some structural assessment of the main Allen lodge to do a quality roof repair, primarily related to water-tightening the roof.</p> <p>The Public Lands Department is also working on the request for proposal (RFP) to get consultants on board to assist the Department with the Adaptive Reuse Management Plan. The Adaptive Reuse Management Plan will serve as the guiding document that informs the Department how to deal with the site, the structure, and the landscape moving forward.</p> <p>Ms. Maus explained that the site is unique due to the artistic installations within Allen Park and the fact that, up until 2019, parts of the park were still occupied. Public Lands would like to both maintain the artistic environment as well as accentuate the ecological function of the site; since Immigration Creek runs through the site, improving water quality and flood plain expansion are paramount.</p> <p>Ms. Maus stated that ultimately, the Department wants Allen Park to be an open public pedestrian park that really highlights the stories, the ecological integrity, and to potentially make it a regenerative landscape for visitors of the site. Ultimately, the City aims to make Allen Park a unique regional attraction based on the level of investment involved.</p> <p>Ms. Maus talked about the committee that the Department recently compiled to review the RFP for consultants to help with community engagement. Committee members include representatives from the Friends of Allen Park group, Salt Lake City Public Utilities, a planner from the Historic Preservation Division, Preservation Utah, the Public Lands Department, and an engineer.</p>	<p>10 min</p>

Ms. Maus explained that, while there is a bit of a backlog to get the RFP out to get consultants, she is hopeful by early Fall they can pull in consultants and move forward with the Plan.

Some elements that are included in the Plan are:

1. Technical elements: occupancy studies for the structures and how the public can expect to safely interact with them; streambank stabilization; floodplain analyses; structural assessments.
2. Community engagement
3. Cultural landscape report
4. Adaptive structure reuse of the structures and management that dictate specific projects on the ground that Public Lands can start moving forward with.

The timeline for the Plan completion is one year to 18 months.

Ms. Maus asked the Board if there were any questions on her presentation.

Ms. Finch asked about the meeting frequency for the RFP committee. Ms. Maus responded that so far, weekly meetings have been happening. She explained that the committee likely won't meet again now until they begin receiving consultant proposals, at which point they will begin meeting again and undergoing the City's ranking process to review the proposals that come in.

Ms. Finch inquired about the budget for the Plan implementation and hiring the consultants. Ms. Maus stated that they are still exploring the budget, although the initial proposal was for \$150,000; depending on the public engagement and technical elements, that initial amount may likely shift. This funding came through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Mr. Carroll added about accessing the park due to very limited parking on 1300 E. Ms. Maus responded that within this Plan, there is an emphasis on the consultant conducting a traffic feasibility study, so parking is one of the items that the Plan hopes to address.

Ms. Binnebose asked what the big picture overall for parks whether enhanced public transportation and partnering with UTA was in the works for the long-term. Ms. Maus replied that, from a planning perspective, now is a pivotal time to begin having those conversations regarding public transportation planning within parks planning, and that she can commit to continue incorporating that into the Allen Park Plan as well as others.

Ms. Riker also responded that accessing the parks is always a consideration; one of the things that the Department has been looking at is how to make connections between trails and parks to emphasize them as pedestrian spaces and encourage alternate modes of transportation. In the case of Allen Park, Ms. Riker cited making a connection between Blaine Preserve close by and that Public Lands is always in conversation with

<p>the Transportation Department about making these connections, whether it's with UTA, on e-bike, and beyond.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll inquired about partnering with Garfield School. Ms. Maus responded that the Department had conversations with Garfield regarding parking and trail connections.</p> <p>The Board thanked Kat for her presentation and Ms. Hart encouraged new Board members to contact Kat for a tour of Allen Park if they haven't already.</p>	
<p>Discuss Draft Ordinance Amendment to Section 2.94.040 of the Salt Lake City Code – Ashley Cleveland or Kristin Riker</p> <p>Ashley Cleveland introduced the draft amendment language to the Board, which would amend the City Code where the PNUT Board is codified to require at least two at-large members of the board represent Indigenous Tribes or organizations. Ms. Cleveland explained that this is part of the major initiative of the Mayor to ensure that all City services, including parks and open spaces, are accessible to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).</p> <p>Ms. Cleveland mentioned that, while the City has done a good job of outreach to Black communities throughout Salt Lake City, including African Americans, refugees, New Americans, and the diaspora, the Mayor's Office also wants lean in more on the conversation with Indigenous representation. Ms. Cleveland explained that building relationships with Indigenous Tribes has been one of her key tasks over the past year.</p> <p>One of the items that Ms. Cleveland has heard from her interactions with Indigenous Tribes and organizations over the past year has been that they're not fully informed of what is happening when a consultant approaches them needing cultural resource guidance on Twin Peaks and other important sites related to Public Lands trails planning. Additionally, there is a large urban Indigenous population that is often undercounted or miscounted due to data collection system limitations, which leads to further gaps in relationship-building among City government and Indigenous people and groups.</p> <p>Furthermore, Ms. Cleveland explained that the Mayor's Office wants to ensure that the line of formal communication between Indigenous Tribes and organizations Parks, Public Lands, and Urban Trails is always open for Tribal consultation.</p> <p>Board members asked clarifying questions of Ms. Cleveland regarding precedent of reserving two at-large seats on a government committee specifically for Indigenous Tribes or organizations, further discussed the government-to-government relationship and history between Salt Lake City and Indigenous Tribes, the relationship between performative activism and land acknowledgments, and other questions related to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) when working with and approaching Indigenous Tribes and organizations.</p>	<p>15 min</p>



Ms. Cleveland discussed with Board members the background and context of the agenda item, the city board interview and nominations process, and the reasoning behind first changing policies and legal barriers to Indigenous representation. She explained that the City will soon begin holding roundtables at the Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake City.

The Board and Ms. Cleveland also discussed the issue of tokenism, geography, local control, and the importance of Indigenous representation on the PNUT Board specifically.

Many Board members expressed strong support of the Draft Ordinance Amendment to Section 2.94.040 of the Salt Lake City Code.

Ms. Cleveland stated that she is talking to four Indigenous organizations and has two potential applicants out of those four organizations for the PNUT Board and that she would like to present the draft ordinance to City Council in August.

Board members asked questions and continued conversation related to Board vacancies and composition.

Ashley asked for a motion from the Board on the draft ordinance amendment so that she could report the Board's stance back to the Mayor.

Ms. Hart requested to fold in the larger conversation of filling the Board chair position and vacancies, and discussion amongst the Board, Ms. Cleveland, and Ms. Riker continued.

Ms. Cleveland stated that one of the seats could likely be filled by a representative of one of the Indigenous organizations by early August, and the other could likely be filled by another representative from the second Indigenous organization sometime in September.

Mr. Carroll made a motion that the PNUT Board support the ordinance amendment to Section 2.94.040. Ms. Finch seconded the motion.

Ms. Cannon stated that she preferred to abstain from the vote due to outstanding questions related to the number of seats on the Board.

Mr. Scrivner asked clarifying questions regarding meeting rules and procedures.

Ms. Hart explained that as the motion stands, there would not be seats added; if they wanted to add them, then the draft ordinance amendment would need to be changed.

Ms. Riker further explained that the ordinance was intended to be more informational for now.

<p>Mr. Scrivner made a substitute friendly motion stating that the PNUT Board would be happy to explore the draft ordinance amendment, seeing there are still outstanding questions related to the draft.</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked staff to clarify rules on committee procedures. Luke Allen stated that a motion can be made on any item that is listed on the agenda.</p> <p>Further Board discussion continued. Ms. Pehrson asked a clarifying question related to the at-large positions. Ms. Riker and Ms. Cleveland further clarified the intent of the draft language.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon made an amendment to the original motion made by Mr. Carroll that Ms. Cleveland incorporate the Board's recommendations into a new draft, whereupon the Board will then vote upon that second draft ordinance amendment during the August PNUT Board meeting as a formal action item. Mr. Scrivner seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Cleveland stated that she would be happy to further discuss specific changes and questions that the Board or individual Board members have regarding the draft amendment during office hours leading up to the PNUT Board's August meeting.</p> <p>The PNUT Board voted in favor of Ms. Cannon's motion 7-1, with Mr. Carroll voting against and Aaron Wiley and Ms. Hart abstaining.</p> <p>Ms. Hart declared that PNUT Board members are to use the next few weeks leading up to the August PNUT Board meeting to reach out to Ms. Cleveland as well as to each other to further discuss the issue.</p> <p>The Board thanked Ms. Cleveland and Ms. Riker for their time and Ms. Hart moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:25 PM</b>
<p>Continued Board Chair Discussion</p> <p>Ms. Hart asked whether Ms. Hewson would be interested in taking over the chairmanship. Ms. Hewson asked for more information about the issue.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose stated that, since she is the current vice chair, she could step into the chair position temporarily until December when regular elections are held.</p> <p>Ms. Hart reiterated that she is happy to stay in the chair position until there is a replacement. The Board agreed that this was the best course of action and Ms. Hart moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	15 min
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:40 PM</b>
<p>Board subcommittee updates as needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trails subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>There are no updates currently.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bylaws subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>There were no updates and the board asked that this item be removed from future agendas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Binnebose stated that some of issues pertaining to this agenda item were increasing access with better contacts, file sharing, and scheduling a standing meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose and Mr. Allen agreed to connect offline regarding this item.</p>	
<p>Board comment and question period</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson asked whether the Board had established a subcommittee for the Foundation. Ms. Finch responded that they had taken a formal vote agreeing that she would be reporting back to the Board on an ad-hoc basis, and that she would be sharing a report with the Board sometime after August.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll revisited the Allen Park agenda item, suggesting shuttles in response to the parking issues at the park. Ms. Hart mentioned that this would be a good agenda item for next month.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon requested a funding analysis from Public Lands Financial Manager Gregg Evans related to disparate investment in Westside parks. Mr. Allen stated that there is an intern that is looking into this area and who could present at the August or September PNUT Board meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson referenced former University of Utah Planning professor Ivis Garcia's report on Westside Parks that she would be able to share with other Board members.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson announced that the Poplar Grove sports court survey is still live online.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose referenced a constituent who sent an email to CJ and herself regarding Miller Park and fire mitigation during fireworks season. She would like to follow up with Kat Maus on this.</p> <p>Mr. Allen announced that after 42 years of serving the Public Lands Department, Lee Bollwinkel is retiring. Mr. Bollwinkel's retirement sendoff will be August 12<sup>th</sup> and PNUT Board members are invited.</p>	
<p>Next meeting: August 4, 2022</p>	
<p>Request for future agenda item</p> <p>Allen Park—in-depth transportation discussion</p> <p>Westside parks funding analysis</p>	

7 – Adjourn	7:00 PM
Ms. Finch moved to adjourn the PNUT Board meeting. Ms. Binnebose seconded the motion and the PNUT Board meeting was officially adjourned.	

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## **Staff Responses to Public Comments from the July 7, 2022 PNUT Board Meeting**

### **Dan Schelling**

Dan introduced themselves as a resident of Salt Lake City Avenues and welcomed new board members.

Dan stated that they wanted people to know that next Wednesday, July 13, at the Greater Avenues Council Committee Meeting at 6pm, the meeting will open with a 45-minute period dubbed "the Foothills Forum." Public Lands Recreational Trails Manager Tyler Fonarow will be speaking at this forum.

Also present at the Greater Avenues Council Meeting will be a members of the Salt Lake Trails Alliance as well as Save Our Foothills, whom Dan will be representing. The meeting with be virtual. Dan also thanked Ms. Hart for her service to the PNUT Board.

Ms. Hart thanked Dan and requested they send her a link to the meeting so that she could distribute it to the rest of the Board.

### **Billy Kurek**

Billy introduced themselves to the Board as resident of District 1 in Salt Lake City. Billy explained that this is their first time attending a PNUT Board meeting and just wanted to initiate engagement with the Board.

Billy further stated that Salt Lake City's Westside has underserved Parks resources and would like to know what kinds of plans the Board must revitalize certain areas such as Riverside Park where there is a lot of drug use and trash in the area.

Ms. Hart requested that Billy please provide their email address to Public Lands Department staff so that we can make sure their question is answered via email.

Kristin Riker, Director of Public Lands, explained that the common practice is for staff to generate a written response to public commenters and then to include that written response in the publicly posted minutes.

Mr. Carroll also mentioned that either the Mayor or City Council is going to have a Townhall on the Westside.

Billy stated that they were simply curious with how the PNUT Board interfaces with some of the policy on the Westside as far as taking action is concerned.

Ms. Hart explained that the PNUT Board is an advisory board, so generally speaking, it is not a policymaking entity. The Board acts as a conduit to channel public information and communication to the Parks when there are issues or requests.

Billy thanked the Board for their time.

Ms. Riker mentioned that Billy might consider staying for the Park Ranger Update portion of the Board meeting.

Seeing no further public comment, Ms. Hart moved onto the next agenda item.

*Staff Responses:*

*No staff responses are necessary for these comments. Public Lands Staff appreciates these two comments and looks forward to continuing to work with each commenter.*

**Formal Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 1, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**

**Join Via Webex:** <https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=m13eee021857d99ea202e72f2d19ddde7>

**Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104**  
**Upstairs Parks Training Room**

**Join by phone**  
**1-408-418-9388**  
**Access code 2482 499 1456**

## **AGENDA**

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order	
Chair comments	5 mins
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:05 PM</b>
Approve August 4, 2022, meeting minutes	5 mins
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
Glendale Regional Park Master Plan Update – Action Item	30 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>5:55 PM</b>
N/A (Potential Recess)	20 mins
<b>6 – GO Bond</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>
GO Bond Presentation – Jason Swan, Trust for Public Land	45 mins
<b>7 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Board subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails subcommittee</li><li>• Communication subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board comment and question period	
Next meeting: October 6, 2022	
Request for future agenda items	
<b>8 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>

Formal Meeting  
Thursday, August 4, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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## Minutes (**Unapproved**)

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brianna Binnebose</li><li>- Samantha Finch</li><li>- Jenny Hewson</li><li>- Melanie Pehrson</li><li>- CJ Whittaker</li><li>- Aaron Wiley</li></ul>	
Chair comments  Brianna Binnebose called the meeting to order and stated she did not have any chair comments but asked staff to please prompt her if she missed anything procedurally.	5 min
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:05 PM</b>
Approve July 7, 2022, meeting minutes  Ms. Binnebose asked if there were any corrections to the minutes.  Ms. Binnebose stated a correction to the minutes where she was mistakenly listed as a member of the Glendale Park Advisory Board in lieu of Melanie Pehrson; Luke Allen recorded the correction.  Samantha Finch motioned to approve the July 7, 2022, meeting minutes. CJ Whittaker seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by the Board.	5 min
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.  Ms. Binnebose requested that public commentators please introduce themselves with preferred pronouns for the purpose of the minutes.	



**Jim Webster**

Jim Webster stated that they are interested in hearing the update on Miller Bird Refuge and Nature Park; the neighbors are very concerned about fire in that area.

**Eugene Arnold**

Eugene Arnold stated he had recently been riding their bike along the Jordan River Trail and noticed that the water is filthy with trash and tree branches piled up in the water. He expressed interest in knowing whether these issues would soon be addressed.

Aaron Wiley asked the public commenter where along the Jordan River Trail they were at when they noticed the debris in the river.

Mr. Arnold responded that he had been located between approximately 5<sup>th</sup> South and 9<sup>th</sup> South. He further explained that he had researched the entities involved in maintaining this space and have also seen staff conducting unhoused camp abatements. At one of the camp abatements, Mr. Arnold asked staff whether they cleaned up the river, to which a staff person replied that they had used to, but at one point had come across a deceased body in the river, whereupon that level of river maintenance had stopped. Mr. Arnold continued, saying he had then walked down to Backman Elementary and noticed the new bridge in the area and learned about the open classroom being built in that space, and had then run into new Park Rangers in the area and had spoken with them, and concluded their statement.

Ms. Binnebose thanked Mr. Arnold for sharing their experience along Jordan River Parkway with the board and inquired whether there was any further public comment. Seeing none, Ms. Binnebose moved onto the next agenda item.

**4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items****5:25 PM****Seven Greenways Vision Plan Update – Brian Tonetti**

10 min

Brian Tonetti introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Tonetti works for the nonprofit Seven Canyons Trust, an organization working to uncover and restore the buried and impaired creeks in Salt Lake Valley. Mr. Tonetti explained that Seven Canyons Trust has been working for the past two years on a regional vision plan called the Seven Greenways Vision Plan (the Plan), referencing his presentation to the board.

The Plan's mission is to inspire a common vision over the next 100 years to revitalize our waterways, connecting people to our greenways throughout the Salt Lake Valley. The organization had partnered with each of the eight municipalities that border Salt Lake County streams, who all provided matching funds and support for their projects, including Salt Lake City. All eight mayors, including Mayor Erin Mendenhall, have signed the vision plan.

Over the past two years, the organization's community engagement around the vision plan has included a regional community survey, pop-up workshops, and an online mapping platform. Mr. Tonetti explained that he would be providing the board with the organization's pathways to implementation presentation and that the best way to engage with the plan is via the organization's website at [sevengreenwaysvisionplan.org](http://sevengreenwaysvisionplan.org).

The organization identified 21 different opportunity areas in Salt Lake Valley throughout the Plan. Five of these opportunity areas are "big ideas," which illustrate possibilities when applying the goals in a transformational way; two of these big ideas are in Salt Lake City.

Water, nature, community, recreation, and urban are the five core elements throughout the plan, amongst which the opportunities were organized. The opportunities are then further organized among increments of time, including 10 to 20-year opportunities that are more short-term and 100-year opportunities that take a lifetime to implement.

The first opportunity for Salt Lake City in the Plan is titled North Temple and is designated as a 10-year water opportunity. This opportunity includes daylighting – or uncovering and restoring – City Creek along North Temple, create a trail connection to the Folsom Corridor, and to integrate green infrastructure to control urban runoff. Mr. Tonetti explained that if this opportunity area interests the Board and the City as a partner, the suggested next step would be for the City to inventory parcels adjacent to the corridor, prioritize purchase of properties or easements to facilitate the goals, meet with the LDS Church, Gateway Mall, and other interested landowners to facilitate partnerships that will make the goal happen, to culturally daylight the area via art and signage, and to create a policy that requires or incentivizes developers along this stretch to contribute to the goals.

The second opportunity for Salt Lake City in the Plan is titled Folsom Corridor and is designated as a 10-year community opportunity. This opportunity includes revitalizing a rail corridor into a multi-use trail and daylight City Creek, connecting east and west-side neighborhoods.

The third opportunity area for Salt Lake City in the Plan is titled Bonneville Shoreline Trail to Miller Park and is designated as a 10-year recreation opportunity. This opportunity includes creating a trail connection between public spaces along Red Butte Creek, forming partnerships with the University of Utah for research, and creating angling opportunities at key locations along the creek.

The fourth opportunity area for Salt Lake City in the Plan is titled Bonneville Golf Course and is designated as a 10-year nature opportunity. This opportunity includes creating a protected trail connection along Emigration Creek, restoring riparian habitat and the floodplain, replacing or removing aging infrastructure, and stabilizing streambanks.

The fifth opportunity area for Salt Lake City in the Plan is titled Wasatch Hollow to Westminster and is designated as a 10-year recreation opportunity. This opportunity includes creating a trail connection between public spaces along Emigration Creek, forming partnerships with Westminster for research, and creating angling opportunities at key locations. Mr. Tonetti explained that this opportunity is also one of the Plan's "big ideas."

Mr. Tonetti went onto present the five strategies for implementing the fifth opportunity, Wasatch Hollow to Westminster, which consists of partnering with community institutions for education and stewardship of the creek, restore riparian habitat and stream meanders, recreate a floodplain and create opportunities for fishing, link a trail through existing parks and open space, reimagine Allen Park as a space for art and community programming, and connect Emigration Creek Trail to the McClelland Trail.

Mr. Tonetti also explained the next steps for Wasatch Hollow to Westminster and invited the Board to attend Seven Canyons Trust's five walks during the rest of the summer that will cover the "big ideas" outline in the Plan, of which there are two in Salt Lake City. The recreational big idea walk is scheduled for 6pm on September 15, starting at Wasatch Hollow and finishing at Allen Park. The water big idea walk is scheduled for 6pm on September 29, starting at City Creek Park and ending on Second West. All may be found online at [sevendaysvisionplan.org/walks](https://sevendaysvisionplan.org/walks).

Mr. Tonetti then returned to presenting the remaining opportunity areas for Salt Lake City.

The sixth opportunity area for Salt Lake City in the Plan is titled Herman Franks Park and is designated as a 100-year water opportunity. This opportunity includes daylighting Emigration Creek to activate and enhance the park space, creating a community amenity, and improving connectivity to Liberty Park through a trail and signage.

The seventh opportunity area for Salt Lake City in the Plan is titled Sugar House and is designated as a 10-year community opportunity. This opportunity culturally includes daylighting Parley's Creek through signage and are in the Sugar House neighborhood of Salt Lake City.

The eighth opportunity area for Salt Lake City in the Plan is titled Ballpark and is designated as a 100-year urban opportunity. This opportunity includes daylighting Red Butte, Emigration, and Parleys Creeks and increasing the urban forest as Salt Lake City's Ballpark neighborhood experiences growth and redevelopment.

The ninth opportunity area for Salt Lake City in the Plan is titled 1300 South and is designated as a 100-year water opportunity. This opportunity includes daylighting Red Butte, Emigration, and Parleys Creeks east of the Three Creeks Confluence along 1300 South, enhancing east-west connections to the Jordan River.

Mr. Tonetti then briefly covered the “Toolbox” area of the Plan, which can also be found online. The tools included:

- Best Management Practices
- Design Guidelines
- Funding
- Policy Recommendations
- Partnerships

Mr. Tonetti expanded upon the Policy Recommendations tool, which included:

- City master plan alignment
- Riparian corridor ordinance
- Using development time when a site is already undergoing disturbance to implement some of these opportunities
- Creek-friendly certification to recognize folks for spearheading opportunities
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Property Acquisition

Brian completed his presentation and asked the Board if there were any questions.

Ms. Binnebose asked for more information on the “funding” tool in the Plan. Mr. Tonetti responded that it really depends on the project: the City’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process is one example, but to really speak in-depth about funding, we need a project to align with the funding tool. Ms. Binnebose and Mr. Tonetti then went on to discuss property acquisition’s potential role within future opportunities, including land trusts and easements.

Ms. Finch inquired about the past success and experiences regarding the partnerships that Seven Canyons Trust has with all types of entities. Mr. Tonetti responded with one 2014 example of partnering with a group of students, including Mr. Tonetti himself, that ended up serving as the vision plan that ended up creating the nonprofit Seven Canyons Trust. Within that original vision plan, Three Creeks Confluence was a highlighted opportunity that was presented to the City Council at that time, whereupon the opportunity came to fruition over the course of the past seven years.

Melanie Pehrson asked what the benefit of daylighting waterways is. Mr. Tonetti stated there are water quality benefits with taking water out of a concrete pipe, exposing it to the natural light and UV rays where vegetation can then grow alongside the waterway and filter the pollutants from the water and air, and serve as beneficial for wildlife. Lastly, removing water from an enclosed concrete canal also provides flood mitigation and recreation opportunities.

Jenny Hewson asked the following question: Is this being done in other cities? In the stakeholder process, are different stakeholders generally positive (given the potential impacts during the implementation)? Mr. Tonetti replied that yes, this is being replicated in other cities and that Seven Canyons Trust has so far received very positive feedback throughout all eight municipalities.



<p>Ms. Finch asked whether Mr. Tonetti could describe the different types of stakeholders who might express concern over these types of projects versus those who are proponents of them. Mr. Tonetti replied that the largest concern is that these types of projects are a very expensive process; for example, a recent study by the Rocky Mountain Institute found that stream daylighting per linear foot costs approximately \$1,000. Considering there are 21 miles of buried streams in Salt Lake City, the costs add up quickly. Mr. Tonetti expressed that Seven Canyons Trust believes the benefits of daylighting projects far outweigh the costs, so much of this comes down to political will and finding a champion at the local government level.</p> <p>On an individual level, Mr. Tonetti described the biggest concern being safety: there is a large <i>perceived</i> risk of exposing a creek channel, as an even bigger <i>real-life</i> risk that urban dwellers deal with daily are heavily trafficked roadways.</p> <p>Mr. Tonetti also mentioned the comprehensive FAQ page on the Vision Plan for further information.</p> <p>Ms. Finch asked whether the cost was going to be borne by private donations. Mr. Tonetti responded that the funding could be covered by various sources: private, federal, local, and so forth. He then provided another example from Kalamazoo, Michigan, of a stream daylighting project where a large amphitheater was also installed and ended up generating the city \$12 million in revenue, covering the costs of the project in one year's time. Mr. Tonetti's point is, if we are just talking about monetary costs, these projects tend to generate economic development in surrounding areas, increased property values adjacent to the projects, while also contributing many benefits to the community and environment.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose thanked Mr. Tonetti for his presentation and time and moved on to the next agenda item.</p>	
<p>Capital Investment and Deferred Maintenance Spending – Tyler Murdock</p> <p>Tyler Murdock, Public Lands Department Deputy Director – Planning and Ecological Services, encouraged Board members to attend the Big Ideas Walks with Seven Canyons Trust in the coming months.</p> <p>Mr. Murdock stated that, in response to Board member Ginger Cannon's request, he was here to present to the Board the beginning analysis of how Public Lands has historically allocated funding through the CIP process, the Deferred Maintenance Program, and through the Department's annual operating budget how those funds are spent across the City. Mr. Murdock stated that, while there is a narrative that Westside parks have been historically underfunded, the Department is still parsing together data pertaining to its operational spending so that everyone has a more complete picture.</p> <p>Mr. Murdock introduced Owen Koppe an intern who has been working with the Department for the past three months to collect and analyze data regarding how the Department is spending money per Salt Lake City district from an equity lens.</p>	<p>ue</p>

Mr. Koppe introduced himself as an Equity Analytics Intern in the Parks Division and provided some background for the Capital Investment and Deferred Maintenance Spending presentation by Mr. Murdock.

Mr. Koppe expressed the uniqueness of Salt Lake City as managing a lot of open space, most of which is in the Eastside districts of SLC. Owen emphasized that instead of thinking about public lands maintenance simply in terms of acreage, it's important to note that those districts with the most acreage – which are Districts 3 and 6 with large open spaces – do not require as much attention and maintenance as other parks since they are undeveloped spaces. For example, some parks have more major features and structures to maintain, and thus will need more funding because there are more assets to maintain at these parks. Mr. Koppe stated that the two districts which house Westside parks – Districts 1 and 2 – have as many park structures as the four Eastside districts combined. When considering equitable distribution, it is also key to note that Westside parks contain more structures and amenities that require attention and maintenance than Eastside parks do.

Mr. Murdock stated that when Mr. Koppe finalizes his report in September around operational expenditures, they will return to the Board to present that as well. Mr. Murdock then provided examples of park amenities, such as drinking fountains, park benches, athletic courts, and fences.

Ms. Pehrson asked how the acreage in each Council district compared to the total amount of amenities found within each Council district's parks.

Owen replied that he believes the Westside districts have roughly 60,000 residents while the Eastside districts have approximately 100,000.

Mr. Murdock began to present the CIP data broken down annually by city council district. The larger outliers on the graph represent recent big project acquisitions such as Allen Park, Three Creeks Confluence, and the Glendale Regional Park.

Ms. Binnebose asked whether the tracking includes annual averages for what is being spent, such as median expenditures. Mr. Murdock replied that the majority of what the Public Lands crews does is operational, and that much of the data analysis is preliminary due to the type of tracking that the Department has historically conducted.

Mr. Murdock then began presenting on Deferred Maintenance spending by district, emphasizing that the deferred maintenance fees come from the General Fund, whereas CIP funding are dedicated specifically to Parks. The graph outlined deferred maintenance funding expenditures since 2015 by council district.

Mr. Murdock once again reminded the Board that these graphs do not include operational expenses.

<p>Ms. Finch asked whether Allen Park was CIP funds; Mr. Murdock replied that it was in part impact fees that funded Allen Park, which is the CIP process and which his presented graphs were illustrating.</p> <p>The Board expressed interest in having Owen and Mr. Murdock return when there was more data to present.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson asked how the data is collected. Owen replied that the CIP and deferred maintenance data is mostly collected from the Public Lands Planning Team and the operational data from Cartegraph. Mr. Murdock stated that folks may find CIP logs online on the City Council website.</p> <p>Ms. Finch asked Mr. Murdock his interpretation of the data and the story it's telling so far. Mr. Murdock replied that he is also interested in understanding amount of service funding per area and mentioned Council District 4 – the downtown area – as an outlier in the data in terms of an area not receiving as much attention as others.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose mentioned that it also might be good for the Board to see the average age of amenities in relation to spending.</p> <p>Carmen Bailey, Public Lands Deputy Director of Operations, added that the data is also not telling the story of time and money spent on responding to vandalism within parks. Mr. Murdock and Ms. Bailey also mentioned the Capital Asset Management Plan.</p> <p>The Board thanked Mr. Murdock and Owen for his time and presentation and Ms. Binnebose moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<p>Miller Park Update – Tyler Murdock</p> <p>Mr. Murdock explained that of the two update areas – management and capital improvement projects – he would be focusing mostly on management in today's presentation.</p> <p>Mr. Murdock went on to explain that, in terms of vegetation, Public Lands has increased its monitoring of vegetation in Miller Park and has hired an environmental consultant to conduct surveys and monitoring throughout the summer. The Department expects a deliverable from the consultant that provides a better understanding of Miller Park vegetation needs in September.</p> <p>Mr. Murdock stated that his presentation today would focus on two primary updates: management and the capital improvement project, of which he would be mainly focusing on the management update. He also mentioned that Public Lands is on the Yalecrest Community Council agenda in September to discuss the CIP aspect of Miller Park.</p> <p>Mr. Murdock explained that, in response to community feedback and concern, the Public Lands Department has been focused on increased monitoring of Miller Park vegetation through the hiring of an environmental consultant and community surveys.</p>	<p>5 min</p>

The Department expects a deliverable from the environmental consultant sometime in September that provides a better understanding of the vegetation.

The second item that the Department has been working on is a vegetation management plan review due to community concerns related to chemical herbaceous and woody treatment and removal within Miller Park. Mr. Murdock explained that the Department uses two documents to guide Miller Park and open spaces managed. One of those is the Noxious Weed Management Plan that was completed by SWCA in 2012, who has been rehired to perform a review of that 2012 plan for the Department, which is expected to be finalized in October and will help guide the Department's annual operating management plan in Miller Park. Mr. Murdock added that he is hopeful that this review will provide the Department with clear vegetation targets and metrics and then share those with the community about Miller Park as well as all City-managed open spaces.

Mr. Murdock addressed the fire concerns related to Miller Park that were previously shared by public commenter Jim Webster. Currently, Salt Lake City Public Lands is trying to navigate and balance leaving some woody debris for habitat purposes for birds and wildlife while also mitigating the fire risk. Mr. Murdock stated that the Department has met numerous times with the Fire Department, who has been supportive of this management approach; the Department will also be meeting with the Fire Department on August 17 to walk the site again, assess the condition, and identify potential risk and shift the management approach if deemed necessary. One concern that has been raised to Mr. Murdock and the Department is the formulation of several debris piles in Miller Park right now. Mr. Murdock affirmed that these debris piles have not been formed by Public Lands crews and that the Department does not know who is constructing these piles. Mr. Murdock stated that he is aware of Rocky Mountain Power doing a lot of cutting on easements that they have within Miller Park, and that may be a potential source. Regardless, he recognizes that these are potential fire hazards, and that the Department is trying to figure out who is making the debris piles.

Ms. Binnebose commented on the innate challenge between managing at least two competing interests that the Department must deal with, which is fire mitigation and habitat preservation. Mr. Murdock confirmed that this is a challenge the Department faces with all its open spaces. He also addressed the community skepticism of past environmental consultants, stating that he understands this, and would like to reach out to Tracy Aviary and other trusted environmental community-based organizations to review the plans and solicit feedback from them as well.

CJ Whittaker asked if it was true that there is currently not consensus on what vegetation is invasive or not in Miller Park and in relation to that, which vegetation is holding the riverbanks together and which is not, and how do we manage that? As far as Mr. Whittaker has been hearing, there seems to be some disagreement between university professors and the City about what is invasive. Mr. Murdock responded that he presumes Mr. Whittaker is referring to Black Locust Tree. With regards to the species, that is one specific example of something the City is asking the environmental



<p>consultant to review. Mr. Murdock explained that, since 2014 and prior to his tenure with the City, the City has taken the stance that Black Locusts were behaving in an invasive manner, and they have been actively removing them since 2014. Mr. Murdock stated that he believes a question that needs to be addressed is, “What species are behaving in a way that is crowding out other species?” and then determine a vegetation makeup that would be ideal to stabilize the riverbank slopes. These are questions that the Department is addressing with SWCA. Then, to the question of structural stabilization, Mr. Murdock replied that he recognizes the options here as being stabilizing the steep banks with vegetation, which is the preferred manner, or building costly structures to do the stabilizing. Mr. Whittaker thanked Mr. Murdock and stated that his questions were answered.</p> <p>Ms. Finch asked if there was anything specific to Miller Park that makes it more prone to fire danger than other spaces within the city. Mr. Murdock replied that there is probably also significant fire danger at Allen Park, but specifically the natural riparian areas comprised by Miller Park and Wasatch Hollow is the management approach that the City takes in those areas, for if they’re natural bird preserves, the City takes a hands-off approach due to wildlife habitat. This is different than in well-manicured public parks such as Memory Grove, Mr. Murdock explained.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose also surmised that Miller Park’s proximity to urban built areas, infrastructure, and utilities, also might make it more prone to fire risk.</p> <p>Mr. Murdock also added that the Department has really good communication with the Community Council right now and is working on several volunteer-based events throughout the space. The challenge remains identifying good areas for irrigation within Miller Park.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose confirmed that the Board would appreciate receiving another follow-up from staff on Miller Park, to which Mr. Murdock replied that he is happy to continue providing updates to the Board and suggested providing updates in time with the updated plan that SWVCA is working on, which will then inform the Department’s updates of its annual operation and maintenance plan. Once the Department can then share the updated annual operation and maintenance plan with fellow community groups for their feedback, that will be a key time to return with an update (approximately September).</p>	
<p>Continued Discussion of Draft Ordinance Amendment to Section 2.94.040 of the Salt Lake City Code – Ashley Cleveland – Potential Action Item</p> <p>Ashley Cleveland, Deputy Director of Community Outreach for the Mayor, stated that she is reporting back to the Board on the follow-up meetings that she had with PNUT Board members regarding this agenda item and the draft of amendment to Section 2.94.040. Ms. Cleveland stated that the largest edit to that draft amendment that Board members wanted was an addition of two at-large members to the Board’s composition, for a total of 13 members. Ms. Cleveland stated that she has applied the Board’s edits to the draft amendments.</p>	<p>10 min</p>

<p>Ms. Cleveland said that she appreciated the Board's time on this matter and would like it to go onto the City Council for their approval.</p> <p>Luke Allen informed that Board that the change Ms. Cleveland is referring to is on line 19 of the draft amendment.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose thanked Ms. Cleveland for allowing her and Board member Ginger Cannon to learn more from Ms. Cleveland on this issue. Ms. Binnebose then posed the question to the Board whether they vote on the draft amendment during this meeting since they barely have a quorum.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson asked if she could have a copy of the draft amendment in question, to which Mr. Allen replied that he had just emailed a copy to members a few moments ago.</p> <p>Mr. Allen further explained that it is up to the Board what action they want to take on this draft amendment.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked Ms. Cleveland what her timeline was for the amendment. Ms. Cleveland stated that she is happy with the support she's received from the PNUT Board and provided some timeline options to the Board regarding Indigenous Heritage Month (November) and further community engagement meetings she'll be having.</p> <p>Ms. Cleveland asked staff that if the draft amendment were to be approved as-is in today's meeting by the PNUT Board and Indigenous appointees asked whether some changes could be made to the draft if that would be inconvenient. Mr. Allen and Mr. Murdock stated that staff are happy to work with the Board on whatever is decided. Ms. Cleveland then responded that the Board could approve the draft and she would be happy to invite PNUT Board members to community engagements she is conducting over the next couple of months and then further discuss when they want to take it to City Council.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson asked whether there was any reason to wait. Ms. Cleveland responded that no, it is up to the Board.</p> <p>M. Pehrson motioned to approve the draft Ordinance Amendment to Section 2.94.040 of the Salt Lake City Code as revised. Ms. Finch seconded the motion. Mr. Whittaker responded in the chat that he was unable to fully hear what was happening due to a poor internet connection. Mr. Allen informed Mr. Whittaker the action that the Board was about to take, to which both Mr. Whittaker and Ms. Hewson typed into the chat that they approved the pending motion. The Board unanimously approved the draft ordinance amendment as revised.</p> <p>Ms. Cleveland and the Board expressed gratitude to one another, and Ms. Binnebose moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:05 PM</b>
N/A	N/A

6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments & Future Agenda Items	6:05 PM
<p>Board subcommittee updates as needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trails subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked Mr. Whittaker if he had anything to report from Trails.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson noted that Mr. Whittaker had typed into the chat that he was still having connection issues. Ms. Hewson, who also serves on the Trails subcommittee, added that the Greater Avenues Community Council met last month and there was a three-way presentation with a good question and answer portion during the meeting where Mr. Murdock, SLC Trail Alliance, and Save our Foothills each presented, and Board member Phil Carroll facilitated.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson added that the presentation really highlighted areas where all the groups can work together and overall that the meeting was greatly helpful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Binnebose stated that Mr. Allen had spoken with the IT Department on a file sharing system for better access points as well as promoting continuity for the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose mentioned that this would also allow Board members to maintain some privacy as they would not have to engage with community members via their personal email addresses.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose also announced on behalf of Mr. Allen that the Department will be bringing on another staff person to act as a liaison for the PNUT Board; this person will be able to support the Board with developing a communications plan and other items.</p> <p>Mr. Allen stated that he would probably be reaching out to Board members for optional bios and pictures to place on the PNUT Board webpage, which may help with community engagement. He added that he and the communications subcommittee are also working on making the meetings more accessible and approachable, be it via livestreaming the meetings or other means.</p>	
<p>Board comment and question period</p> <p>Ms. Finch thanked Eugene (public commenter) for attending this month’s meeting and invited them to return for future meetings. Ms. Finch also explained some of the common practices and protocols (decorum) of the Board, including not addressing public comments during the public comment period, but preserving that space for the Board Comment and Question Period of the agenda.</p> <p>Ms. Finch also recommended a few more groups and organizations, such as the Jordan River Commission, that address the Jordan River area and hold volunteer cleanup events.</p>	

<p>Mr. Murdock and Mr. Allen also mentioned that the Board holds volunteer debris cleanup of the Jordan River when properly staffed, and there is one cleanup event on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> starting at Three Creeks Confluence.</p> <p>Mr. Murdock also added that the Department has a contractor that began work doing in-river tree debris removal on Monday, August 1. They started around 1700 South, will backtrack to 2100 South, then will work their way Northward for the rest of the month doing this work.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose provided an update from her District, from the last Liberty Wells Community Council Meeting. She stated that during that meeting, the council spent a very large chunk of time trying to answer questions on the new Park Rangers Program; there is very little information on the Public Lands website that details this program right now. Ms. Bailey asked for specific questions, and Ms. Binnebose listed them as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the purpose of the Ranger program?</li> <li>• If the Rangers are not law enforcement, how is funding towards these positions beneficial to the public?</li> <li>• Will there be more information eventually listed on the website?</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Bailey responded that the Department had indeed been cautious about putting out too much information due to the Rangers undergoing extensive training and not being in full uniform yet. She then listed a few examples of the training currently happening. Ms. Binnebose asked if there are other Parks staff within the Department who could begin making the rounds to Community Councils and present about the overall purpose of the Ranger Program while the Rangers are still receiving training and preparation. Ms. Bailey responded that she is still working on hiring a new Park Ranger manager to be the face of the program, but that the Department doesn't necessarily have to wait for that person to be hired if folks desire a quicker response.</p> <p>Mr. Allen also mentioned that the Department is working on a Park Rangers press conference plus an SLC TV video brief on the program for the near future. Ms. Binnebose asked if Mr. Allen could inform the Board of the dates and times of these upcoming activities.</p> <p>Mr. Allen also requested specific questions from the Board so that the Department can ensure that future coverage of the Park Rangers Program addresses those questions.</p>	
Next meeting: September 1, 2022	
<p>Request for future agenda item</p> <p>Mr. Murdock suggested that a future agenda item for the Board might be the General Obligation Bond ballot outcome that is on the City Council's agenda for August 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Mr. Murdock added that the final Glendale Regional Park Master Plan would also be another good agenda item for the September meeting.</p>	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>



Ms. Finch motioned to adjourn the August PNUT Board Advisory Meeting. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.	
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**\* INSERT Chat Comments \***

from Jenny Hewson NASA ESDIS/SSAI to everyone: 5:30 PM

Phenomenal process: Is this being done in other cities? In the stakeholder process, are different stakeholders generally positive (given the potential impacts during the implementation)? Creek-friendly certification sounds fabulous!

from Jenny Hewson NASA ESDIS/SSAI to everyone: 5:58 PM

I think this is incredibly helpful

from Jenny Hewson NASA ESDIS/SSAI to everyone: 6:21 PM

Luke, I didn't see this in the packet - did I miss it?

from Allen, Luke to everyone: 6:21 PM

I just emailed it to you a few minutes ago, sorry for the delay!

from Jenny Hewson NASA ESDIS/SSAI to everyone: 6:21 PM

thank you much

from Cleveland, Ashley to everyone: 6:22 PM

Hey Jenny!

from Cleveland, Ashley to everyone: 6:22 PM

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from Cleveland, Ashley to everyone: 6:25 PM

Lovely! Go 2.94!

from CJ to everyone: 6:25 PM

I can't really hear what's going on

from CJ to everyone: 6:25 PM

my connection is very bad

from Jenny Hewson NASA ESDIS/SSAI to everyone: 6:25 PM

I approve

from CJ to everyone: 6:26 PM

I votte to approve

from Cleveland, Ashley to everyone: 6:26 PM

CJ- hugs!

from Jenny Hewson NASA ESDIS/SSAI to everyone: 6:26 PM

And I appreciate all the work on this

from CJ to everyone: 6:26 PM

you all sounds like robots. hahahaha

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## Staff Responses to Public Comments from the August 4, 2022, PNUT Board Meeting

**Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.**

### **Jim Webster**

Jim Webster stated that they are interested in hearing the update on Miller Bird Refuge and Nature Park; the neighbors are very concerned about fire in that area.

#### *Staff Response:*

*We are aware of this concern and issue. This pile has been accumulating throughout the year and our crews have removed it on at least one occasion this summer. We are not sure who is placing the material at this location.*

*Meeting Yalecrest CC members: Our Deputy Director Tyler Murdock (Tyler) met on site last week with Tom Lund and Jim of the Yalecrest community to discuss this and the past CIP application. Tyler agreed, that leaving large piles of downed branches is certainly not what we want to see happening in our public spaces. We do however want to leave some woody debris within our natural areas for habitat and wildlife purposes. Tyler discussed this management approach with Tom and Jim. Tom agreed with this and volunteered to help the City share this message to discourage future piles from accumulating.*

*We also met last week with Lisa Demmings of SLC Fire to discuss this approach. SLC fire is supportive of this and expressed no concerns about this approach contributing significantly to the fire risk within Miller Park. We discussed several other strategies that our maintenance team can be doing in Miller Park, including reducing ladder fuels, but leaving some woody debris throughout the preserve is something we still plan to do in Miller Park and all natural areas throughout the City.*

*Next Steps: Our crews will remove this current pile in the coming weeks. We also plan to place signage and work with the Community Council to help share messaging that future piles, placed without authorization of the City, will be redistributed throughout the preserve. Once we have some messaging prepared on this, Tyler can share with the Community Council. We discussed this solution last week during our walk with Jim and Tom so both are aware of this.*

*During our walk with SLC Fire last week, they also mentioned that they provide a free service to come to any resident interested in reducing wildfire risk that lives near natural areas within the City. To date, no residents along Miller Park have requested this service, but Tyler thinks it is an excellent resource that we can share with residents along both Miller Park or any other natural area in the City. Once Tyler receives more information from SLC Fire Tyler can share with you both so you can share with concerned residents.*

## Eugene Arnold

Eugene Arnold stated he had recently been riding their bike along the Jordan River Trail and noticed that the water is filthy with trash and tree branches piled up in the water. He expressed interest in knowing whether these issues would soon be addressed.

### *Staff Response:*

*Salt Lake City Department of Public Lands has dedicated funds to remove certain trees and other organic matter and debris waste from the Jordan River Water Trail corridor to enhance safe and accessible non-motorized watercraft navigation while minimizing bank erosion and strengthening bank stability. The Salt Lake City segment of the Jordan River (approx. 2100 South to 2400 North) currently has years-worth of deferred maintenance in its water corridor and is eager to complete this task for the health of our environment and communities.*

*Salt Lake City awarded this contract to Diamond Tree Experts based on their experience with high quality urban forest maintenance, their robust inventory of equipment and vehicles that will be required to safely enter the river corridor with minimum impact, and their sustainable green waste processes. Diamond will be using the paved Jordan River Trail on the east bank of the river as its primary access and staging areas.*

*Public Lands staff and the Diamond team have inspected the entire SLC segment of the river to identify trees, deadfall, branches, and debris to be removed. This work started on August 1 and may continue for 2-3 months. Work began from the south and they will continue north to the Davis County line with the priority of clearing unattached organic and waste debris in the streambed as well as any live trees or branches prohibiting safe navigation of the river.*

*Stumps will be left in the riverbanks to minimize erosion unless they are a risk to public safety. Once completed, Diamond will return to the south to sweep the river once again with the goal of clearing the canopy above the water up to 6 feet.*

*The work will be completed south to north, in flow with the river, so as the river clears up, loose debris will flow freely farther downstream. Salt Lake County has an in-river garbage and debris collection boom located at 1200 North in the Jordan River. Garbage is collected at this location and hauled to the landfill, so it does not enter the Great Salt Lake.*

*Be sure to check out the Jordan River Water Trail Tree & Debris Removal [project page](#) for updates and progress photos of this project.*





## Memorandum

To: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, & Trails Advisory Board

From: Katherine Maus, Public Lands Planner

Date: August 25, 2022

Re: Glendale Regional Park Master Plan Update

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### Background:

Public Lands is finalizing a master plan to guide development of the 17-acre Glendale Regional Park site, formerly known as Raging Waters. Demolition will continue throughout the summer, and a portion of the park must be open to public recreation by April 2024 to meet the requirements of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/lwcf/index.html>). To meet this deadline, The City is moving forward with Glendale Park Phase I implementation and is in the process of selecting a consultant to develop detailed design for Phase I with construction of site improvements to follow. The purpose of this particular briefing is to share the preferred Glendale Regional Park Site Plan and Master Plan to the PNUT Board for endorsement as the plan moves through the adoption process.

The project team has been working to develop the Glendale Regional Park Master Plan since 2021, which will provide the guiding vision and design for the future of the old water park site and establish a framework to guide development and programming of the site into the future. The plan relies heavily on Glendale community input and is aimed at representing the unique and diverse culture of the Glendale Community while also including amenities that will create a regional draw for residents of Salt Lake City. The project team has worked closely with project stakeholders, neighborhood residents, community partners and students at Glendale Middle and Mountain View Elementary Schools to create a community-supported vision that reflects the Glendale neighborhood's rich heritage. Over 1300 people responded to a city-wide survey, bringing the total participant count for the project to nearly 1700.

Key elements of the master plan were informed by public input and include:

- **Community Gathering and Event Spaces** – a promenade/community plaza spanning the north central gateway, an event stage and lawn, smaller pavilions and picnic lawns and a riverside beach and boardwalk.
- **Play Places for Everyone** - hiking, walking and paved trails, an all-ages and abilities playground, climbing features, multi-use sport courts, dog park, and sledding hill.
- **Places to Enjoy the Water** - a splash pad, kayak rental, access to the Jordan River for recreation, boat dock and ramp, and an outdoor pool.
- **Places to Wheel Around** - an ice/roller skating ribbon, skateboarding area and bike trails.

### Public Process:

Community engagement for the master plan used a multi-pronged approach including youth and stakeholder engagement, development of a community advisory committee, online survey and public open house, along with in-person engagement events. The public process began with robust engagement with the Glendale Community and then broadened to a citywide engagement effort. A detailed description of the public engagement efforts can be found at <https://www.slc.gov/parks/parks-division/glendale-waterpark/>.

In brief, the engagement process consisted of three engagement windows:

Public Engagement Window 1:

The first public engagement window prioritized neighborhood and community stakeholder engagement to ensure the community voice was the guide in establishing the initial vision. Considering the predominately younger population in this area, the project team focused on Glendale Middle School and Mountain View Elementary School students and families, while also engaging community leaders and the Glendale Neighborhood Council. The project team met multiple times with the students, engaged in design charrettes and used the direction we received from these 130 students to guide initial plan alternative design. The project team also attended and held several in-person events with the Glendale community and created a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) specifically for this plan creation. The CAC was comprised of members who are considered leaders in the Glendale community and represented a variety of community organizations, businesses and affiliations specifically in the Glendale community. The members of the CAC provided key feedback on the project mission, goals, engagement process and vision for the park and shared information about the planning process with their community. The engagement from Window 1 drove the development of two concept alternatives.

Public Engagement Window 2:

The two concept alternatives were shared with the public and with City Council. The project team kicked-off broad, citywide public engagement with an open house hosted at the Glendale and Parkview Community Learning Center to open a survey. Residents of Glendale, members of the CAC and the city at large attended the event to orient themselves to the plans. Over 1360 people citywide participated in the survey which informed the development of the final preferred plan for the site. The preferred plan includes community-prioritized features from each of the two concept plans. The project team met again with the CAC to review engagement results and get feedback before moving forward with the final preferred plan.

Public Engagement Window 3:

The third and final window included sharing out of the final preferred plan for the site with the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Advisory Board (PNUT Board), the CAC and Glendale Neighborhood Council. The final preferred plan will be shared with the public in July 2022, with the master plan to follow upon adoption by City Council. The project team will seek formal adoption of the Glendale Regional Park Master Plan by City Council in Summer 2022.

Please see below for additional details on engagement events, descriptions, and participation.

## Updated Public Engagement Calendar

Public Engagement Events	Notes	Time Period
Community and Neighborhood Department Survey	1,500 Respondents-- Public Survey through the department of Community and Neighborhoods to gauge public interest in the future of the park <a href="https://www.slc.gov/can/cares/waterpark/">https://www.slc.gov/can/cares/waterpark/</a>	2020
LC Waterpark Commemoration Survey Report	841 Respondents—Public Survey to gauge interest in demolition and re-development of the park. <a href="https://www.slc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Water-Park-Survey-Report-Nov-2020.pdf">https://www.slc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Water-Park-Survey-Report-Nov-2020.pdf</a>	2020
Glendale Community Council Visioning Exercise	1 Participants and 3 Community Council Members visioning a potential future for the site	2021
Initiation of Formal Planning Process by Public Lands department	Public Lands initiates a formal city engagement and planning process for the Glendale Regional Park Master Plan supported by Design Workshop as project consultant.	Spring/ Summer 2021
External Stakeholder Engagement: Community Events	Parents and students were asked at three community events which elements from past surveys should be included in the park. Events included: Morning Coffee with 20 respondents; Glendale Scare Fair with around 50 respondents; Hartland 4 Youth and Family Event with 10 respondents	fall 2021
External Stakeholder Engagement: Glendale Middle School and Mountain View Elementary	Design exercises were led with 88 middle school and 40 fifth grade students to gather feedback and input on the future design of the site. The process included on-site meetings with 88 Glendale Middle School, “Place-It” activity with University Neighborhood Partners, and collage creation. <a href="https://multicultural.utah.gov/glendale-youth-as-placemakers/">https://multicultural.utah.gov/glendale-youth-as-placemakers/</a>	fall 2021
Community Advisory Committee Meeting 1	A CAC was created to ensure neighborhood representation in the referred plan and final master plan documents. These stakeholder meetings ensured engagement with westside communities. The first meeting oriented participants to the project and asked for general impressions on the project.	January 2022
Community Advisory Committee Engagement Meeting 2	This meeting presented two conceptual ideas for the park and sought specific feedback on the ideas and amenities for the future site.	February 2022
Plan Your Park” in-person Open House and engagement event at Community Learning Center	Project team worked with Glendale Community Council to host an event with over 100 attendees to share with the community the concepts that have been generated so far and to launch a public survey.	March 16, 2022
Online Survey	Public survey to gather broader feedback on amenities and concept alternatives receiving 1361 responses.	March 16, 2022- April 16, 2022
Community Advisory Committee Engagement Meeting 3	This meeting shared the results of the broader survey with the committee and solicit feedback and impressions on the data.	April 12, 2022
Community Advisory Committee Engagement Meeting 4	Final preferred plan sharing and feedback from the CAC, as well as explanation of Phase 1	May 31, 2022
Presentation to Glendale Neighborhood Council	Sharing of public process and phase 1 implementation projects, timeline and budget	June 15, 2022
FUTURE ENGAGEMENT: Preferred Plan Confirmation	Confirm final preferred plan and share with the public.	July 2022
FUTURE ENGAGEMENT: Master Plan presentation and adoption	Presentation of preferred plan and Master Plan document to City Council for adoption.	July 2022

## Considerations:

The site plan illustrates the full buildout of the 17-acre site and includes programs and amenities prioritized through public engagement. Development of the full site will require multiple phases, defined by future funding allocations. The consultant team proposed a series of phases that represent a strategic development of the site. Detailed design of each phase will refine the design, construction materials, site character, maintenance requirements, and construction costs. Additionally, specific proposed improvements (such as an outdoor pool) will require additional feasibility studies as well as collaboration with community partners and other City departments and divisions. Recommendations for addressing considerations of the preferred plan

are included in the Glendale Regional Park Master Plan draft document Later this summer.

### **Master Plan Review:**

This master plan explores how this site design reflects the community, restores the site as an ecological asset, and makes recommendations regarding operations, site management, programming, and maintenance. The plan also dives into how the park will fulfill the established goals, including the park vision being led by the community, providing opportunities for safe community gathering and programming, completing the regional connection of open space along the river and enhancing access to nature, and finally improving environmental quality and justice.

The plan includes improvements to site access with proposed recommendations for new connections, trails, public transportation access and access across 1700 South. It highlights the ecology of the site and unique characteristics the Jordan River provides, and how the site might be impacted by future climate changes. The plan also makes recommendations on programming opportunities for Public Lands into the future, outlines the types of programming the community desires to see, and how partnerships may be carried out in the future. Finally, it outlines plan metrics to assess the fulfillment of the park goals that were confirmed by the public. Implementation strategy is included in the Glendale Regional Park Master Plan draft and will be contingent on funding availability. The project team intends to minimize the phasing to the greatest extent possible based on funding and has begun work on Phase 1.

### **Management and Maintenance:**

Recommendations for future management of the site, including programming and partnership needs, are also included in the Master Plan draft document. In order to fulfill the park goal of creating a safe community asset, programming and management into the future will be key. Potential opportunities for addressing management needs including expanding internal Public Lands staff, continue to create and build upon key community partners and stakeholders, engage with community organizations that promote inclusivity, equity and partnerships, and working with local and minority-owned businesses to program elements of the site.

### **Next Steps:**

- a. Project team has shared the plan and site concept with the public and will present to Glendale Community Council on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The CAC as received an additional notice that the plan is available to the public.
- b. The project team will brief City Council on October 4<sup>th</sup> of the progress of the plan.
- c. The project team, upon closure of a 45 public noticing period, will transmit the final draft of the Glendale Regional Park Master Plan to Planning Commission for public hearing and recommendation, and complete administrative process to receive Mayoral recommendation.
- d. City Council will receive a recommendation from Planning Commission related to adoption of the Master Plan, as well as a memorandum from Planning Staff and a Mayoral recommendation memorandum.
- e. Council will conduct adoption process, which will include a public hearing and additional public outreach.

### **Action Requested:**

The PNUT Board members will have one week to review the attached plan and appendix prior to the meeting on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff will present an overview of the plan and answer any questions the board may have. The Department of Public Lands will be moving forward with a presentation to the Planning Commission in October, and subsequently City Council, and is requesting endorsement of the Glendale Regional Master Plan by the PNUT Board as the plan moves through the adoption process. Endorsement may take the form of a recommendation letter to the Planning Commission and City Council,



or a recommendation to City Council to approve the adoption of the plan.

**Attachments:**

1. Glendale Regional Park Master Plan Draft Document
2. Glendale Regional Park Master Plan Appendix Draft



# Glendale Regional Park Master Plan



**Salt Lake City, Utah**  
May 2022





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# Executive Summary



## Glendale Regional Park Process Overview

### Project Background

Salt Lake City Public Lands (SLC Public Lands) has been presented with the opportunity to redevelop the former Raging Waters/Seven Peaks water park site to better serve the community by providing needed park space and amenities. The water park, defunct and in a state of decay, has no prospective operators and it has become unfeasible to revitalize the once-loved space. Public Lands needs to fulfill a directive, established by the requirements of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, to provide publicly accessible outdoor recreation to the community by 2024.

The chance to develop the park is significant as the Salt Lake City Public Land's Master Plan identifies a need for investment in Westside parks and enhancing park spaces along the Jordan River. The master plan specifically calls for the Glendale Regional Park to be improved to create a regional attraction with characteristics that celebrate and preserve community culture and diversity and make water recreation accessible to more people. This document, the Glendale Regional Park Master Plan, shares the planning process, research and analysis, community engagement and resulting recommendations to achieve these goals.

### Site Context

Glendale Regional Park is a part of Salt Lake City's Westside neighborhoods. The park is a major link in a long chain of parks and open space which are all connected by the Jordan River Parkway, which positions the park to become a key recreation destination along the Jordan River Parkway Trail along with the nearby Glendale Golf Course, 1700 S Park and Glendale Neighborhood Park. The park location also presents an opportunity to increase access to water recreation and improve essential riparian habitat along the Jordan River.

## Engagement

A top goal for SLC Public Lands was to create a park that is a community park first, and a regional destination as well. The planning team wanted to be sure they received robust input on community needs and desires from members of the local neighborhood and also gather insights on park needs from the larger pool of city-wide residents. A series of engagement activities were conducted from October 2021 to May 2022 including:

- Neighborhood and Stakeholder Engagement:
  - Glendale Neighborhood Events: 3 events, 110 participants
  - Youth Engagement: Glendale Middle School and Mountain View Elementary School, 128 participants
  - Community Advisory Committee Meetings: 3 meetings including 14 participating members
  - “Plan Sharing” Glendale Community Council: 15 participants
- Citywide Engagement:
  - “Plan Your Park” Open House: 100 attendees
  - Public Online Survey: 1361 participants

Key takeaways from public input included the need for a neighborhood park-like experience with lots of amenities, the need for increased safety, and opportunities for free and affordable activities. Other themes included the desire to have water play in the park in the form of a water feature or outdoor pool, a preference for bright and colorful park features and a desire for

inclusive play features that all ages and all abilities can enjoy. Community gathering with opportunities for food and local performances was also important feedback that was shared.

## The Vision

The Glendale Park Master Plan was created through a process of verifying park features and design concepts with the community. Park ideas were refined from initial ideas down to two concept plan alternatives, which were then refined into a final park plan.

The final design strategy seeks to create a park that celebrates community gathering and active recreation with programs and activities that are community-driven. The park will be a hub for sharing local food, art and culture with family, friends and neighbors.

The park will also be a place to explore nature through hillside trails, along the restored riparian landscapes and through enhanced access to the Jordan River.

The park design strengthens regional connectivity, connecting Glendale Park to the larger park system with a proposed bridge connection to the Jordan River Parkway Trail, improved connections to 1700 South Park such as road narrowing and an at-grade pedestrian crossing, and a recommended multi-use trail connection to the future Surplus Canal Trail.

To view the final park plan and park features see pages 42-43.

## Implementation

The park will be constructed in a series of phases. According to the requirements set by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, outdoor recreation amenities in the park must be available to the public by spring of 2024. This expedited schedule requires that Phase I park features are easily implemented, meet a rapid construction timeline and fit within the current budget allocated for the park. Park features that are most desired by the community and can meet this criteria are being given top priority for inclusion in Phase I.

## Next Steps

To meet the rapid timeline required to open the park with publicly accessible recreation, Phase I design will proceed concurrent to Master Plan adoption. Programming opportunities with community partners will continue to be developed to ensure that the park remains an active space upon opening.

The project team will also begin to rehabilitate the site with riparian and native vegetation to fulfill the park goals of enhancing environmental quality and improving environmental justice for the Glendale neighborhood. To support these goals, it is recommended that the project team pursue certification in a sustainability program such as SITES or another comparable program. This would ensure sustainable practices are adhered to and would highlight the City's investment in restorative landscapes, climate resiliency and equitable environmental investment. During the master planning process, a

SITES pre-score assessment, confirmed that the Glendale Park project meets the qualifications to pursue SITES certification. Details of the SITES prescore can be found on pages 69-70 and in Appendix A.

## Park Mission Statement & Goals

Throughout the process, a Community Advisory Committee comprised of local community members and leaders helped guide the plan to align with the needs and desires of the Glendale community. This committee helped to form a mission statement and goals for the park. For full goal statements, see page 4.

### Park Mission Statement:

**Glendale Regional Park will be an iconic neighborhood park that celebrates and preserves community, culture, and diversity. It will also be a regional destination connecting to the Jordan River and Salt Lake City’s park network. Making nature and recreation within an arm’s reach, the park will improve the natural resources and quality of lives for current and future generations of Westside residents.**

### Park Goals

- **Community-Led**
- **Community Services & Programming**
- **Park Activation & Safety**
- **Regional Connection**
- **Access to Nature**
- **Environmental Quality**
- **Environmental Justice**





# Introduction





# Introduction

**Goals for the park include creating an active and communal space that embodies natural elements of the Jordan River and provides new opportunities for recreation, activities and events.**

## A New Park for the Glendale Neighborhood

Salt Lake City Public Lands has been presented with the opportunity to redevelop the former Raging Waters/Seven Peaks water park site to better serve the community by providing needed park space and amenities. The water park, defunct and in a state of decay, has no prospective operators and it has become unfeasible to revitalize the once-loved space. Public Lands needs to fulfill a directive, established by the site funding requirements of the Land and Water Conservation Fund, to provide publicly accessible outdoor recreation to the community by 2024.

The chance to develop the park is significant for several reasons. The Salt Lake City Public Land's Master Plan identifies a need for investment in Westside parks and enhancing park spaces along the Jordan River. The master plan specifically calls for the Glendale Regional Park to be improved to create a regional attraction and event space with characteristics that celebrate and preserve community culture and diversity and make water recreation accessible to more people. The Glendale neighborhood is also identified by the Public Lands Needs Assessment as being a high needs area for park investment with a lower frequency of park visitation than parks on the east side of the city.

The park site is also significant as it presents an opportunity to increase access to water recreation and improve essential riparian habitat along the Jordan River, one of the city's greatest natural assets in need of restoration efforts and care. In addition, activating the park will enhance regional connectivity by creating a key recreation destination along the Jordan River Parkway Trail along with the nearby Glendale Golf Course, 1700 S Park and Glendale Neighborhood Park.

Goals for the new park include creating a safe, active and communal space that embodies natural elements of the Jordan River and provides new opportunities for recreation, activities and events. This document, the Glendale Regional Park Master Plan shares the planning process, research and analysis, community engagement and resulting recommendations to achieve these goals. It outlines the Master Plan for the development of the former Glendale Water Park; a 17-acre site, to guide capital improvements, site programming, and operations and maintenance recommendations.



## Park Mission Statement

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## Park Goals



### Community-Led

The vision is community-led and reflects Glendale's culture and history. The park will offer space for social connections, features, and services that interest the Westside community.



### Community Services & Programming

The park provides equitable access to nature and outdoor recreation. The community can enjoy free and affordable classes, events, and entertainment at the neighborhood's central park.



### Park Activation & Safety

The park is a dynamic destination activated by daily use. What happens in the park is an organic expression of Westside culture. Local community members, organizations, and businesses together will create a safe and welcoming environment.



### Regional Connection

The park is a regional destination combining and connecting to multiple neighboring parks. As a gathering place along the Jordan River, the park serves as a recreational gateway between Westside and the larger park systems.



### Access to Nature

The park is a space to build a meaningful relationship with nature. Attractive and accessible features and free recreational activities provided in the neighborhood's backyard will combat Nature Deficit Disorder in the community.



### Environmental Quality

The park builds upon existing natural assets and enhances the ecological health of the Westside. Features of the park will work to improve the Jordan River's water quality and Salt Lake City's air pollution for the community.



### Environmental Justice

The park celebrates the Jordan River, integral to the community's identity, and enhances local environmental quality. The community-led vision will prioritize the quality of life for the Glendale neighborhood and Westside community.





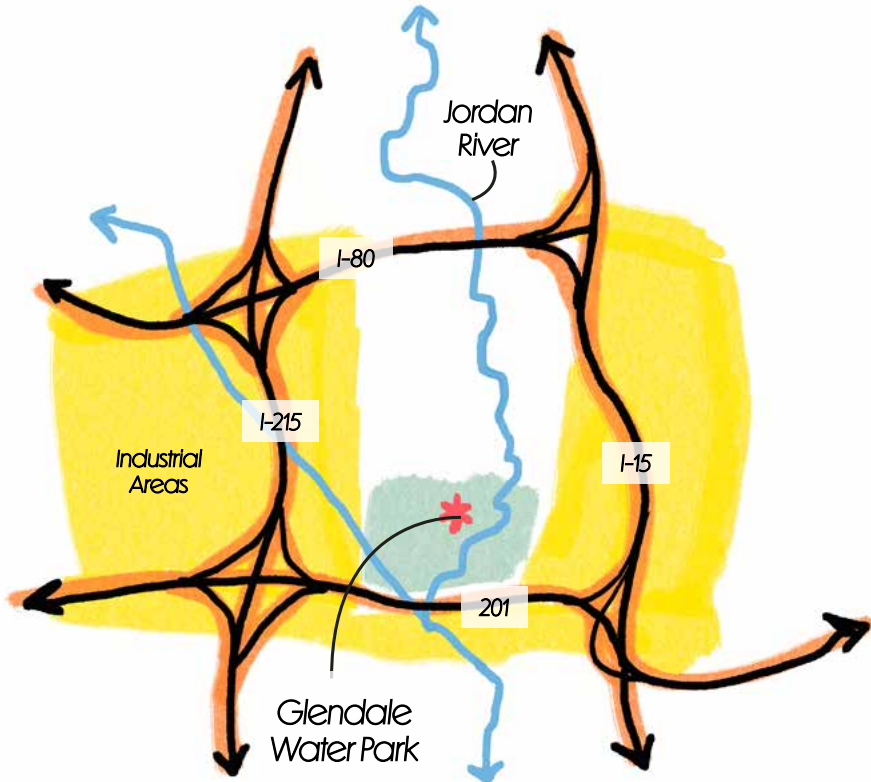
# Site Context + Analysis

Project Context

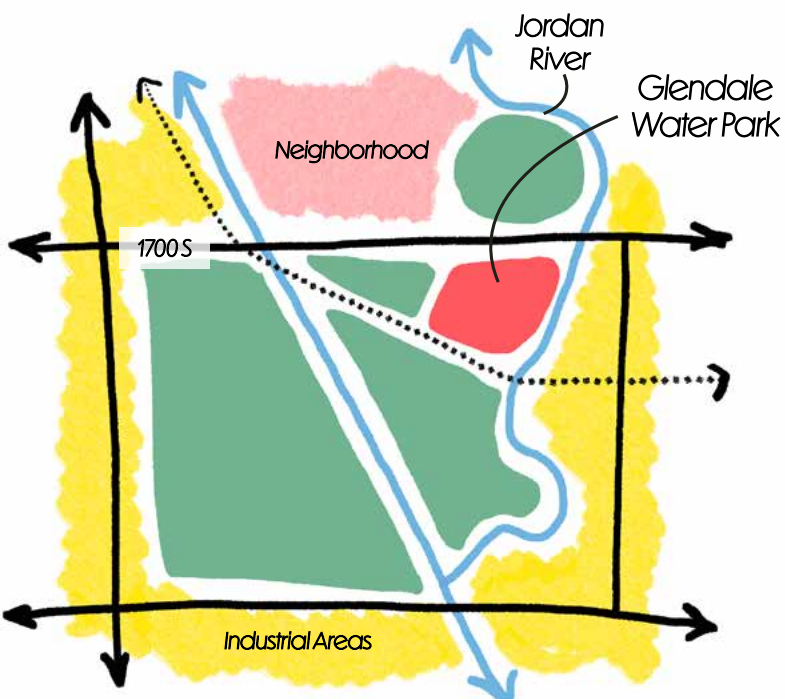
Watershed



City-Regional



Neighborhood





# Project Context

## Watershed

Glendale Regional Park is a centerpiece along the Jordan River, a culmination of seven major tributaries flowing out of the Wasatch Mountain Range to the east and the final conduit in the Jordan River Watershed. The Jordan River is the city's largest river and flows south to north, for 51 miles beginning at Utah Lake and draining into the Great Salt Lake. The river's riparian habitat is a rarity in the high desert environment of the Salt Lake valley and supports a variety of wildlife as well as many migratory birds along the Pacific Flyway.

## City-Regional

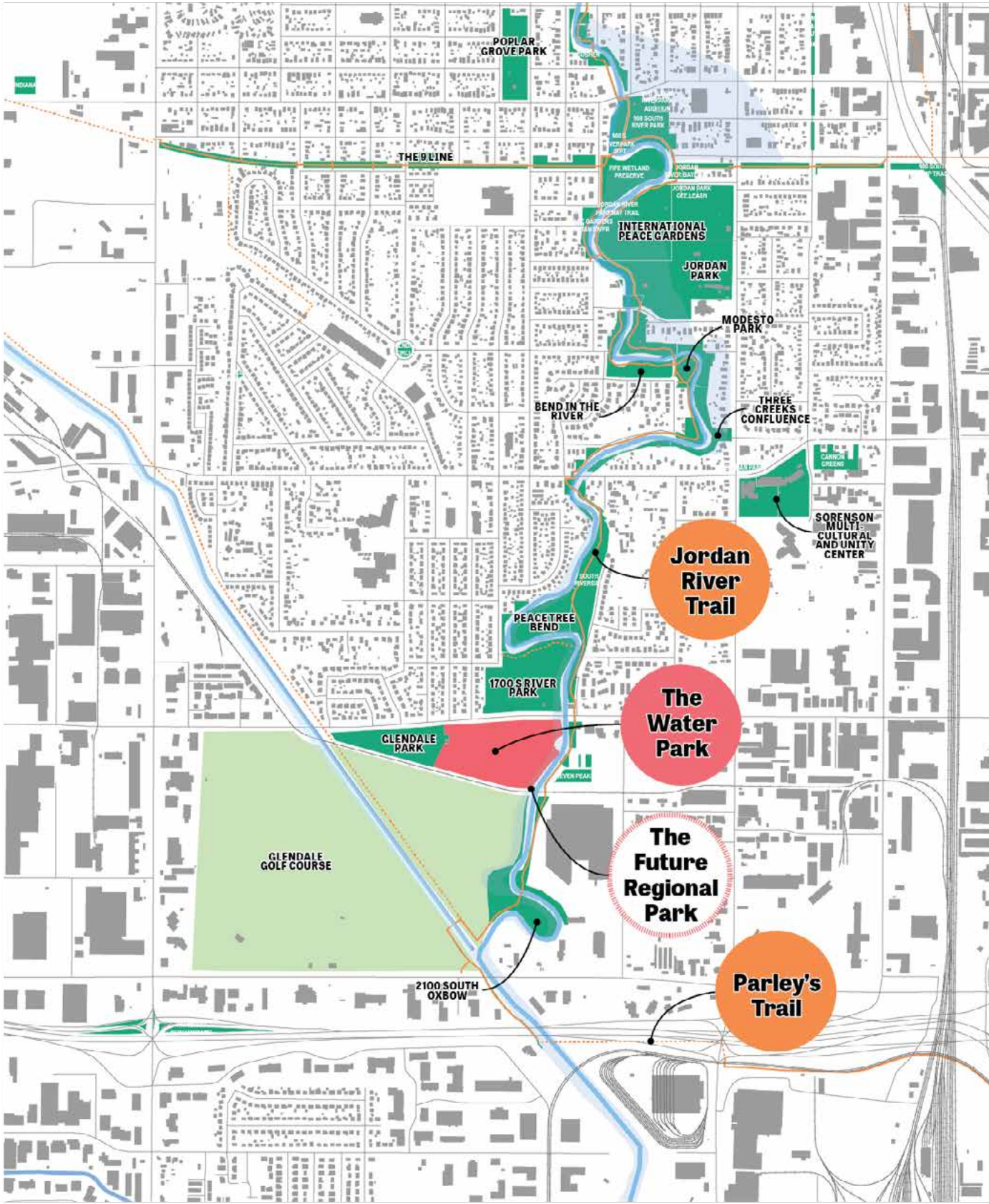
The park is a part of Salt Lake City's Westside neighborhoods. Despite proximity to the natural spaces along the Jordan River, these neighborhoods are sandwiched between the congested I-15 corridor and the city's industrial districts. According to the 2014 Westside Master Plan, "compared to other communities within the city (excepting the industrial districts west of I-215), the Westside carries an inequitable share of land dedicated to manufacturing uses." As measured by the EPA's environmental justice indexes, the neighborhoods surrounding Glendale Regional Park are disproportionately exposed to environmental hazards such as air pollution that settles in the valley and increases risk of health complications.

However, the park's proximity to the Jordan River offers an opportunity to build upon existing natural assets, creating an ecological park of vegetation and green infrastructure to mitigate local pollutants

and improve water quality in the river. The park is a major link in a long chain of parks and open space which are all connected by the Jordan River Parkway. This network of public spaces positions the park to become the centerpiece of an oasis of trees in an arid urban environment, absorbing carbon, mitigating Salt Lake City's challenging air pollution, and reducing urban heat island effect. When park improvements and features are complete, the park will be a major recreational node in the city's park system.

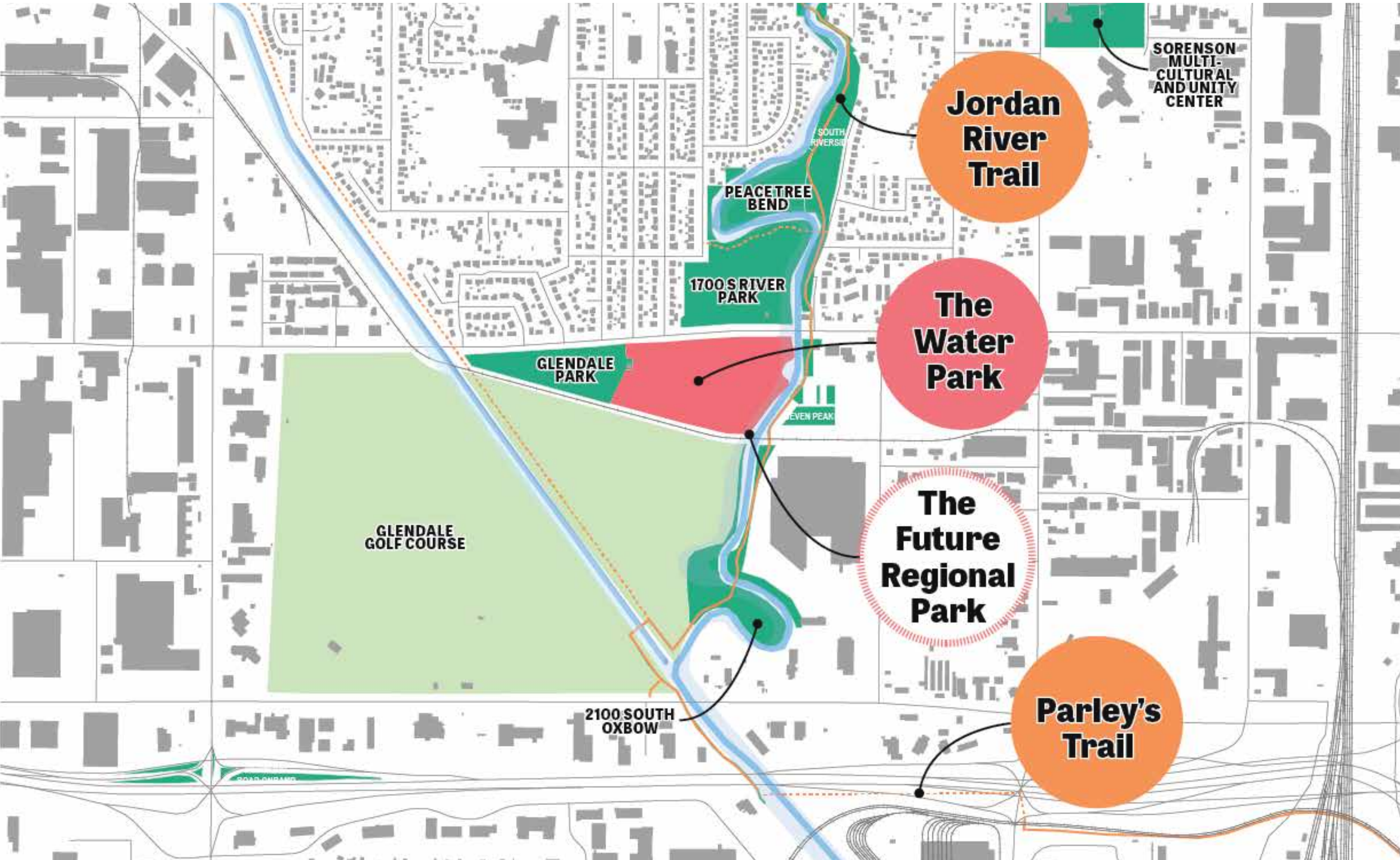
## Neighborhood

Glendale Regional Park will immediately serve the Glendale neighborhood. Park enhancements will create direct and significant access to the nature that exists directly in the neighborhood's backyard, providing opportunities for free recreational activities that are nearby and accessible to all. The park presents an opportunity to strengthen connections between the adjacent 1700 South Park to the north, Glendale Neighborhood Park to the west, and Jordan River Parkway to the east. The addition of an enhanced crosswalk across 1700 South, bridge connections to the parkway and potential future trail connections to the proposed Surplus Canal Trail will be key to providing enhanced park access for the Glendale neighborhood.





# Glendale Regional Park - Neighborhood Context





# Glendale Regional Park- Site Context





# Views

## A City Set in Nature

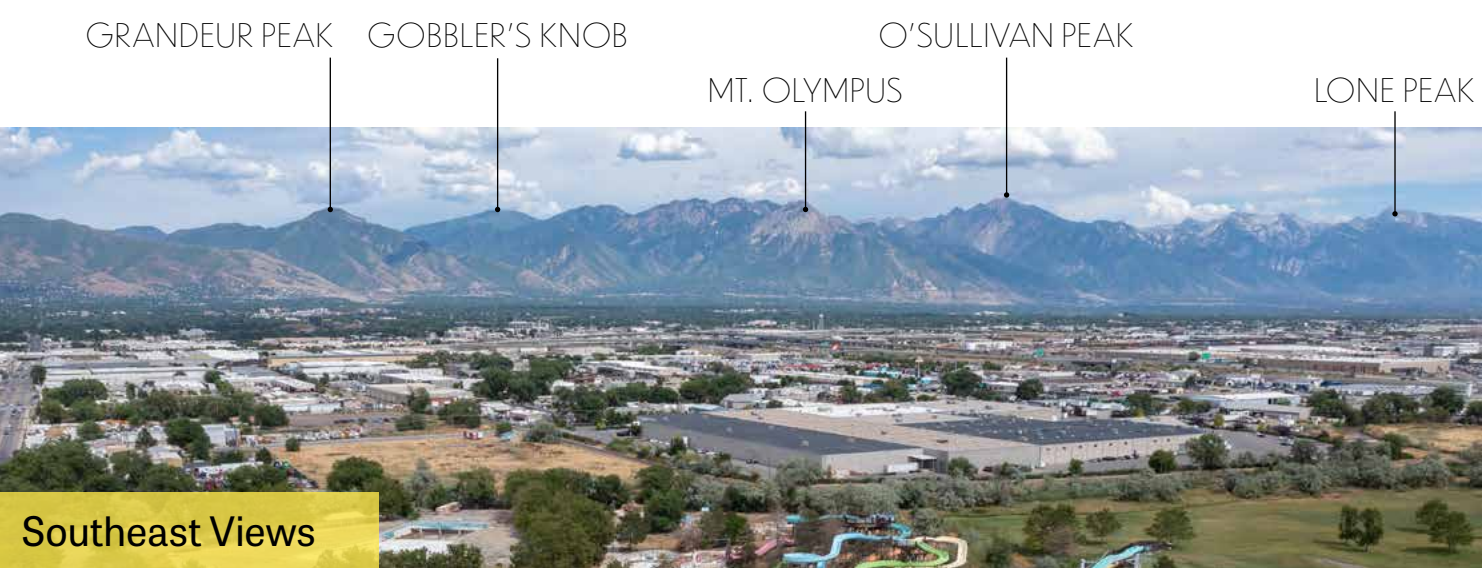
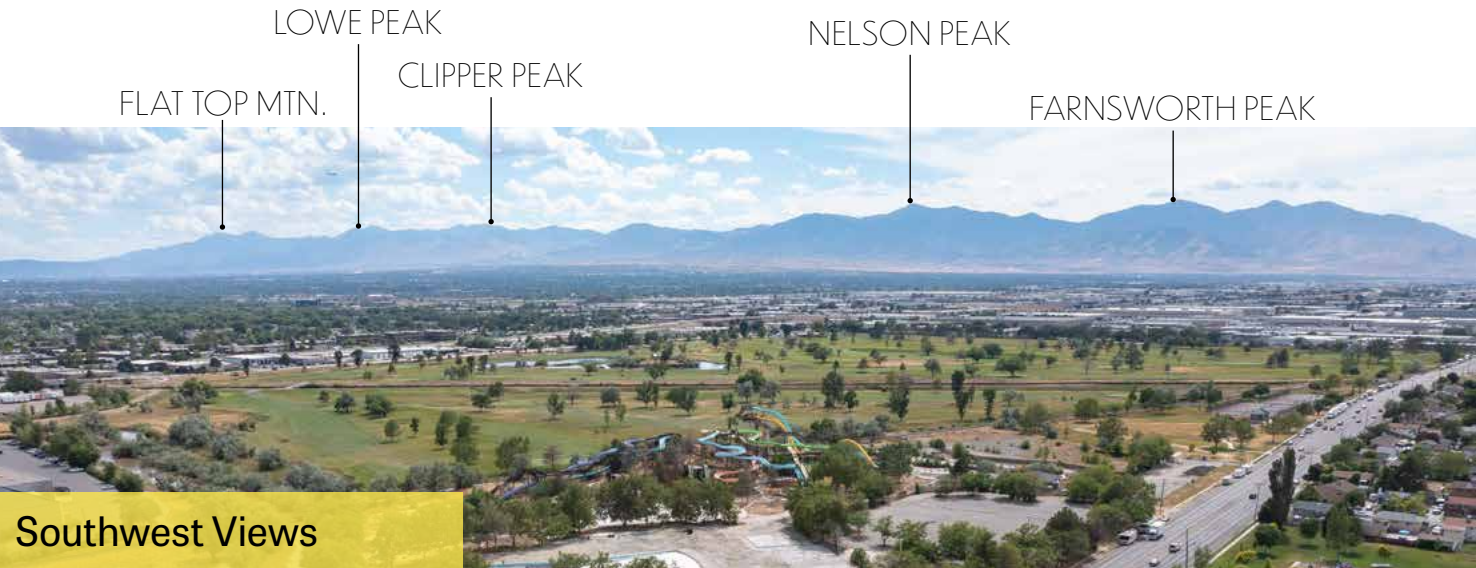
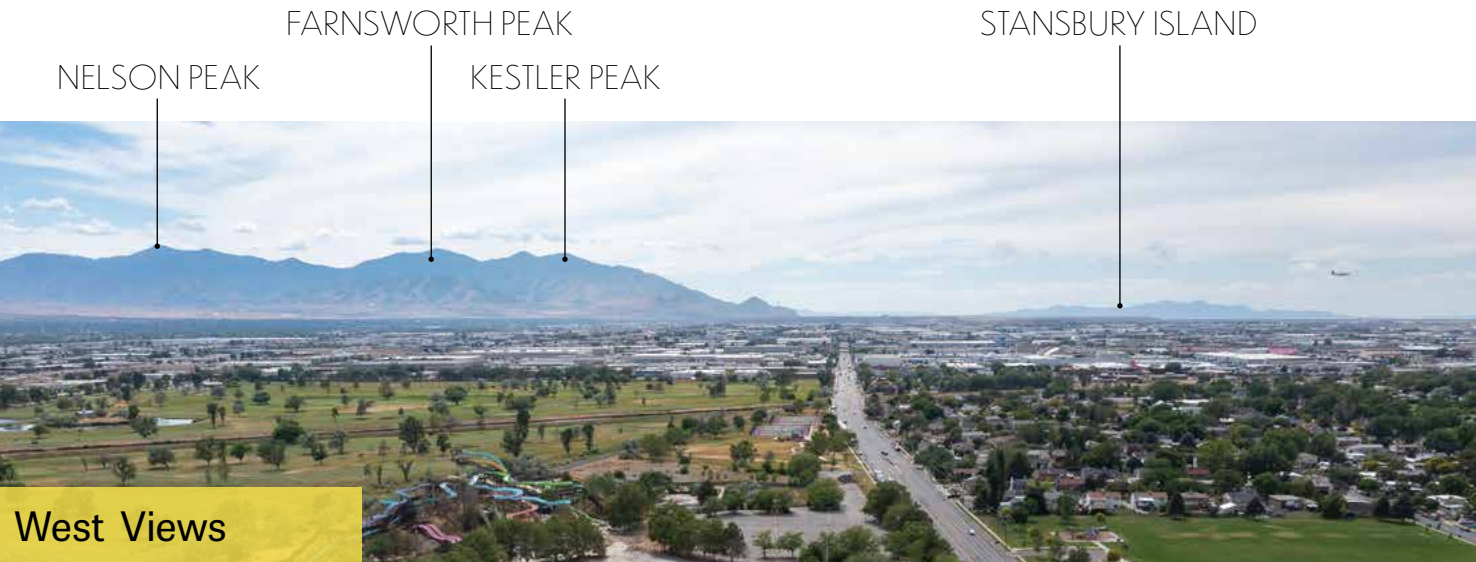
Salt Lake City is known for its spectacular mountain setting. Being surrounded by nature is a point of pride that contributes to the City's quality of life.

A hike to the top of the hill built to support the former water park's slides offers views of the surrounding golf course, downtown SLC, the emerald ribbon of the Jordan River and the Wasatch and Oquirrh Mountains beyond.





Park Views





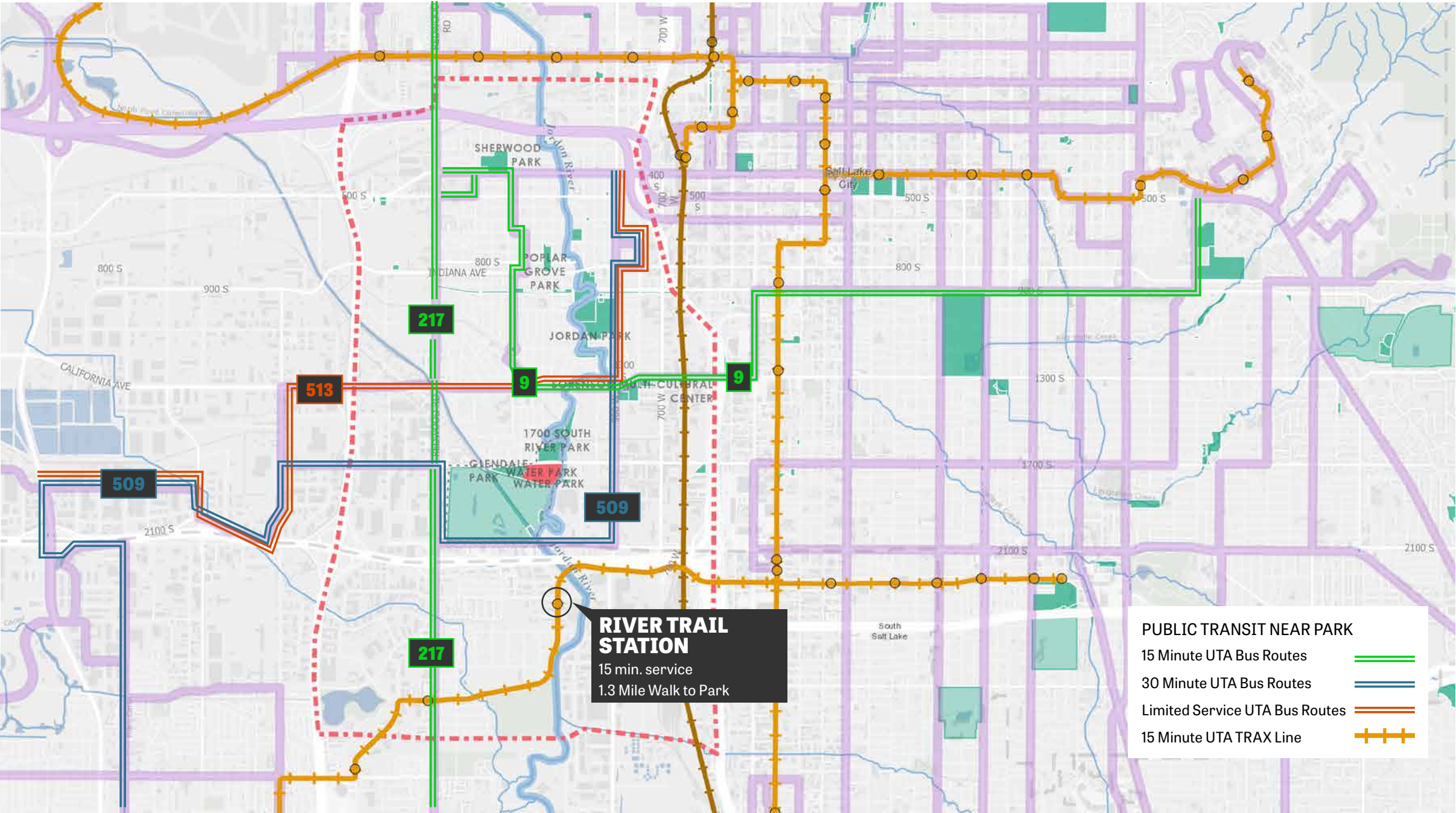
# Transportation - Regional

## Rail & Bus Connections

There is a lack of regional public transit connectivity between Glendale Park and other parts of the City. The closest rail connection to Glendale Regional Park is the River Trail Station along the Green Line (2340 South 1070 West), which is a 1.3 mile walk away.

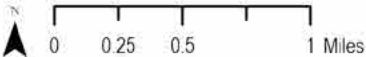
Nearby bus routes include the 9 and 217 which run every 15 minutes, and the 509 which runs every 30 minutes. The 513 has limited service and only runs during rush hour. Yet, as shown on the following page, these routes do not have stops that are within a comfortable walking distance of Glendale Park.

Additional connections to Trax and bus lines, as well as other modes of public transportation should be explored in order to enhance park access and sustainable transportation options. Increased public transit connectivity is also an important consideration for facilitating park activities and events.



### LEGEND

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Study Area               | UTA FrontRunner         | Water Park             |
| UTA TRAX Stations        | UTA Bus Routes          | Glendale Regional Park |
| UTA TRAX                 | Parks and Natural Lands |                        |
| UTA FrontRunner Stations | Public Golf Courses     |                        |





# Transportation - Neighborhood

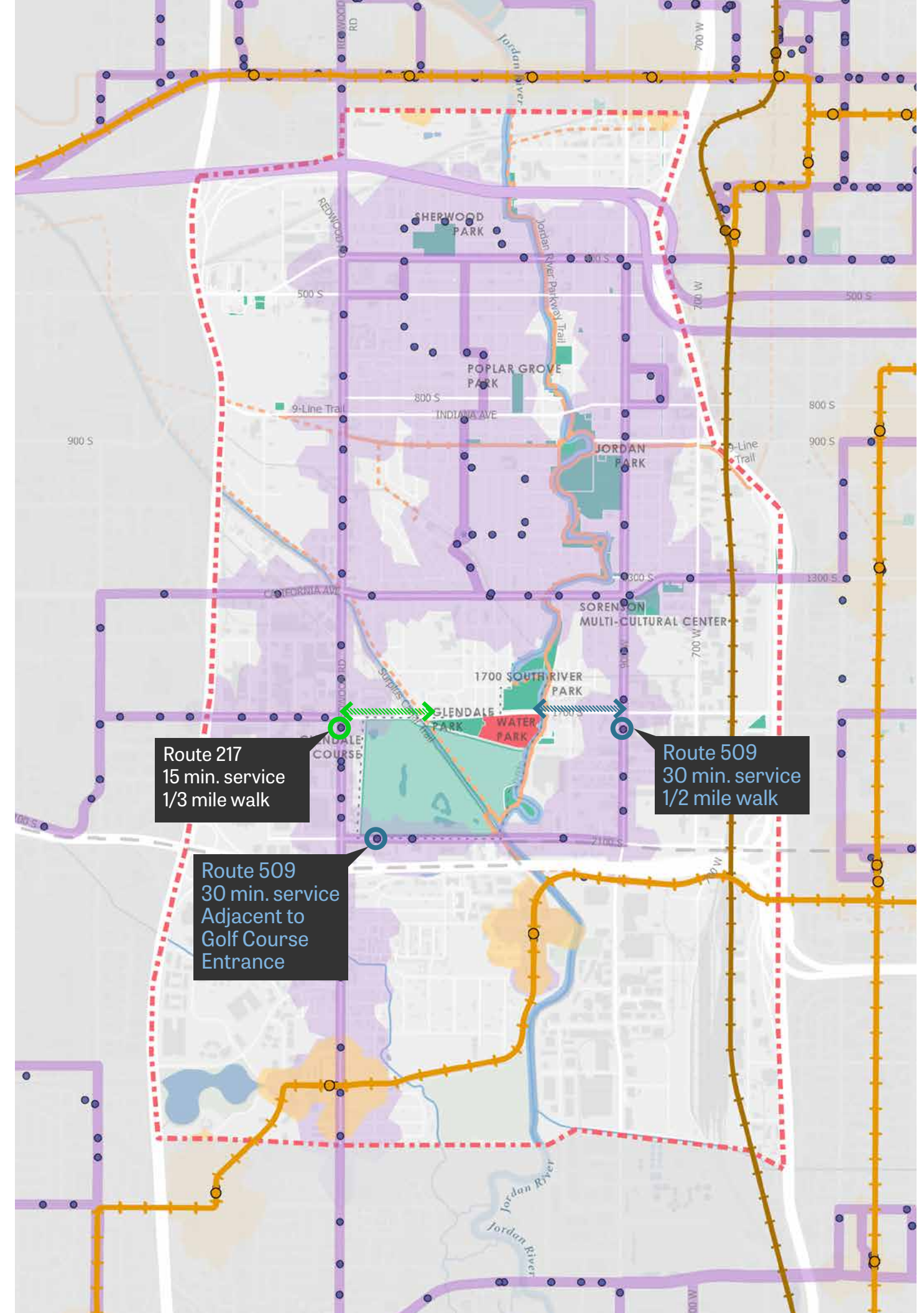
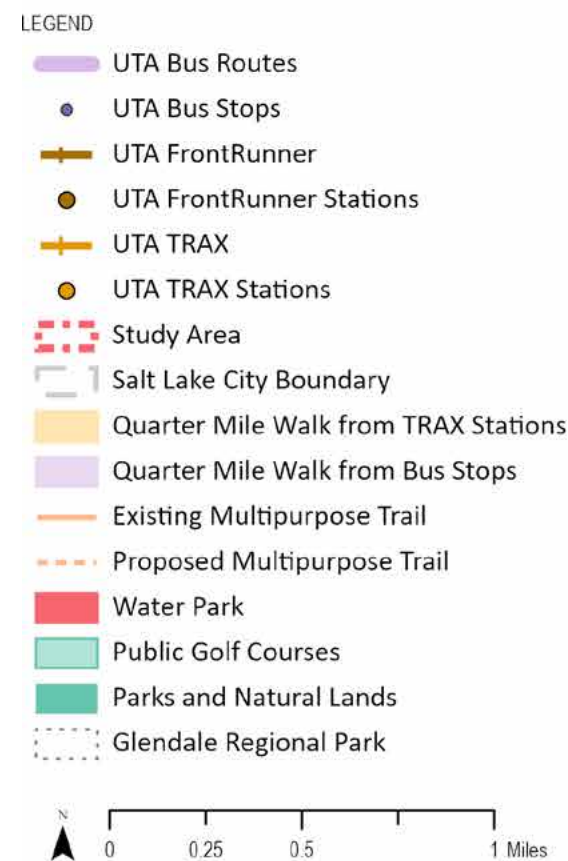
## Neighborhood Transit Access

There is a gap in public transportation access for both the Glendale neighborhood and Glendale Regional Park. In contrast to most other Westside parks which are within walking distance of public transit, the majority of the area is not within a 1/4 mile walk of a bus stop or transit station.

The nearest bus stops are located 1/3 to 1/2 a mile away from park entrances. A bus stop along the 509 sits near the golf course entrance.

It will be important to support enhanced public transit connectivity between the park and surrounding neighborhoods. While the majority of the population commutes by private vehicle, 8.5% of households in the Glendale neighborhood and up to 13.2% of households in the study area do not own a personal vehicle. This is significant, as only 3% of households in Salt Lake City do not own a personal vehicle.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau, 2020 American Community Survey





# Walkability - Site Analysis

## Pedestrian Connectivity

1700 South is comparable in width to Redwood Road, yet by 2108 counts, experienced only 35% of Redwood Road's traffic along a nearby stretch of the Redwood Road corridor. Near Glendale Regional Park, 1700 South's traffic counts are very low for its width, indicating that the road width could be reduced to create safe and comfortable access for pedestrians and cyclists.

There are currently only two crosswalks along 1700 South to connect the neighborhood to Glendale Regional Park: one located near 1300 West, and one at the Jordan River Parkway Trail. The crossings are over 1/4 mile apart and the distance between existing signals coupled with the wide street makes pedestrian crossing and access difficult.

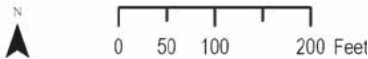
To create safer crossings and enhanced connectivity between 1700 S Park and Glendale Park, the Glendale Regional Park Plan recommends an additional pedestrian crossing between the two existing crossings (see page 54). Additionally, the Salt Lake City Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan identifies 1700 South as an east-west pedestrian priority corridor,<sup>1</sup> and the City's Transportation Division is currently evaluating the potential for improvements here related to active transportation.

1 SLC\_PBMPCCompleteDocument(Dec2015)Clickable.pdf (slcdocs.com)



## LEGEND

Water Park



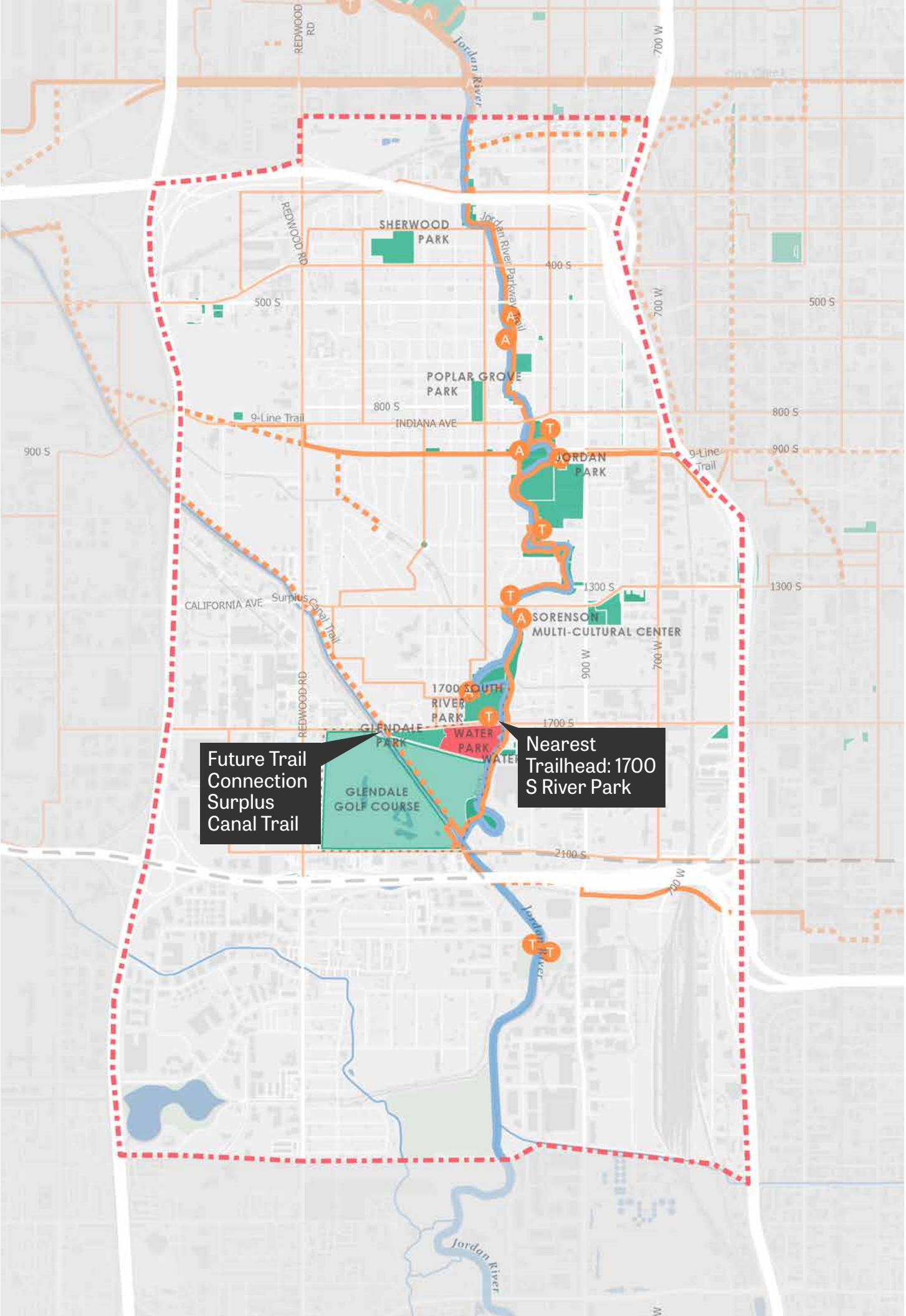
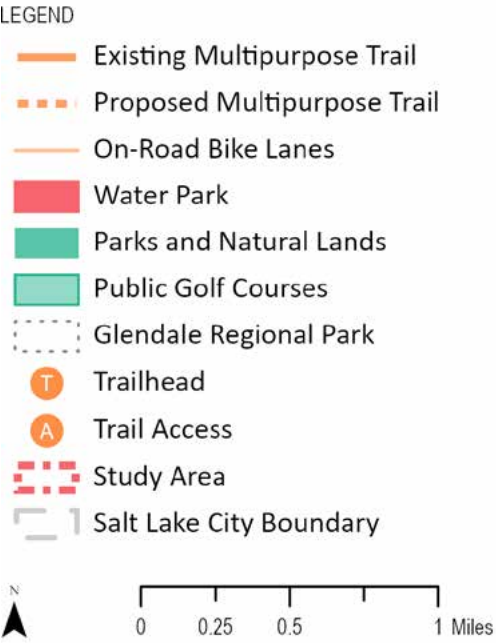


# Trails and Recreation

## Regional Recreation Connectivity

Glendale Regional Park is the southern anchor along the SLC portion of the Jordan River Parkway. Trailhead access and parking is currently located at the 1700 S River park.

The proposed Surplus Canal Trail will be an important addition, providing a direct connection between the park and residents of western Glendale who currently do not live within a 10 minute walk from a park.





# Water-based Recreation

## The Jordan River Water Trail

The Jordan River flows from South to North, beginning at Utah Lake and emptying into the Great Salt Lake. The boat ramp at Glendale Regional Park is a major access point along the Jordan River Water Trail. This section of river allows paddlers access to 3.3 miles of beginner-level flatwater floating (about 1-2 hours). For a quicker trip, boaters can take out at the Modesto Park ramp, 1.2 miles downstream. Paddlers who are willing to brave a short section of intermediate obstacles can continue on for another 3.8 miles of beginner floating until reaching the Riverview takeout at 1800 N.

River access can be enhanced by creating easier entry for canoes and kayaks. The water quality is an issue, so swimming should be discouraged, but as the water quality may improve in the future, water access should not be completely cut off. Additional small boat access locations should be evaluated to create a more local scale river recreation circulation pattern.

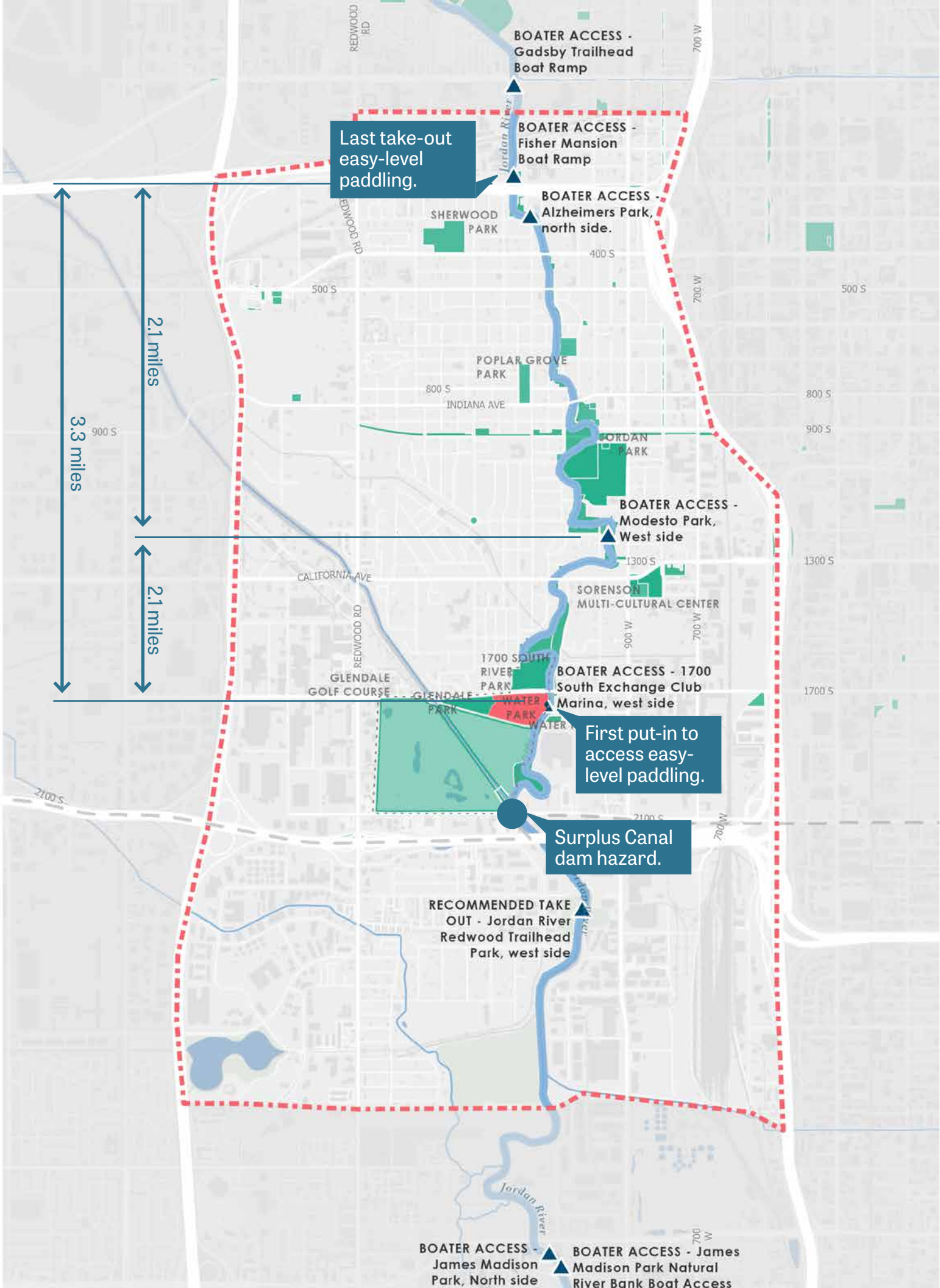
The Jordan River also has potential for urban fishing. According to the Utah Department of Natural Resources, the river “provides great opportunities for catfish, bullhead, carp, white bass and walleye.”<sup>1</sup> However, according to the report Fishes of the Jordan River, “recent findings of various pollutants common to highly urbanized areas like the Salt Lake Valley suggest that it may not be safe to eat any fish from the river, especially in downstream areas.”<sup>2</sup>

1 <https://wildlife.utah.gov/news/utah-wildlife-news/743-4-utah-rivers-that-offer-great-fishing-in-august.html>  
2 <http://jordanrivercommission.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Fish-Species-of-the-Jordan-River-2011.pdf>

Jordan River Boater Amenities, Study Area		
Boat Access	Restrooms	Parking
1700 South - Exchange Club Marina (Glendale Regional Park)	1700 South River Park	Limited at Ramp. Additional Parking at 1700 South River Park.
Modesto Park	At Nearby Jordan Park	Limited Parking
Alzheimers Park	No	Limited Parking
Fisher Mansion	No	On-street Parking

### LEGEND

- Salt Lake City Boundary
- Boat Access
- Study Area
- Parks and Natural Lands
- Public Golf Courses
- Water Park
- Glendale Regional Park
- Surplus Canal Dam Hazard





# Site Ecology

## Local and Regional Connections

The Glendale Regional Park is in a central part of Salt Lake City but is also centrally located along the riparian corridor of the Jordan River, which provides a key connection of riparian habitats for resident and migratory birds. The site is located along the flyway between Utah Lake and Great Salt Lake and provides a potential stopover location for resting migratory birds.

There is potential for increased areas of higher quality riparian habitat along the Jordan River with the creation of an enhanced multi-canopy layer structure. Robust riparian habitats consist of canopies that could have several layers of complexity including large trees, small trees and shrubs, grasses, and forbs [flowers]. This multi-layer structure is beneficial for creating a diverse ecosystem that will be more resilient to future changes in climate and ecosystem processes. Surrounding regional areas that are owned by SLC adjacent to the golf course and in other open areas offer great opportunity to be enhanced for riparian functioning and flood capacity. See Appendix B for a full site ecological assessment.

## Migratory Birds - Pacific Flyway

Andean Geese



Buffle Head Duck



Crown Cranes



Merganser



## Existing Site Trees

Sycamore



Russian Olive



Elm



Honey Locust



# Climate Considerations

## Weather Averages

- Average High = July 90 degrees
- Average Low = January 26 degrees
- 88 days per year with precipitation
- 3059 hours of sunshine
- 8.57 inches precipitation
- 47 inches annual snowfall<sup>1</sup>

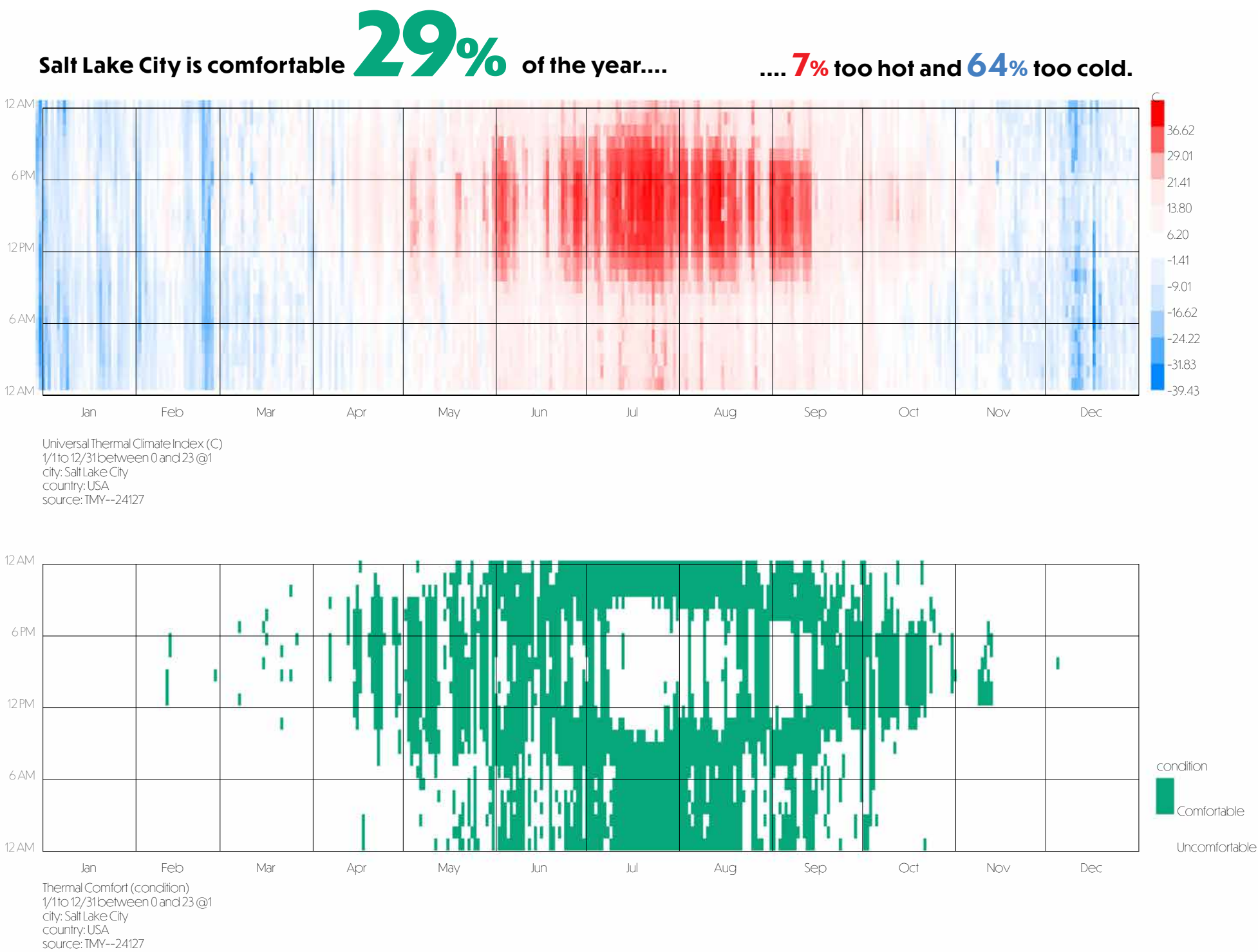
## Additional Site Considerations

- North to South moderate winds
- Overall weather patterns moving in from West to East<sup>2</sup>
- Little shade/tree cover
- Shade/ice in winter due to aspect
- Cooler temps by Jordan River

## Drought Conditions

Glendale Park lies within a high desert environment, receiving only 8.5 inches of water each year. Water is becoming increasingly scarce, with Utah's Governor declaring a State of Emergency due to extreme drought. Recommendations from Utah's Department of Natural Resources to reduce water usage include implementing water-wise landscaping, a practice that should be applied at Glendale Regional Park to the greatest extent possible.<sup>3</sup>

1 <https://www.usclimatedata.com/climate/salt-lake-city/utah/united-states/usut0225>  
2 <https://nhmu.utah.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/SaltLakeValleyWeatherPatterns.pdf>  
3 <https://water.utah.gov/water-data/drought/drought-declaration/#:~:text=on%20April%2021%2C%202022%2C%20Spencer,to%20state%20or%20federal%20resources.>





# Site Impervious Surfaces



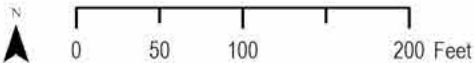
## Impervious Surfaces

Impervious surfaces such as roads, pavement, and buildings are often increased during development. These surfaces contribute to higher runoff, polluting waterways and depleting groundwater. The site has a high level of impervious surfaces, with 54% of the site being covered in asphalt and concrete. The redevelopment of the park provides an opportunity to reduce these surfaces through low impact development practices, utilizing green infrastructure to absorb stormwater on site and create ecological benefits. The future park design will reduce the current amount of impervious surfaces by 50%. See page 56 for the final park plan's site surface percentages.

## Site Surfaces

- Asphalt - 24%
- Concrete: 24%
- Pool Features: 6%
- Total Impervious Surfaces: 54%
- Pervious Landscape: 46%

- Water Park
- Pervious Landscape 333,167 SF
- Asphalt 176,472 SF
- Concrete 176,350 SF
- Pool Features 46,053 SF





# Floodplain - Site Scale

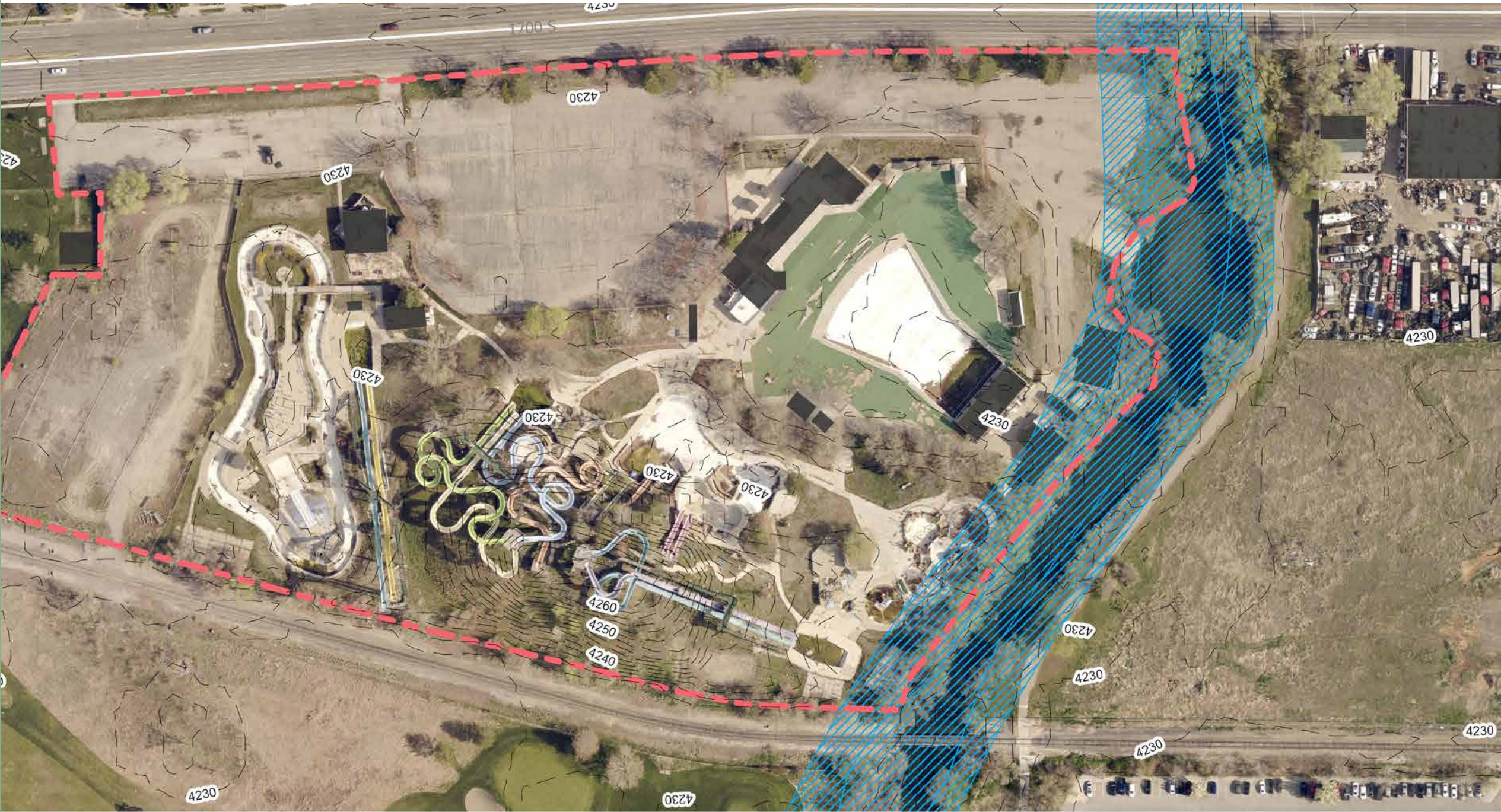
## Natural Assets

Floodplain preservation directly enhances the local environment. According to FEMA, floodplain benefits include:

- Fish and wildlife habitat protection
- Natural flood and erosion control
- Surface water quality maintenance
- Groundwater recharge
- Biological productivity
- Higher quality recreational opportunities (fishing, bird watching, boating, etc.)<sup>1</sup>

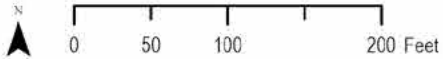
To protect critical riparian habitat within the floodplain, Salt Lake City has implemented a Riparian Corridor Overlay District (RCO) which regulates development within 100 feet of a natural waterway's Annual High Water Line. All improvements within 100' of the annual high water line of the Jordan River will follow guidelines outlined in the RCO. Development near the river corridor will seek to enhance floodplain functions through riparian restoration. Structures, such as boat ramps or docks, will be built in accordance with RCO zoning ordinances.<sup>2</sup>

1 <https://www.fema.gov/floodplain-management/wildlife-conservation/benefits-natural>  
2 <http://www.slcdocs.com/building/b-riparian-corridor.pdf>



### LEGEND

- 2 foot Contours
- Water Park
- 100 year Floodplain
- Building Footprints \* Buildings on site have been demolished





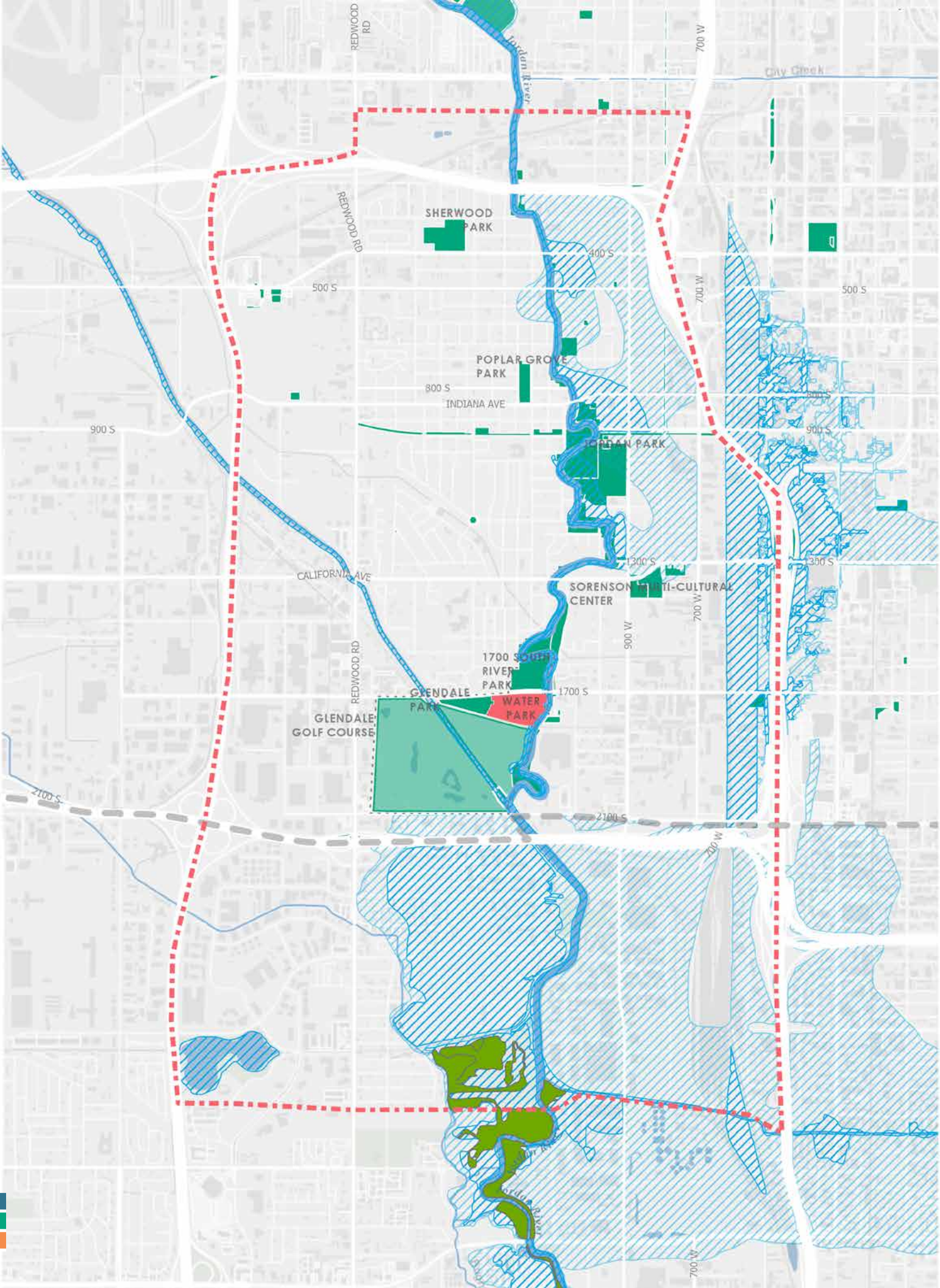
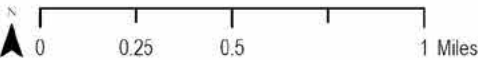
# Floodplain - Regional Scale

## Resilient Communities

FEMA Floodmaps highlight areas that are more likely to experience flooding. The 100 year floodplain shows areas that are likely to flood at least one out of every 100 years (a 1% or higher chance of flooding) while the 500 year floodplain shows areas likely to flood at least once every 500 years.

Floodplain maps help to create resilient communities by highlighting which areas are higher and safer ground for structures. Restoration of the floodplain along the Jordan River at Glendale Regional park will remove a few storage and office buildings from the 100 year floodplain, which will mitigate costs that would have been associated if current structures were damaged. It will also prevent impairments to water quality that would be caused by a compromised structure in the event of a flood. Floodplain restoration including planting along the river's edge will also slow stormwater runoff, reducing water pollutants trapped in runoff from flowing into the Jordan River, reducing erosion and improving groundwater retention on the site.

- LEGEND
- RiparianAreas
  - 100 year Floodplain
  - 500 year Floodplain
  - Parks and Natural Lands
  - Public Golf Courses
  - Study Area
  - Salt Lake City Boundary
  - Water Park
  - Glendale Regional Park





# Community Demographics

## Population Growth

The planning team analyzed demographics traits of likely park users. This assessment was broken down into a local assessment, called the primary market area, shown on page 24, and a city-wide assessment, called the secondary market area. See Appendix D for the full demographic and market study.

Over the next five years (2021-2026) population in the primary market area is expected to grow by 3.54 percent, reaching a total population of 30,571 in 2026. The population in the secondary market area is expected to see slightly higher growth over the next five years, growing by 8.65 percent to reach a total population of 222,029 in 2026.

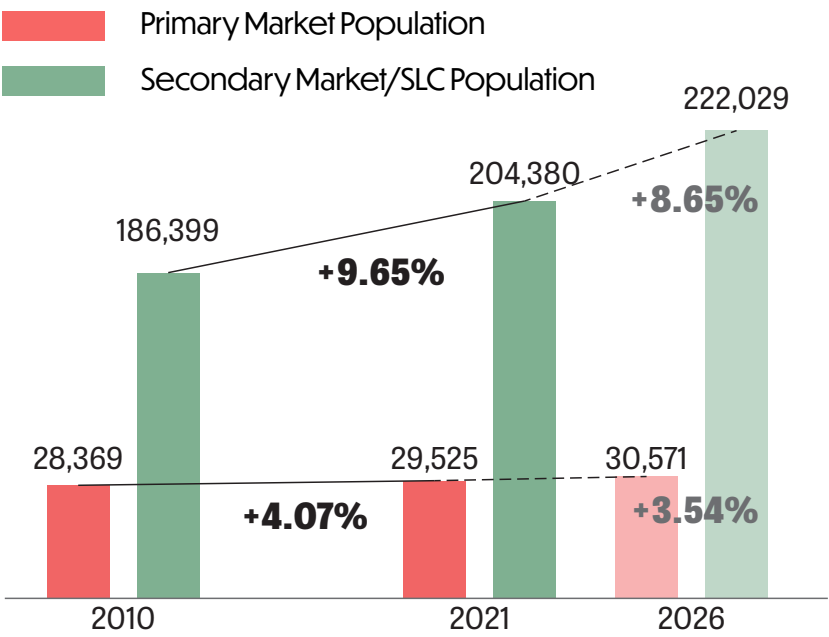
Level of service measures the amount of parkland available to the community and is often measured by park acreage per population. As the population grows, Glendale Regional Park will be an important addition to the City's park system, ensuring that the current level of service is maintained and that the community has adequate access to outdoor recreation and open space.

## Age

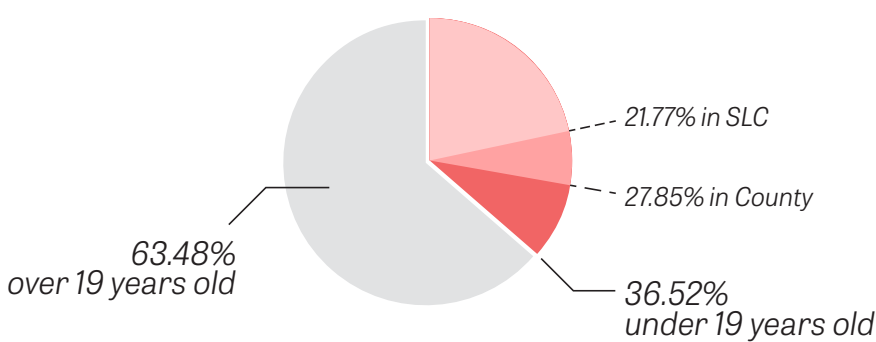
The high ratio of children in the primary market area indicates a high concentration of families in the region. The largest age cohort in the secondary market area is between 20 and 29, indicating that there is an overall younger demographic in this region that may enter family formation years (30-39) within the next decade.

While park features and activities seek to accommodate all ages, Glendale Regional Park will feature a variety of activities that are targeted to families and young people such as an all-ages playground, a swimming pool, a water play feature and a skating ribbon.

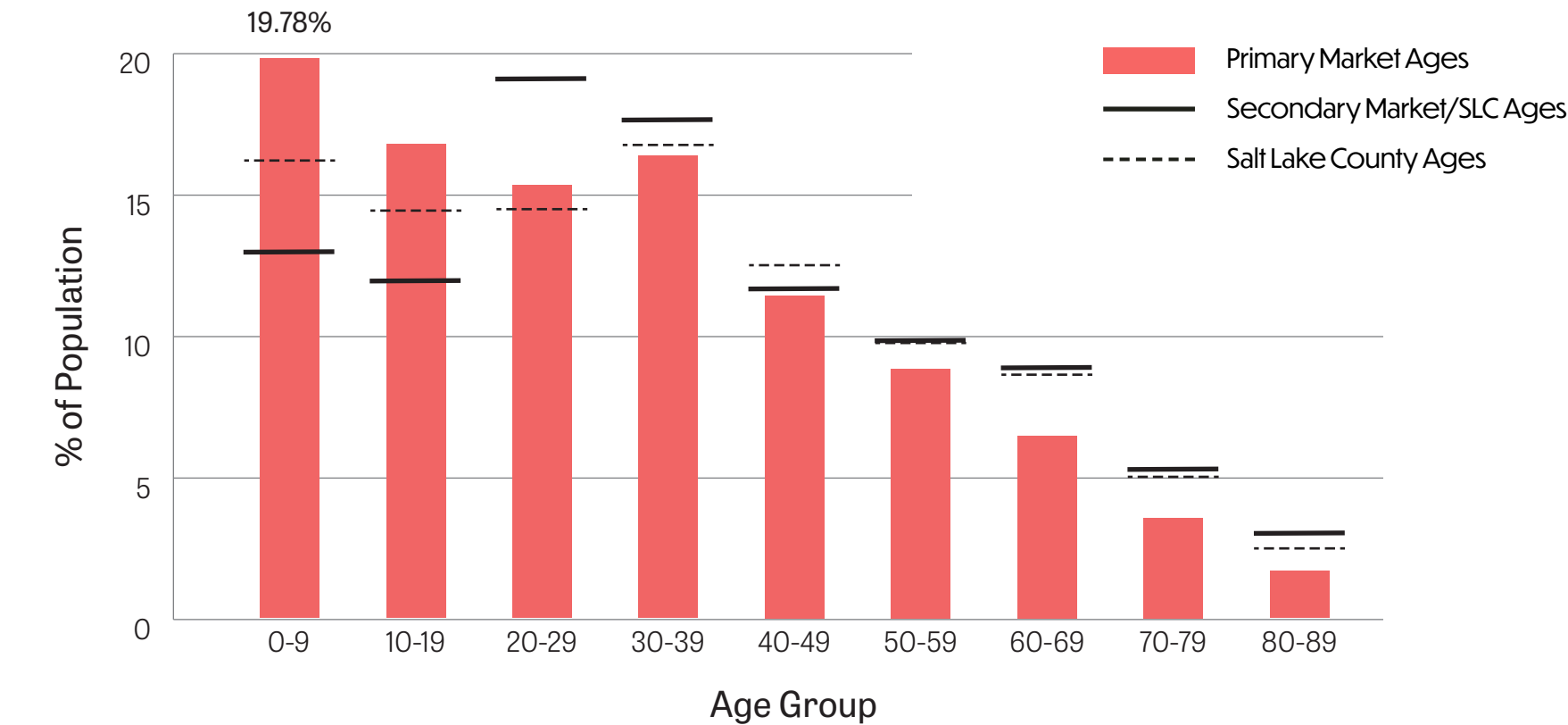
Population and Projected Population Growth



Percent of Primary Market Under 19 Years Old



Age Group Demographics of Primary Market



# Community Demographics

## Household Income and Wealth

The 2021 median household income in the primary market area is \$50,508, which is less than that of the secondary market area (\$63,364) and that of Salt Lake County (\$80,897). The primary market area is also expected to see less growth in median household income (12.18 percent) than in the secondary market area (19.14 percent) and Salt Lake County (13.59 percent) between 2021 and 2026.

The Wealth Index is a metric used to compare overall wealth of communities to the national level. The index compares the wealth calculated for selected areas to the average national wealth levels. Wealth indexes above 100 indicate wealth levels above the national average. The wealth index in the primary market area is 47, indicating that the area has lower amounts of wealth when compared to the national average.

Income distributions for both median and disposable income levels are skewed towards lower income levels in the primary market area while those in the secondary market area and Salt Lake County form a more normal distribution around the median income level. This, in addition to a lower primary market Wealth Index, indicates that income levels are lower in the primary market area than the secondary market area or the county. Given this distinction, the park will best serve the primary market through low or no cost activities for both adults and children. There is a need for the implementation of programming such as free fitness classes or facilities that can supplement recreational demands of the community for little to no cost. If concessions are implemented, then they should be priced appropriately.

### Recommendation: Low & No-Cost Activities

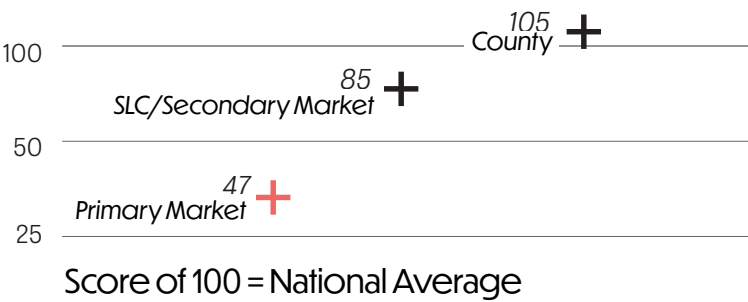
The park will best serve the primary market through low or no cost activities for both adults and children.

## Primary Market Study Area

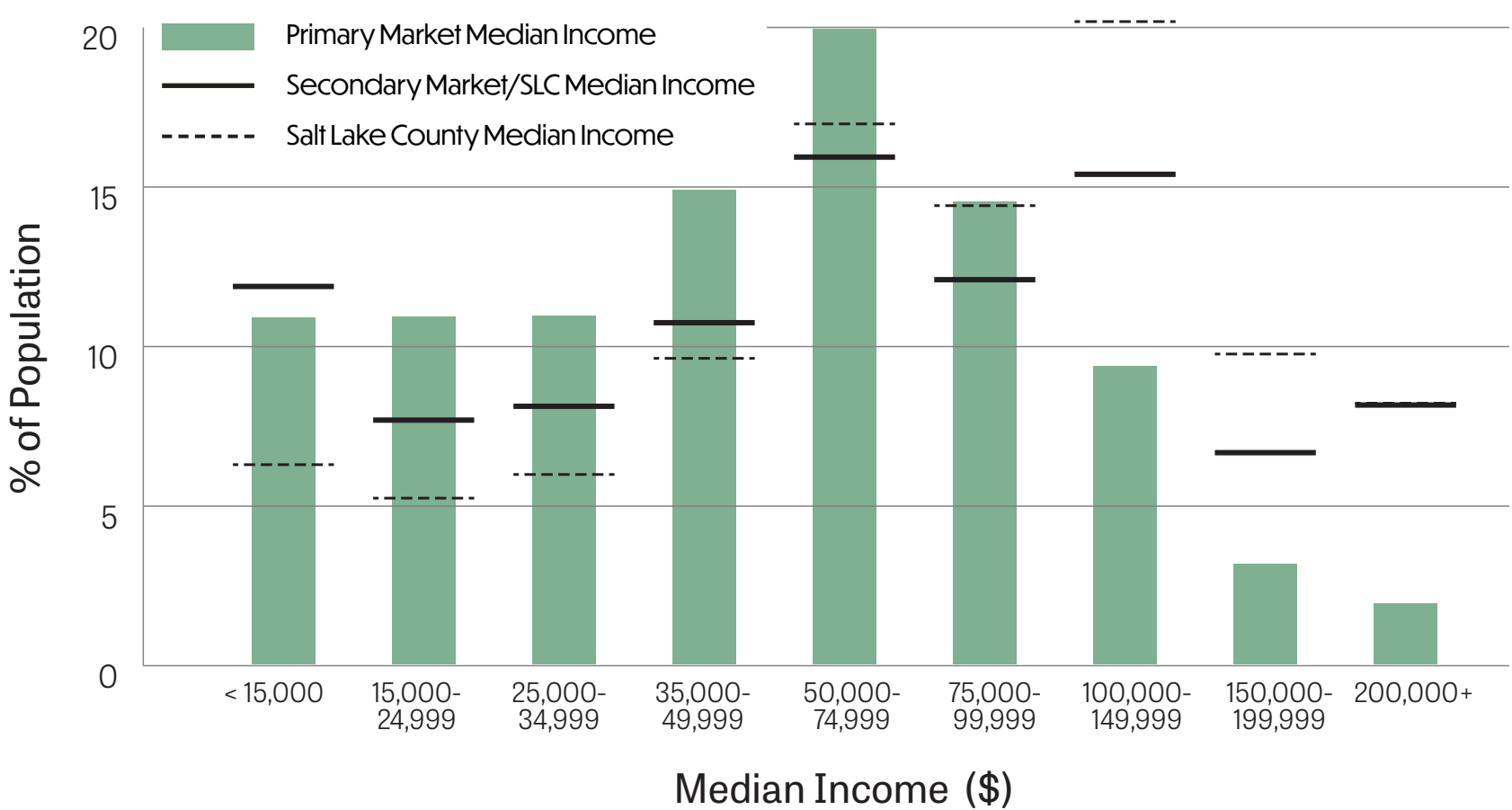


Primary Market

## ESRI Wealth Index Score



## Median Household Income of Primary Market







# Community Engagement

# Neighborhood Planning

**A top goal was to create a park that is community-led and reflects Glendale's culture and history, offering spaces for social connections, features, and activities that interest the Westside community.**

## Engagement Overview

A top goal for SLC Public Lands was to create a park that is a community park first, and a regional destination as well. The planning team wanted to be sure they received robust input on community needs and desires from members of the local neighborhood and also gather insights on park needs from the larger pool of city-wide residents. A series of engagement activities were conducted from October 2021 to May 2022 including:

### » Neighborhood and Stakeholder Engagement:

- Glendale Neighborhood Events: 3 events, 110 participants
- Youth Engagement: Glendale Middle School and Mountain View Elementary School, 128 participants
- Community Advisory Committee Meetings: 3 meetings including 14 participating members

### » Citywide Engagement:

- "Plan Your Park" Open House: 100 attendees
- Public Online Survey: 1361 participants
- "Plan Sharing" Glendale Community Council: 15 participants

Engagement for the park site began prior to this project's planning process. Previous public engagement included a City survey and a visioning process led by the Glendale Community Council in 2020-2021, which generated initial ideas about possible amenities and programming options to consider for the site. These ideas were used as a starting point for the engagement activities described in the following pages.

## Glendale Neighborhood Events

The Glendale Regional Park engagement team participated in three community events in early October 2021. The goals for these engagements were to:

1. Share the public feedback being incorporated by the project team to date;
2. Engage the community in adding ideas for amenities and programming not already shown;
3. Engage the community in thinking about the site in relation to existing adjacent open space; and
4. Envision ideas about how existing site features could be repurposed.

Participants were invited to share where they go to recreate, in or outside the neighborhood and to consider how the old water park site could interface with the larger open space network around it.



## Key Takeaways

### Need for a neighborhood park-like experience

Most participants acknowledged that there were not a lot of amenities in the immediate area and that they were leaving the neighborhood to recreate with families. Some said they use the Jordan River Trail, playground(s) at neighboring schools and the soccer fields at 1700 S Park. Predominantly, people use other existing SLC Parks, including the International Peace Gardens, Jordan Park and Liberty Park for an outside “park experience.” For play amenities like splash pads, playgrounds and dog parks respondents noted they would drive as far as Kearns, Sandy and Bountiful to use those amenities.

### Safety is a top priority

Safety was a priority for most of the adults we spoke with. Many mentioned better street crossings, lighting at the site and other improvements designed to make it an attractive place for people to spend time. This extended to recreation along the Jordan River and the cleanliness of the water. Many people expressed interest in water activities, but not necessarily from the Jordan River in its current state. Even people who mentioned fishing thought a separate pond would be more desirable than the river.

### Include lots of amenities

Across all three engagements, people felt that adding any public amenity would be better than what exists currently. While most identified preferences from the boards, and added a few, most suggested that any or all of the amenities would be a benefit.

### Free and affordable

Cost is important. Some participants were surprised to learn that there would be no entrance fee to use the site. Others suggested that boat/equipment rental and a café/concessions would need to be accessibly priced.

### Preferred Amenities

The amenities provided on the boards were very popular and are listed in priority order from all three events.

- Splash Pad/Water feature
- Playground
- Public Art
- Green Open Space/Trail
- Sports courts
- Community Gathering Space
- Skate/Bike park
- Boat rental
- Fishing (pond)
- Performance Venue



Community Members at the Plan Your Park Open House (top and bottom) and a Glendale Neighborhood Event (middle).

# Engagement Activities

## Glendale Neighborhood Events

3 Events, 110 Participants

October 2021

## Youth Engagement

128 Students

December 2021

## Public Online Survey

1361 Participants

March - April 2022

## Community Advisory Committee

4 Meetings - 14 members

November 2021 - June 2022

## Plan Your Park Open House

100 Participants

March 2022

## Glendale Community Council

15 Participants

June 2022



# Youth Engagement



Students display their collages which represent sights, sounds, features and values they would like to see at Glendale Regional Park.

## Student Engagement

Students participated in a variety of engagement activities, including an asset mapping workshops with Saia Langi (City Library) and with Jarred Martinez who runs Truth Cypher, a storytelling/arts collective. Students also furthered their knowledge of city planning by participating in PlaceIt! Activities with Claudia Loayza who is a graduate student at the University of Utah in City & Metropolitan Planning and the Community Engagement Coordinator with the Utah Division of Multicultural Affairs. As part of PlaceIt! activities, students built environments from found objects that reflect their life-experiences. Students also participated in a soundscape exercise where they listened to park sounds from around the world. Then, they imagined themselves at the new park and wrote poems on leaves which formed collages, displayed in the image to the left. These activities captured a lot of the sounds, sights, smells, tastes, feelings, thoughts and community experiences the students would like to have at the new park.

As one of the central engagement activities, students put collages together individually using images of parks. The individual collages were deconstructed and categorized into themes identified by the students. The deconstructed collages were then reorganized into a collective collage. Character images of amenities and features to be used in the park were counted and helped to determine the types of amenities to include in the preferred plan. Students gathered data about what values should be most present in the park. As a result, 38% of the students prioritized safety, 23% said creating a welcoming feeling at the park was most important, and 9% felt like fun was their top value. Other top values mentioned include good vibes, home, loving and open. These values were numerically represented in the collage tree with orange leaves representing safety, purple symbolizing welcoming, yellow symbolizing fun, pink being good vibes, green being home and blue being loving and open.

## Key Takeaways

The collective collage represents the importance of inclusion, unity, diversity and creativity when thinking of park design. We hope the design of the park fosters these values. Black and white photos mixed with color ask us to consider the importance of history (both of the space and the people with roots in the neighborhood) while looking forward with fresh ideas for the future. Creativity in addressing the desires/needs of a wide variety of ages, abilities, interests, species is also represented by the multi-layered project. Put into the shape of a tree, the collage asks us to consider the natural assets that are present such as the Jordan River, birds, insects, mammals and existing trees. Nature is emphasized throughout with flowers and stenciled images of butterflies and aquatic animals, highlighting students' desires to have water and pollinator friendly spaces be major parts of the park. The tree design also communicates the desire for staying true to the roots of



# Youth Engagement

our neighborhood while being willing to grow into new forms in the future. This also suggests that priority for input for the new design should be given to those who have established roots in the neighborhood and have helped/are helping to build it. Stenciled flowers are of a tropical variety, suggesting that honoring the knowledge, experiences and cultures who come from around the globe is important as well. The multi-layered approach of the process also asks planners to take their time to listen to a variety of voices. The unique handcrafted 3D structures underline some of the elements that students find most important to have in the park design. The sculpture of the pair of glasses requests the audience to observe deeply and take unconventional perspectives into account with the planning process.

Students tallied the numbers of collage images that represent the themes they identified to be included in the park.

**Sports/games - 112 images:** Emphasis was on variety in order to offer something of interest to everyone. Students also highlighted the desire to have activities available in each season with perhaps a space that could be converted to ice skating rink in the winter while functioning as something else in warmer months. Students found it important to have activities available at all times of day so lighting at night is important to them. Bike park, basketball courts, skate park, petting zoo and dog park seem to be popular ideas. A running/walking loop around the park is also valued.

**Water - 112 images :** Students were strong in their opinion that some water elements need to be maintained at the park while also increasing access to water activities on the Jordan River. They prefer to have a pool and made the argument that a pool is much more inclusive and accessible to a wider variety of abilities and ages than a splashpad. They contend that splashpads will only be used by young kids while a pool will be used by their younger siblings, themselves, their parents and grandparents. They would like to have at least a couple slides in the pool.

**Nature - 74 images:** Students would like the landscaping to provide shade, picnic space and natural play areas. They would also prefer a pollinator friendly design to attract butterflies (especially monarchs), bees and birds. Spaces for animals (domestic and wild) are important to foster. They also find it important to have trees that provide food for humans.

**Adventure - 66 images:** Student ideas for adventure included bike and skate parks, ropes courses, zip lines, and a trampoline park.

**Gathering (seating, picnic, etc.) - 49 images:** Students had a lot of ideas about food trucks being a regular presence at the park. They mentioned that food will bring more people to the park and a food truck presence can highlight global foods that are representative of our neighborhood.

VALUES & TOP PARK FEATURES

38%  
of students rated  
safety  
as the  
number 1 value



Access to the  
Jordan River

Bike & Skate  
Parks



Picnic & Shade

Need  
lighting and  
better street  
crossings

Nature Play

23%  
said having the  
park feel  
welcoming  
was their number 1  
value



Variety for all  
Ages & Abilities

Water Feature or  
Outdoor Pool

9%  
said fun  
was their top  
value.

Boat Ramp

Pollinator &  
Animal Friendly

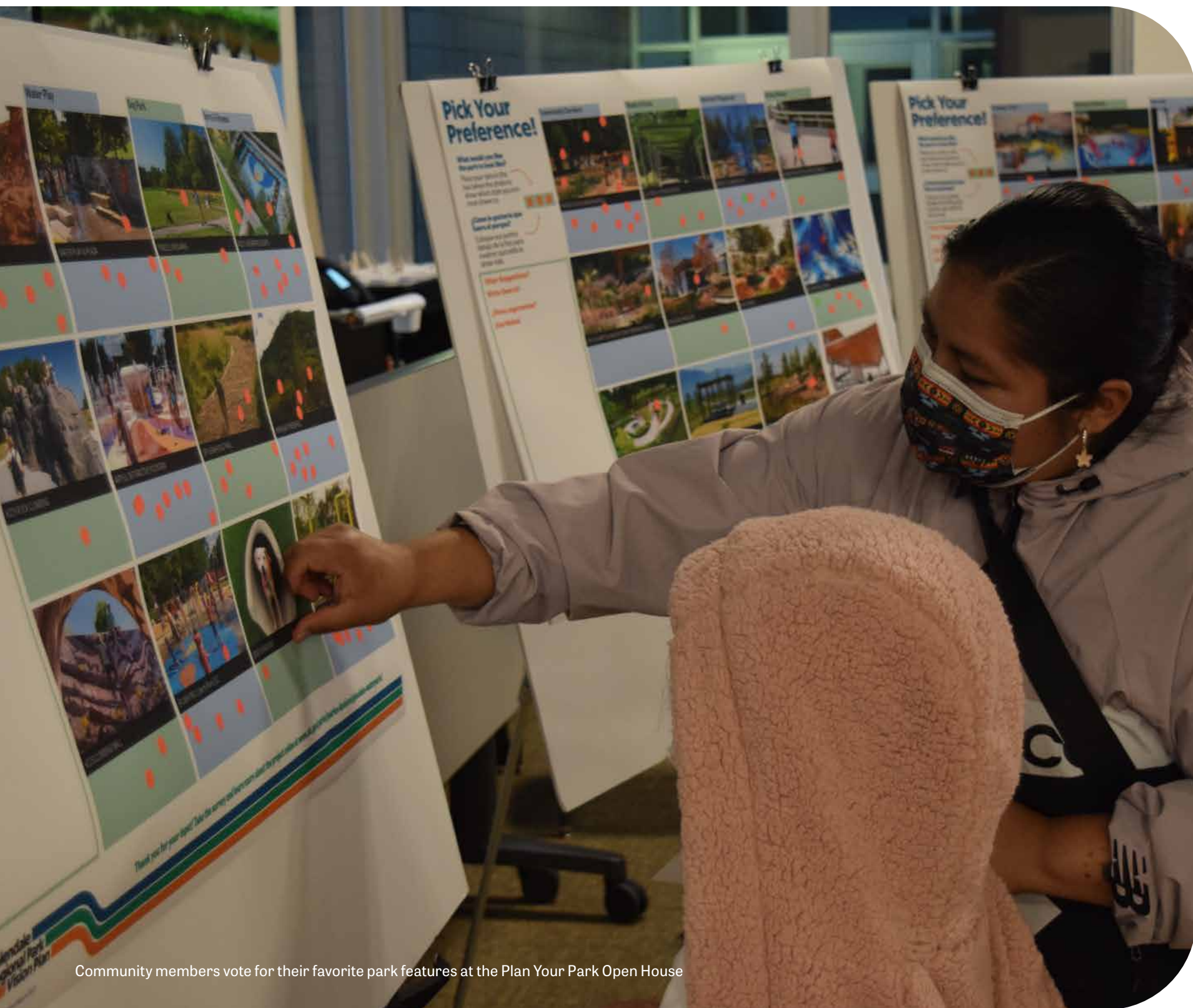


Sports &  
Games

Food Trucks  
w/ Global  
Foods that  
Represent the  
Neighborhood



# Community Open House



Community members vote for their favorite park features at the Plan Your Park Open House

## Community Open House

The Glendale Regional Park Master Plan Team held an in-person open house at the Glendale Community Learning Center. The purpose of the event was to share park concept plans, which had been created through previous public input. The Glendale community was invited to provide their feedback on different programming elements, amenities and style characteristics while learning more about the project. Concept plans shared at the meeting are shown on pages 37-38.

Approximately 150 people participated in the open house, the majority of whom live and/or work in the Glendale community. Attendees were able to move freely around the event space to talk with their neighbors, the project team, and view concepts plans for the site. Attendees were given stickers as they entered the room which allowed them to identify their preferences on activities, amenities and stylistic themes they would enjoy.

## Key Takeaways

The concept plan with the most votes was the “The Glendale Green”, a concept alternative that was filled with many park features facilitating active recreation and community gathering. The most popular amenities included a water feature such as a pool, a hiking hill/overlook, river access with a kayak rental and boat launch, biking, skating, and skateboarding areas, and a food truck court.

## Public Online Survey

The public online survey was promoted city-wide and was available from March 16 to April 16. It was offered in both English and Spanish and widely advertised. Approximately 1361 people responded to the survey.

## Who We Heard From

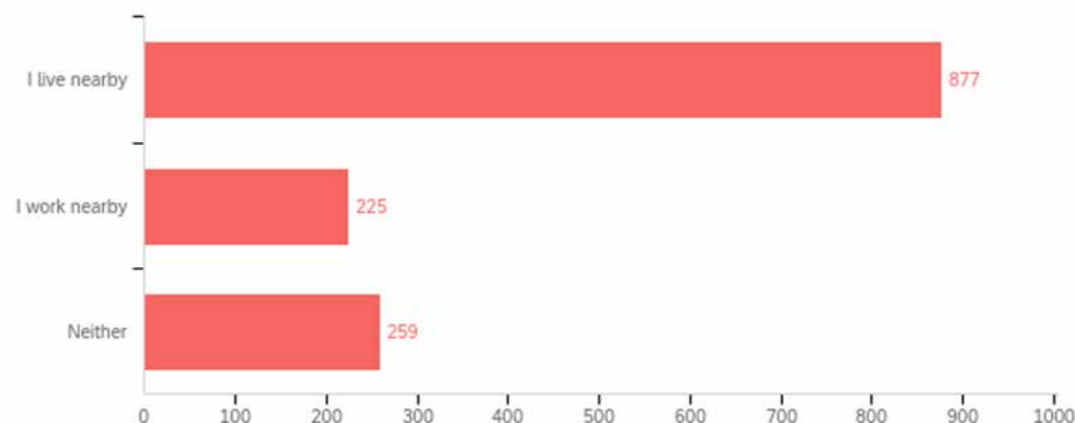
Most survey participants (1,102 out of 1,361 participants, or 81%) live or work near Glendale Regional Park. Responses from the Glendale neighborhood were much higher (30% of participants) than any other neighborhood, indicating that we truly are hearing the voice of the local community. The second-largest group of participants (4% of responses) came from the Northwest Salt Lake/Rose Park neighborhood, a community that was also in the primary market area.

The largest percentage of responses were from participants between the ages of 31-40 (28% of participants). This was followed by a large number of responses from youth ages 18 and under (22% of participants). This likely reflects substantial participation Glendale Middle School students, who had participated in previous engagement activities and were encouraged to take the survey. The greatest percentage of feedback came from the white, Latino and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander communities, which aligns with the demographic makeup of the Glendale neighborhood.

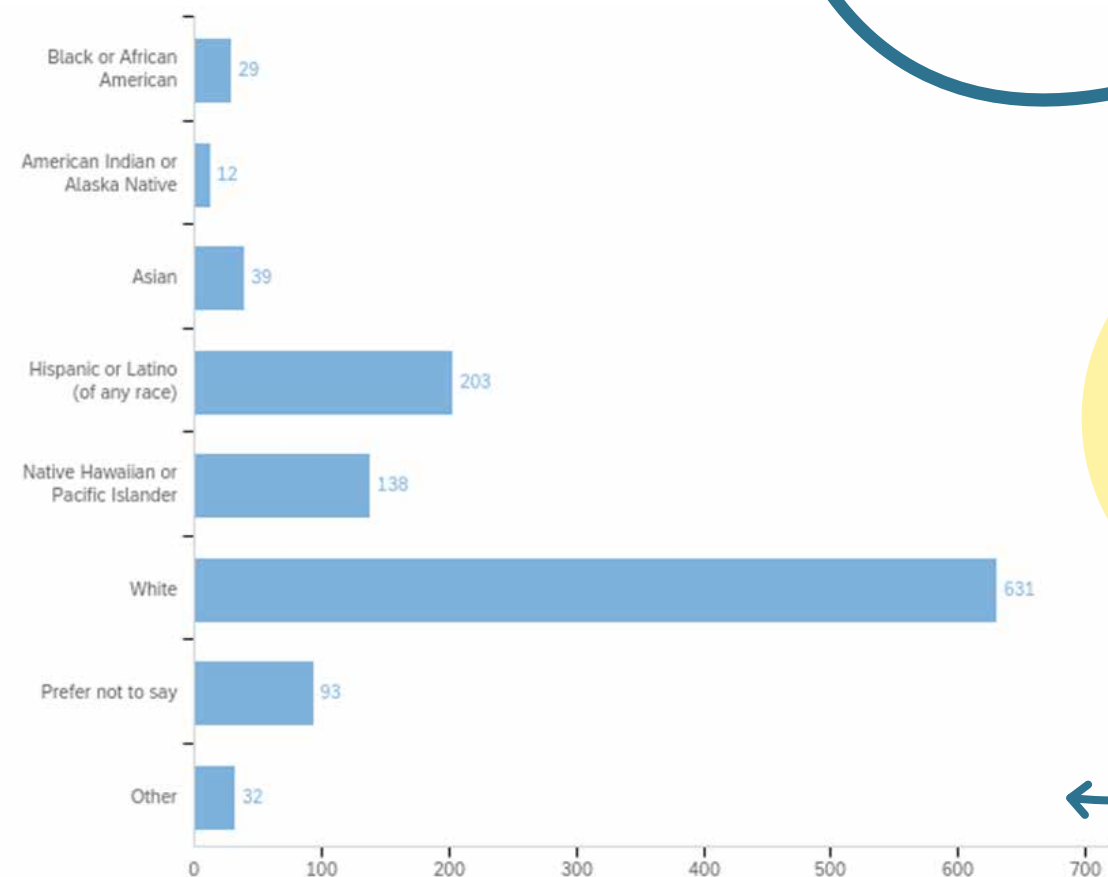
# Public Survey Feedback

## Who We Heard From

Q 7- How close do you live or work to Glendale Park?



Q26- What is your ethnicity?



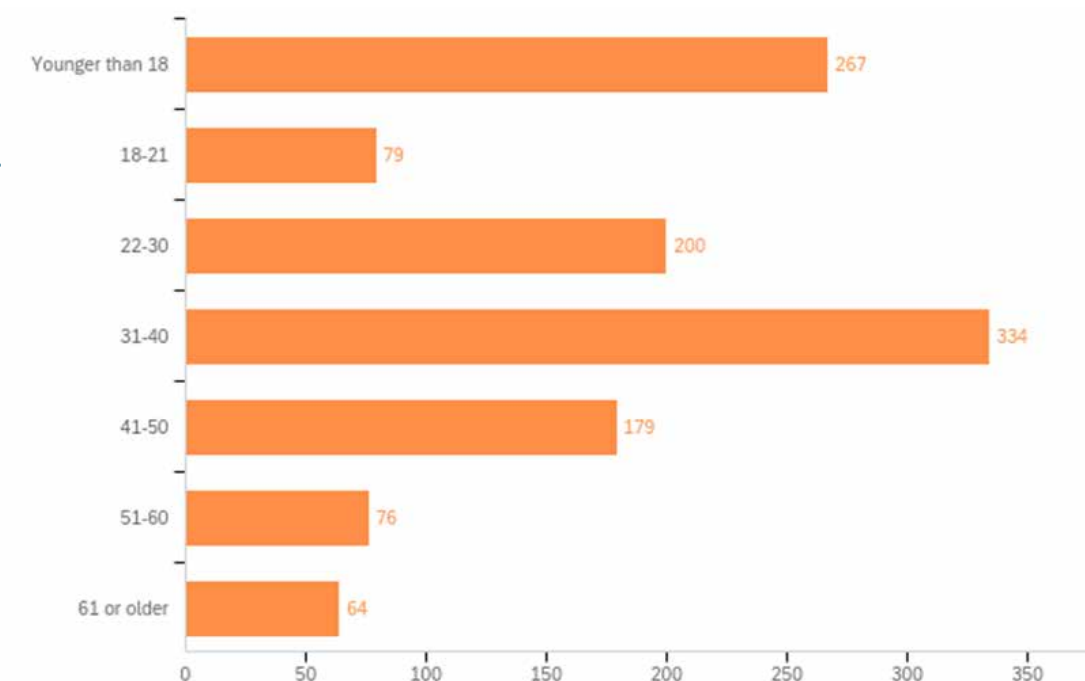
30%  
of  
survey respondents  
live in the  
Glendale  
Neighborhood  
(84104)

81%  
of  
survey respondents  
live  
or  
work nearby

Majority of Feedback  
from white, Hispanic/  
Latino & Pacific Islander  
communities

Lots of Youth  
Feedback  
30% = 18 and younger.  
Glendale Middle School  
participation!

Q 23-What is your age?

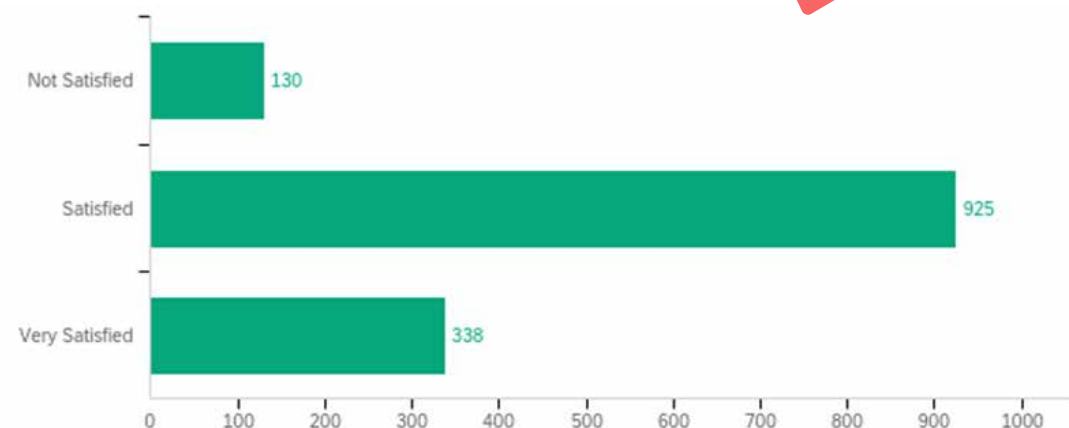




# Public Survey Feedback

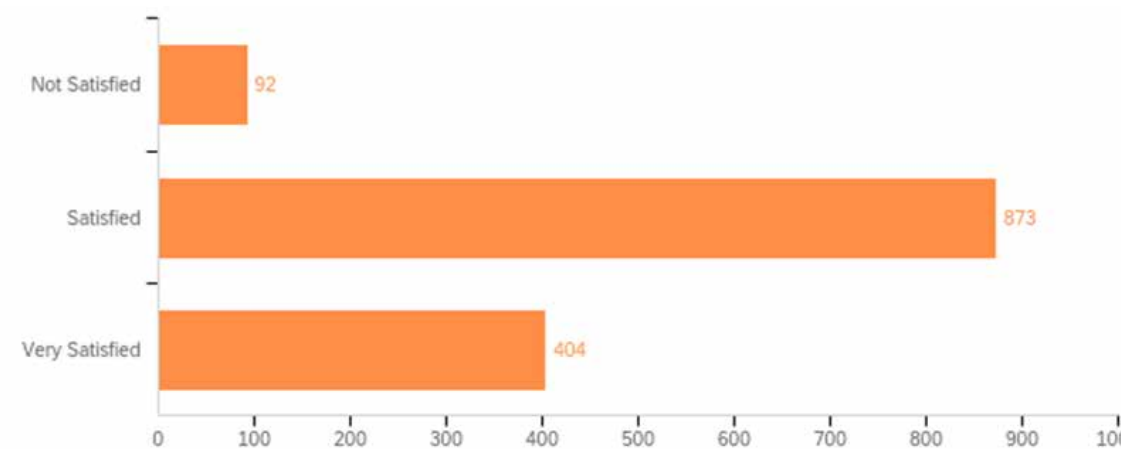
## Online Survey Results

**Q1- How satisfied are you with the draft project mission statement?**



93% Satisfied or Very Satisfied with Park Mission Statement

**Q3- How satisfied are you with these draft goals?**



94% Satisfied with Project Goals

## Key Takeaways

### Overall Support for the Park

Overall, there was support for the park Mission statement (68% of participants were satisfied and 25% were very satisfied). Survey participants were also happy with the project goals (64% were satisfied and 30% were very satisfied).

Top themes and preferred features from survey participants reflected the desire for a park space that offers a large variety of options for active and passive recreation and places to host community gathering and local events.

### Bright and Playful

While many participants expressed disappointment that the water park could not be revived, there was a desire to include park features and thematic styles that are reminiscent of the former water park. Bright, colorful and playful park features were consistently top choices. Water elements such as an outdoor pool and a water-play plaza or fountain were deemed essential to include in the park design.

A “colorful and industrial playground” was the number two playground choice, behind the number one choice “play for all ages” (which also has playful imagery) and the most popular water feature was a colorful, artful fountain. There was less interest in nature play or playgrounds with a natural theme, with less than 12% of respondents choosing either of these features. There is

also less interest in natural water features over bright and active elements, with only 17% choosing water play with sand and moveable features, and a natural water feature being lower on the list of preferred park elements.

### Adaptive and Inclusive Play

Inclusive Playgrounds accessible to all skill levels and abilities were important to survey respondents, with an “adaptive and inclusive playground” being the number two choice for playgrounds. Playgrounds at the park should incorporate accessible design with assistive technologies.

### Gathering & Local Events

There was a strong desire to create places that would provide opportunities for community gathering, events, and local performances. Amenities such as food trucks or concessions were also deemed an important component to draw the community in and activate the park. It was important to the local community that the scale of events be appropriate for the neighborhood. Most survey respondents wanted event sizes to host between 500-5,000 people and did not want to host larger-scale events such as regional concerts.

Themes: Online Survey Feedback

All-ages activities are popular

All ages activities were also very popular and were some of the most-selected items. “Play for all ages, including grown-ups” was the top choice for playground types and “Climbing and bouldering features for all ages” was the second choice for fitness features, just behind multi-use sports courts, which also serve a variety of age groups.

Gathering & Local Events

Places for gathering, food, & local events were top choices.

#1 Gathering Choice



Plaza for Food Trucks, Concessions & Festivals

#1 Event Size Choice



1,000-5,000 Person Event

(Like Friendly Island Tongan Festival)

All-Ages Activities

All ages activities were very popular and were some of the most-selected items.

#1 Fitness / Sports Choice



Multi-use Sports Court

#2 Fitness / Sports Choice



All-ages Bouldering & Climbing

#1 Playground Choice



All-ages Play (For adults too!)

Bright & Playful

Respondents were drawn to bright, colorful features reminiscent of local cultures and the colorful water park.

#1 Water Feature Choice



Artful Interactive Fountain

#3 Playground Choice



Colorful / Industrial Playground

#2 Playground Choice



Adaptive/ Inclusive Playground

Inclusive

Inclusive Playgrounds accessible to all skill levels and abilities were important to survey respondents.



High Interest Features

\*Top Choice in Both Public Online Survey and Engagement Events

Hiking & Biking Trails \*



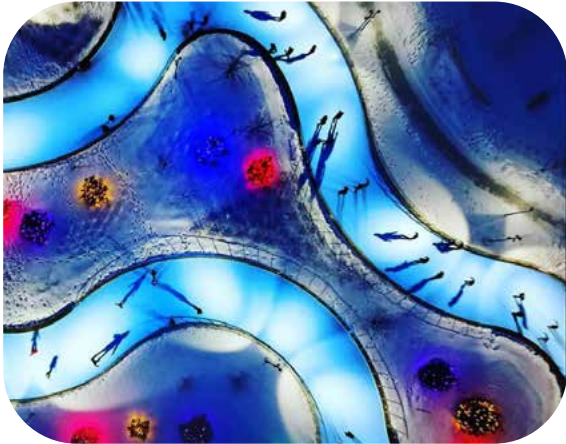
Swimming/Outdoor Pool



Food Truck Court



Ice & Roller Skating Ribbon



Hiking & Hilltop Overlook \*



Community Plaza with Concessions\*



Water Play Feature & Plaza \*



Riverside Features



Skateboarding Features\*



Flex Lawn, Community Event & Performance Space \*



Multi-Use Sports Court\*



Sledding Hill \*



Community Pavilion\*



Enhanced Boat Dock/Kayak Rental\*



Dog Park \*





# Park Feature Feedback

## Top Features

Hiking & biking trails with a hill-top overlook, swimming and an outdoor pool were consistently top choices of survey respondents. Skateboarding features, sledding, riverside features (boardwalk, enhanced boat dock, kayak rental) and a community plaza with concessions or food trucks were popular as well. Another top feature was a multi-use sports court and a water play feature.

## Middle-ground and mixed feedback features

Climbing features had mixed feedback. Images of children's climbing features and interest in rock climbing were lower on the list of selected choices, however the all-ages bouldering feature received a very high number of selections (728).

Ice and roller skating features also had mixed feedback. A skating ribbon was the number two choice out of 10 in Concept A but the seventh choice out of 12 in Concept B. Both ice and roller skating were rated in the center of activity interests on a scale of one to seven.

## Low-Interest Features

Least-selected park features included a community garden, bird hides, a fitness station and a community clubhouse.

## Most Popular

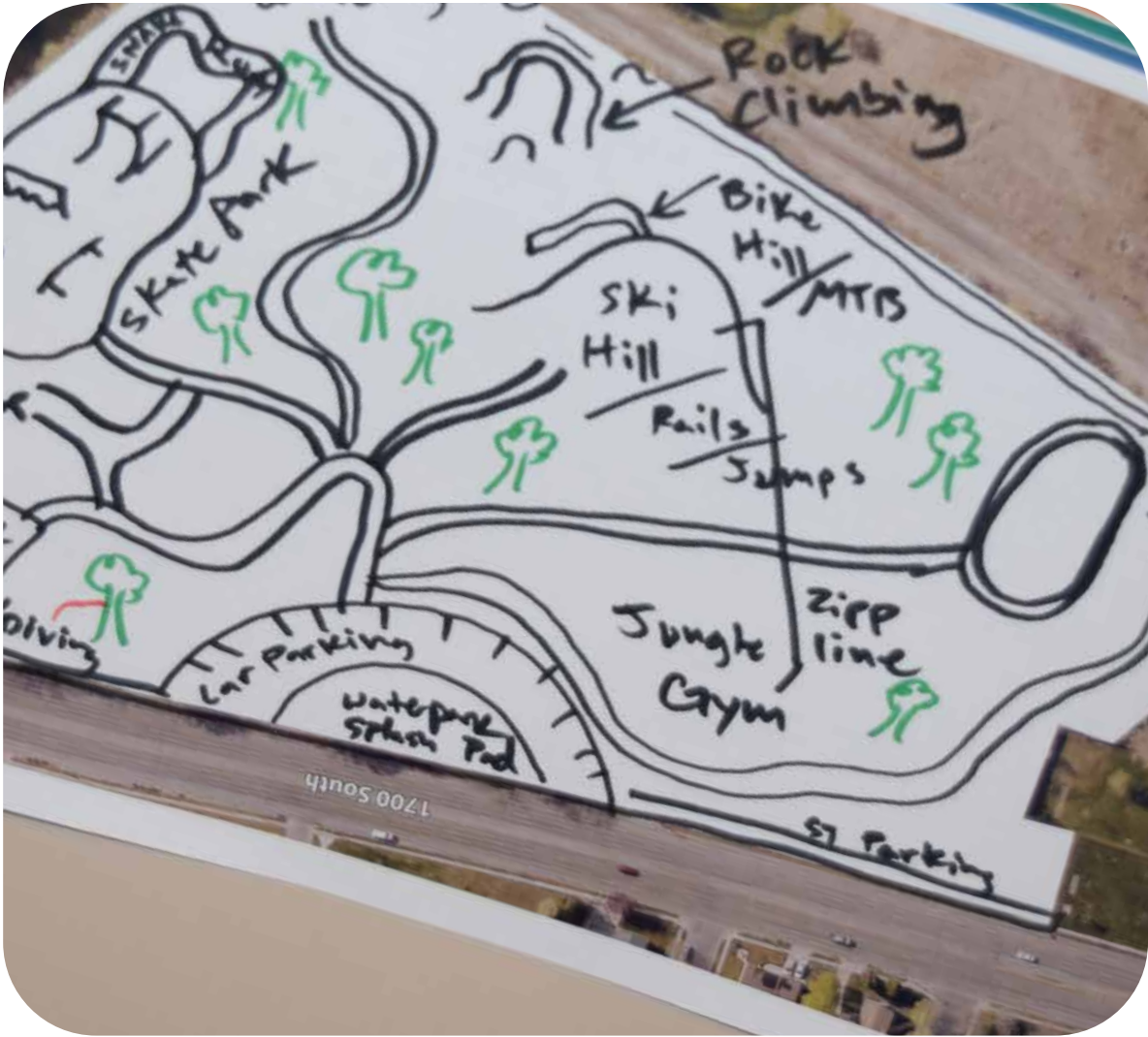
- Hiking/Biking Trails & Overlook
- Outdoor Pool
- Multi-use Sports Court
- Sledding
- Food Truck Court
- Ice & Roller Skating Ribbon
- Skateboarding Features
- Community Plaza with Concessions
- Riverside Boardwalk
- Water Play Feature & Plaza
- Community Pavilion w/Grills or Warming Kitchen

## Popular

- Enhanced Boat Dock
- Flex Lawn, Community Event & Performance Space
- Riverside Beach
- Kayak Rental Station
- Dog Park
- Playgrounds
- Bouldering Features

## Least Popular

- Naturalistic Water Feature
- Nature Play Playground
- Meadow "Lawn" & Natural Planting
- Community Garden
- Fitness Features
- Bird Hides/River Overlook
- Volleyball
- Community Clubhouse



Kid's drawings of desired park features from the Plan Your Park Open House



Community members voted for their preferred park features using stickers and comments at the Plan Your Park Open House



# The Great Outdoors

## Park Concept A



### Nature in your backyard

Building on the natural assets of the Jordan River, this option celebrates nature through restoration, education and play while bringing the adventure of the great outdoors to the neighborhood's backyard.

### Park Features

- 1 Parking Lot
- 2 Community Gardens
- 3 Entry Gateway
- 4 Nature Play
- 5 Skating Ribbon
- 6 Walking / Biking Tower & Trails
- 7 Shade Pergola
- 8 Picnic & Seating Lawn
- 9 Kayak Rental and Boat Launch
- 10 "Meadow" Lawn and Natural Planting
- 11 Naturalistic Water Feature
- 12 Riverside Boardwalk
- 13 Water Play Feature
- 14 Bridge



# The Glendale Green

**Park Concept B**    \*Concept with the highest amount of popular features in both public online survey and engagement events

## Community connections

The hub of the community, this option creates gathering spaces to connect with neighbors and generates vibrant play, exploration and activity for adults and kids alike.



## Park Features

- 1 Parking
- 2 Food Truck Court
- 3 Entry / Main Pavilion
- 4 Playgrounds
- 5 Adventure Playgrounds
- 6 Fitness Features
- 7 Skating Ribbon
- 8 Climbing Features
- 9 Picnic Pavilion and Plaza
- 10 Overlook & Sledding Hill, Hiking & Biking Paths
- 11 Skate Area
- 12 Flex Lawn & Small Performance Stage
- 13 Outdoor Pool
- 14 Dock
- 15 Riverside Beach
- 16 Dog Park
- 17 Bridge





# The Vision





# A Community & Regional Park

**Glendale Regional Park is bright, colorful and active. It celebrates community gathering and active recreation .**

## Design Strategy

Keeping the memory of the water park alive, the park design is bright, colorful and active. It celebrates community gathering and active recreation with an array of park features that generate vibrant play, exploration and activity for adults and kids alike. Bright playground, plaza spaces and pavilions feature art, lighting and styles both reminiscent of the former water park and reflecting the cultures of the local community.

The park is active and community-driven. The many park plazas, picnic areas, pavilions and event lawns offer opportunities for local performances and festivals, family gatherings and community classes. The park is a hub for sharing local food, art and culture with family, friends and neighbors.

Glendale Regional Park is first a neighborhood park, creating spaces for community gatherings and daily park experiences. A water play feature and outdoor pool create spaces for splashing, swimming and cooling off in the summer heat. Daily trips to the park can bring a game of basketball, family time at the all-ages and abilities playground, or activities with furry friends at the dog park. The park also offers new regional attractions unique to the City's park system such as a skating ribbon, kayak rental, riverside beach and an event lawn and plaza for local festivals.

The park is a place to explore nature through hillside trails and along the restored riparian landscapes of the Jordan River. A circuit of multi-use trails lead to hilltop views of the city or to shaded riverside seating. A kayak rental station and enhanced access to the Jordan River creates a gateway to paddling adventures.

Restoration and planting improves the local environment, creating an urban oasis that shades the park with newly planted trees, restores riverside habitat, and blankets the park with a garden of native and climate resilient plants.

The park design strengthens regional connectivity, connecting Glendale Park to the larger park system with a proposed bridge connection to the Jordan River Parkway Trail, a recommended pedestrian crossing to 1700 South Park and a recommended multi-use trail connection to the future Surplus Canal Trail.



# Glendale Regional Park Master Plan



## Park Features

- 1 Trail Connection
- 2 Picnic Lawn
- 3 All Ages & Abilities Playground
- 4 Pavilion/Shade Structure
- 5 Full-Court Basketball
- 6 Ice & Roller Skating Ribbon
- 7 Kid's Climbing Feature
- 8 All Ages Climbing Feature
- 9 Pavilion
- 10 Community Plaza / Promenade
- 11 Parking Lot
- 12 Hiking & Sledding Hill
- 13 ADA Accessible, Multi-Use Trail
- 14 Hilltop Overlook
- 15 Skateboarding Area
- 16 Water Feature/Plaza
- 17 Outdoor Pool
- 18 Flex Lawn & Performance Space
- 19 Flex Stage/Plaza
- 20 Bridge Connection to Jordan River Parkway
- 21 Dog Park
- 22 Picnic Areas
- 23 Riparian Restoration
- 24 Riverside Boardwalk
- 25 Riverside Beach & Sand Volleyball
- 26 Kayak Rental Station
- 27 Boat Dock
- 28 Boat Ramp
- 29 Boat Drop-off
- \* Pickleball Courts



Park Features



1 Trail Connection



2 Picnic Lawn



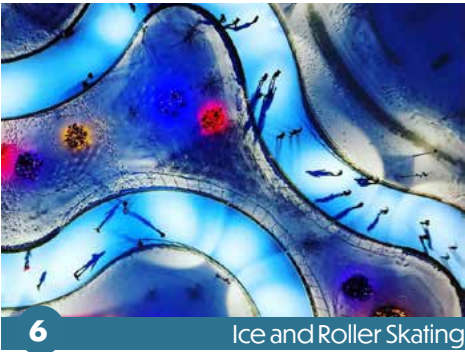
3 All Ages Playground



4 Shade Structure



5 Full-Court Basketball



6 Ice and Roller Skating



7 Kid's Climbing Feature



8 Adult Climbing Feature



9 Pavillion



10 Community Plaza



11 Parking Lot



12 Hiking & Sledding Hill



13 ADA Accessible, Multi Use Trail



14 Hilltop Overlook



15 Skate Boarding Area



16 Water Play Feature



17 Outdoor Pool



18 Flex Lawn & Performance Space



19 Flex Stage/ Plaza



20 Bridge Connection



21 Dog Park



22 Picnic Area



23 Riparian Restoration



24 Board Walk



25 Riverside Beach & Sand Volleyball



26 Kayak Rental Station



27 Boat Dock



28 Boat Ramp



29 Boat Drop Off



\* Pickleball Courts



## Glendale Regional Park Vision - Playground for All Ages & Abilities

**Bright and colorful, the playground is filled with features for all abilities and all ages to enjoy - even adults!**



### **Programming & Activation: Creating Memorable Community Experiences**

Programming and activation at Glendale Regional Park will seek to capitalize not only on the scale and amenity mix in the new park, but most importantly on the surrounding neighborhood's character and in-place assets. Glendale is a culturally rich neighborhood with a variety of stories to tell and experiences to share with each other and with Salt Lake City as a whole. While the park's design and landscape will define the "look," outdoor programming will define how it feels. Public programming will differentiate it from parks throughout Salt Lake City by providing an environment where residents and visitors want to spend time, and will use amenities and activities to create memorable experiences and emotional connections to Glendale.

Today, Salt Lake City residents and visitors don't necessarily expect robust programming of public spaces. Many parks and plazas have failed to maintain a positive visitor experience because they have not programmed and managed their public realm to exceed local precedents. Visitors to Glendale Regional Park will have expectations for a safe and clean place that provides some sort of basic amenities. Our aim should be to exceed those expectations and surprise them with offerings they can't find anywhere else in Salt Lake City. There is an innate human desire for a feeling of community, and programming should provide some of this, especially in a rich and diverse multicultural environment like Glendale.



# Phase 1 Programming Opportunities

**\*See Phasing Strategies Pg x for full Phase I description.**

The diagram highlights possibilities for park programming , activities and events. Community partnerships along with City programming will be essential to activating the park.



## Children/family

- Family fitness activities
- All-ability movement
- Music / literary education
- Organized play activities
- Animal education events



## River Programming

- Safety and awareness
- Skills workshops
- Habitat education
- Volunteer events



## Outdoor / environmental

- Nature / meditative walks
- Birding / wildlife workshops
- Gardens / horticulture
- Public art



## Arts / culture / community

- Audience area
- Outdoor movies
- Lawn games



## Sports courts

- Clinics / lessons
- All-ability skills training



## Arts / culture / community

- Art cart
- Arts and crafts
- Small music / performance
- Literary events
- Lectures
- Board games



## Fitness / recreation / events

- Low impact fitness
- Organized recreation / workshops
- Community cultural events
- Outdoor hobbyist activities



# Future Phasing Opportunities for Programming



The diagram highlights possibilities for park programming , activities and events. Community partnerships along with City programming will be essential to activating the park.

## Programming Will:

- » Define how the park feels
- » Differentiate it from other parks and destinations - “the competition”
- » Provide an active and appealing neighborhood anchor
- » Provide a safe and clean place
- » Capitalize on Glendale’s rich and diverse multicultural environment
- » Capitalize on Salt Lake City’s outdoors orientation



### Arts/ culture/ community

- Expanded arts programming
- Artist talks and performance
- Artists in residence
- Concession



### Aquatic Programming

- Swim lessons
- Safety/ CPR
- Parent/ child program
- Senior fitness classes



### Skate park

- Lessons
- Demonstrations
- Skateboard repair
- Deck art workshops



### River Programming

- Boating recreation
- Boat skills
- Bait and tackle
- Concession



### River recreation

- Swim lessons/ safety
- Tubing
- Restoration/ cleanup
- River education events



### Dog Park

- Owner socials
- Training workshops
- Mobile grooming
- Bark bar concession



### Performance/ events

- Concerts
- Theater and dance
- Community festivals
- Workshops (stage)
- Fitness (Stage)

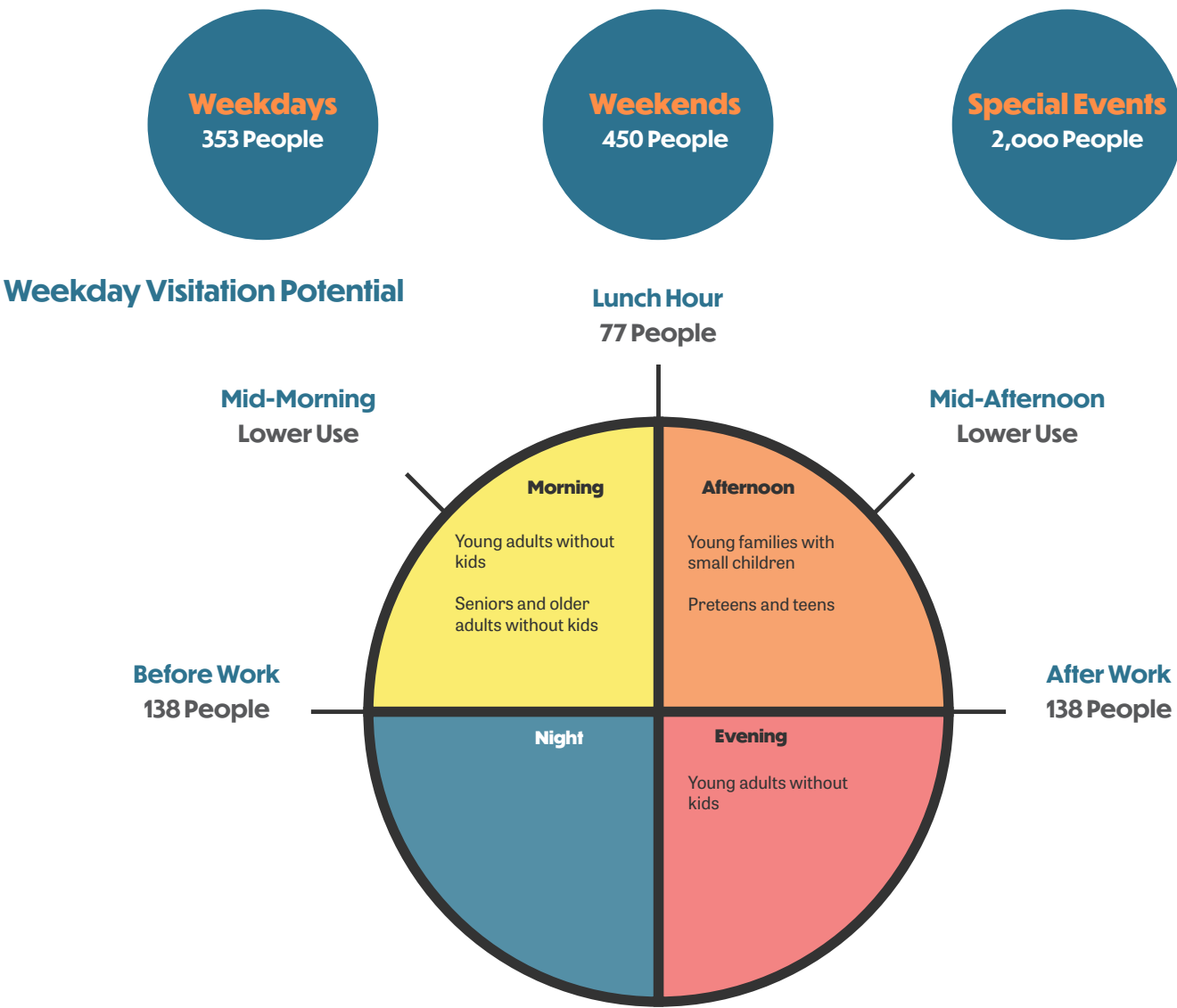


Programming / Activation

Park Activation for All Seasons and Times of Day

Programming, such as depicted in the hypothetical matrices, is broadly categorized as: Arts & Culture, Fitness, Hobbies & Niche Interests, and Live Entertainment. Each category provides a range of options that vary by time of day, seasons, intensity of activity, and, of course, demographic cohort. We consider programming categories across the zones of Glendale Regional Park, establishing a coherent pedestrian experience as one moves from one area to another, while creating distinct environments throughout the park, coordinated with the landscape architecture. The over arching goal is for Glendale Regional Park to feel busy and active and to give all user groups a multitude of reasons to visit at different times through the year, a season, and even their day. While Glendale Regional Park can’t be all things to all people, it can certainly provide a range of experiences.

Market Potential Study: Visitation Potential



The diagrams above display estimated park visitation collected from the planning team’s market analysis.

Park Programming Calendar of Events Matrix Example

ARTS & CULTURE	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL	WINTER	DAY/ NIGHT	DAY PART	FREQUENCY
Art supplies / art cart	X	X	X	X	Both	All	Daily
Dance lessons	X		X		Night	Peak	Weekly
Figure drawing classes		X	X		Night	Peak	Weekly
Folk art / crafts	X	X	X		Day	Off-Peak	Weekly
Instrument petting zoo	X	X	X		Day	Weekend	Monthly
Local author readings	X				Day	Peak	Weekly
Toddler art program	X	X	X		Day	Off-Peak	Monthly
HOBBIES & NICHE INTERESTS							
Board games cart	X	X	X				Daily
Book club	X		X				Monthly
Bird-watching club	X	X	X	X			Weekly
Kayak / river education activities	X	X	X				Monthly
Cooking classes	X	X					Monthly
Salsa dancing	X	X					Weekly
Makers workshops	X		X	X			Monthly
FITNESS & WELLNESS							
Biking club	X	X	X				Weekly
Capoeira			X				Weekly
Family yoga	X	X	X				Weekly
Walking club	X	X	X	X			Weekly
Hula hoop		X					Weekly
Kickboxing	X						Weekly
Zumba		X					Weekly
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT							
A cappella	X	X	X				Weekly
Brass bands	X	X					Monthly
Dance performance	X	X	X				Monthly
Emerging musician series	X	X					Weekly
Outdoor movies		X					Weekly
Theater		X	X				Monthly
Silent disco	X	X					Monthly



**Glendale Regional Park Vision - Hillside Sledding & Mountain Views**



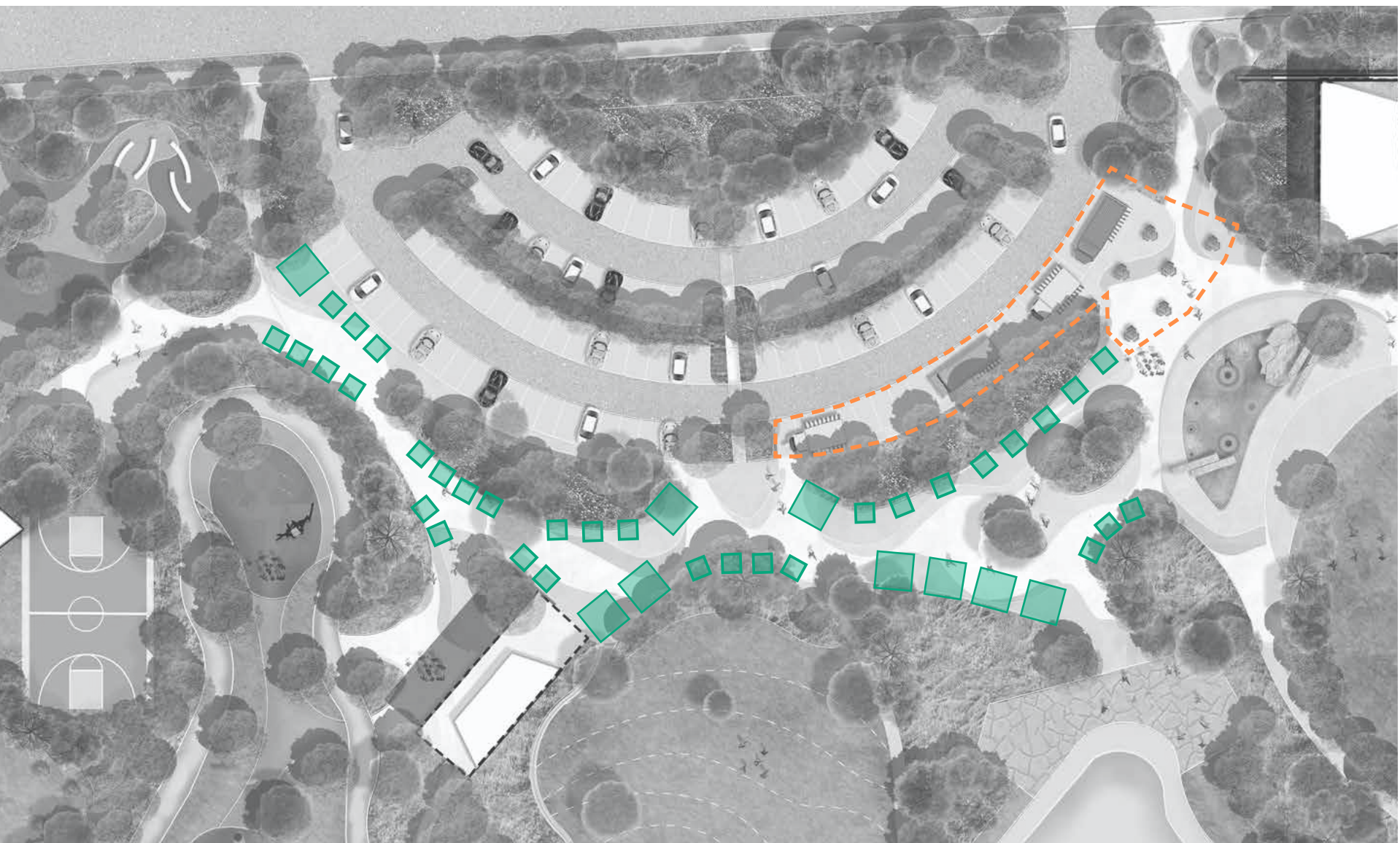
**The hill creates opportunities for seasonal sledding and year-round hiking or biking. A trip to the hilltop overlook offers views of the city, mountains and vibrant Salt Lake sunsets.**



Market & Festival Diagram

The diagram below shows a possible layout for market and event tents along the community plaza. Space for food trucks is stationed along the plaza edge.

- 10 x 10 Market Tent
- 20 x 20 Market Tent
- Food Truck Court



Partnerships: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Opportunities

Glendale Regional Park is poised to become the Westside’s “central park,” with the goal of building a loyal base of regular visitors from all corners of the city. While Glendale Regional Park will be a public park that gets used by nearby residents for everyday recreation, it will also become a citywide amenity and driver of tourism and economic development.

The efforts to create a new Glendale Regional Park coincides with a national trend where downtowns and neighborhoods are seen as competing over a scarce pool of resources after the economic benefits from downtown development did not reach those neighborhoods in many cities; whereas the political consensus in the 1990s and 2000s was that strong downtowns helped create strong neighborhoods, today it is far more common to hear elected officials emphasize their commitment to neighborhood-based community development and lament that too many public resources have been spent in central business districts.

Given the sensitivities of the neighborhood relative to gentrification and public resources, the discussion around park equity must be reframed. The planning team has identified three planks of an overall program for Glendale Regional Park to help the City promote equity and ensure the new park is inclusive of all residents: growing minority-owned businesses through concessions and contracts, supporting existing organizations that promote inclusivity and equity through programming partnerships, and partnering with local organizations through internships and job training.

Growing Minority-Owned Businesses

Food & Beverage Entrepreneurship

Proposed future food and beverage opportunities are an opportunity to support budding entrepreneurs with limited access to capital. An entire program can be formulated with movable structures that come equipped with sinks, small refrigerators, and countertops, so concessionaires only need to purchase electrical appliances, signage, and whatever supplemental FF&E they desire (subject to City approval). This would make the concessions affordable opportunities for new food businesses. A park- or City-focused director of hospitality, or community partner organization, would be qualified to guide these concessionaires with respect to menu design, kitchen operations, merchandising, signage, and the other aspects of running a successful food business that are usually learned through a lot of experience. The City should provide, or work with a community partner to provide, this service/consulting for free.

Glendale Regional Park (via the City) would need to establish an application process that would identify the entrepreneurs who would be likely to succeed in the park based on their proposals. Applicants would need to be new business owners. The applicant pool could also include women-owned and immigrant-owned businesses.



**Glendale Regional Park Community Plaza & Promenade  
Rendering**



**The community plaza is a brightly lit, vibrant promenade that hosts events and festivals as well as food trucks, market booths and community-led activities.**



### Concession Contracting

A mobile concession program (which is different than the food program above) should also be addressed. While such a program would not involve the City offering any financial assistance to these concessionaires, the scoring system in an application or request for proposal (RFP) process could take into account whether a business is minority- or woman-owned. Recommendations include adding this component to scoring proposals as part of a larger change that would seek to qualify concessionaires prior to their launch in the park and institute minimum standards for operation.

### Programming Vendor Contracting

There are a variety of types of programming partnerships, but the most straightforward partnership involves the City hiring an individual or business to perform a service (as opposed to a partner providing in-kind services or the City and the partner having a cost-sharing relationship). Common examples are fitness classes, art classes, and the vendors who provide equipment or furnishings for larger events.

Similar to the mobile concessions RFP process, the City can make an explicit commitment to prioritizing people of color when it hires artists to teach a watercolor class, fitness instructors to lead classes and other vendors.

### Programming Partnerships

#### Targeting Underrepresented Audiences

In addition to establishing and expanding fee-based programming, the City should create a wide variety of new free

programming at Glendale Regional Park that can eventually be sponsored. To launch these programs, the park will need to partner with cultural institutions, small businesses, and nonprofit service providers. The most desirable and reliable partners for Glendale Regional Park will be established organizations with existing constituencies. The loyal followers of these businesses and nonprofits will show up to activities they produce in the park, diminishing the need to promote them and helping to seed a base level of activity.

The City can specifically target organizations who primarily work with constituencies that are usually underrepresented at parks, specifically in Glendale. A successful strategy will build these relationships systematically and incrementally; it's important to be realistic about how many of and how often their audience will travel to the park, and for partnerships to develop organically. A programming partnership might start with one or a few events each year, and grow through successful participation.

### Building Capacity in Partner Organizations

Programming partnerships can also benefit third-party organizations by helping them better fulfill their missions (in the case of nonprofits), exposing them to new audiences, and building their in-house capacity. By working with the City at Glendale Regional Park, nonprofit organizations may be more likely to secure grants or be able to pursue grant opportunities that they may not have otherwise been eligible for. Cost-sharing arrangements make it affordable for some

to take on new full-time staff to help grow their businesses or service offerings.

The City can identify which organizations are positioned to take advantage of the possible benefits of a programming partnership. Many partners will enter into a discussion at Glendale Regional Park already cognizant of how the partnership fits into their strategic plans, and this should be part of the criteria used when selecting partners.

### Workforce Development

The third part of a strategy for Glendale Regional Park to succeed in community engagement goals of partnering with the City to combat park inequity and advance park inclusivity, is to partner explicitly with a workforce development program and leverage the program as a resource for Glendale.

### Paid Internships

Glendale Regional Park can offer paid internships for in-school youth in a variety of areas. Programming and marketing are two likely sectors where there will be a need for interns and reciprocal interest on the part of students. Work in these two areas can often be broken into discrete, seasonal efforts (i.e., helping to launch or manage specific programs, creating content for specific social media campaigns or events, etc.). In addition, internships could focus on special projects such as building an historic photo archive of Raging Waters that could get incorporated into a future augmented reality component of a mobile app, targeted donor/grant research, or administering and helping to analyze a survey of park visitors.

### Occupational Training and Employment

Glendale Regional Park can also work with a workforce development program to provide work experience for program participants and employment for graduates of their program. For out-of-school youth, Glendale can offer occupational training in grounds maintenance and skilled landscaping and gardening. This could create mutually beneficial opportunities for Glendale, the City, and citywide residents, providing Glendale Regional Park with extra help at a reduced cost and creating a new source of education and job opportunities for emerging gardeners.

Whether or not occupational training is a possibility, the City can create pathways to employment for workforce development program graduates, such as prioritizing graduates in the hiring process. An exclusive hiring window should be created for prospective employees referred by a workforce development partner with a commitment on the City's part to hire qualified applicants from the pool of graduates. Prioritized job opportunities could include positions in sanitation, maintenance, landscaping, hospitality, and customer service. Graduates of workforce development programs typically perform better and are retained by employers at a higher rate than people recruited from public job postings.

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# Goals & Metrics

## Measuring Progress

Gauging elements of the final concept plan through performance-based evaluation provides a measure to determine if goals set during the beginning of the park planning process are being attained. The following metrics evaluate the park design according to original park goals.



How will we know that we achieved what we set out to do?



# Trails & Connectivity

## Park Goal

### Regional Connection

- 5 Public Lands spaces connected after all associated trail and crossing recommendations are implemented.
- 2 New Connections: A new crossing linking to 1700 South Park and a bridge linking to the Jordan River Parkway Trail will connect with the future Surplus Canal Trail and a proposed multi-use path along 1700 South to create a Glendale Trail Triangle.

### Recommendation: Enhanced Public Transit

As shown in the analysis on pages 13-14, there is a need for enhanced public transit access to Glendale Park. Partnerships and conversations with UTA and other transit organizations will be required in order to provide equitable and regional access to the site.



#### Trails

- 1700 street access
- Jordan river parkway trail
- Glendale Park trails
- Hiking Trail
- New Connections



Community Spaces -  
Plan Metrics

Park Goal  
Community-Led

1,713 Community members  
involved in the planning process.

Park Goal  
Community Services &  
Programming

29 Activities & amenities  
added to the site.

Park Goal  
Park Activation & Safety

100% Individual elements in the  
park are ADA accessible

Park Goal  
Regional Connection

8 new and unique recreation  
opportunities introduced to the  
citywide Public Lands' system.



Community Spaces

- Active Play - High Programming
- Community Gathering - High Programming



# Environmental - Plan Metrics

Park Goal  
Access to Nature

4.5 Acres of natural areas added that provide public access

Park Goal  
Environmental Quality

1.7 Acres riparian habitat restored

Park Goal  
Environmental Quality

Impervious surfaces reduced by 50%, improving water quality and replenishing groundwater\*

Park Goal  
Environmental Justice

10.9 Acres of native & waterwise planting reduces water use



Soft & Hardscape

- Native/Water Wise Planting & Turf
- Riparian
- Native Grass & Shrubland
- Hardscape\*\*

\* See page 20 for previous site surface calculations

\*\* Hardscape includes some impervious crushed granite pathways

Site Surfaces

- Asphalt - 8%
- Concrete - 13%
- Park Features/Structures - 6%
- Site Impervious Surfaces: 27%

- Planted Landscape - 64%
- Crushed Granite Paths - 6%
- Dog Park/Sand Beach - 3%
- Site Impervious Surfaces: 73%





# Implementation



# Phasing Strategy

**Phasing strategies ensure safety from site hazards and begin restoring nature to the site while also considering the creative potential of elements from the previous water park.**

## Implementation Phase I

The park will be implemented in a series of phases. Many factors are contributing to the decision-making process examining which elements will be included in phase one of park implementation. Most notably, according to the requirements set by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, outdoor recreation amenities in the park must be available to the public by spring of 2024. This expedited schedule requires consideration for park features that are easily implementable, can meet a rapid construction timeline and that fit within the current budget allocated for the park.

Other phase one considerations include the need to group park features and improvements into a consolidated area, creating a fully functioning park with a variety of activities and amenities prior to the completion of future phases. Consolidating developed areas of the park allows the remaining undeveloped areas to be strategically fenced, limiting access to hazards left from previous water park infrastructure. The fencing plan also facilitates phasing strategies for vegetative restoration, weed abatement and site preparation for future phases while mitigating exposure to visually unattractive, undeveloped areas.

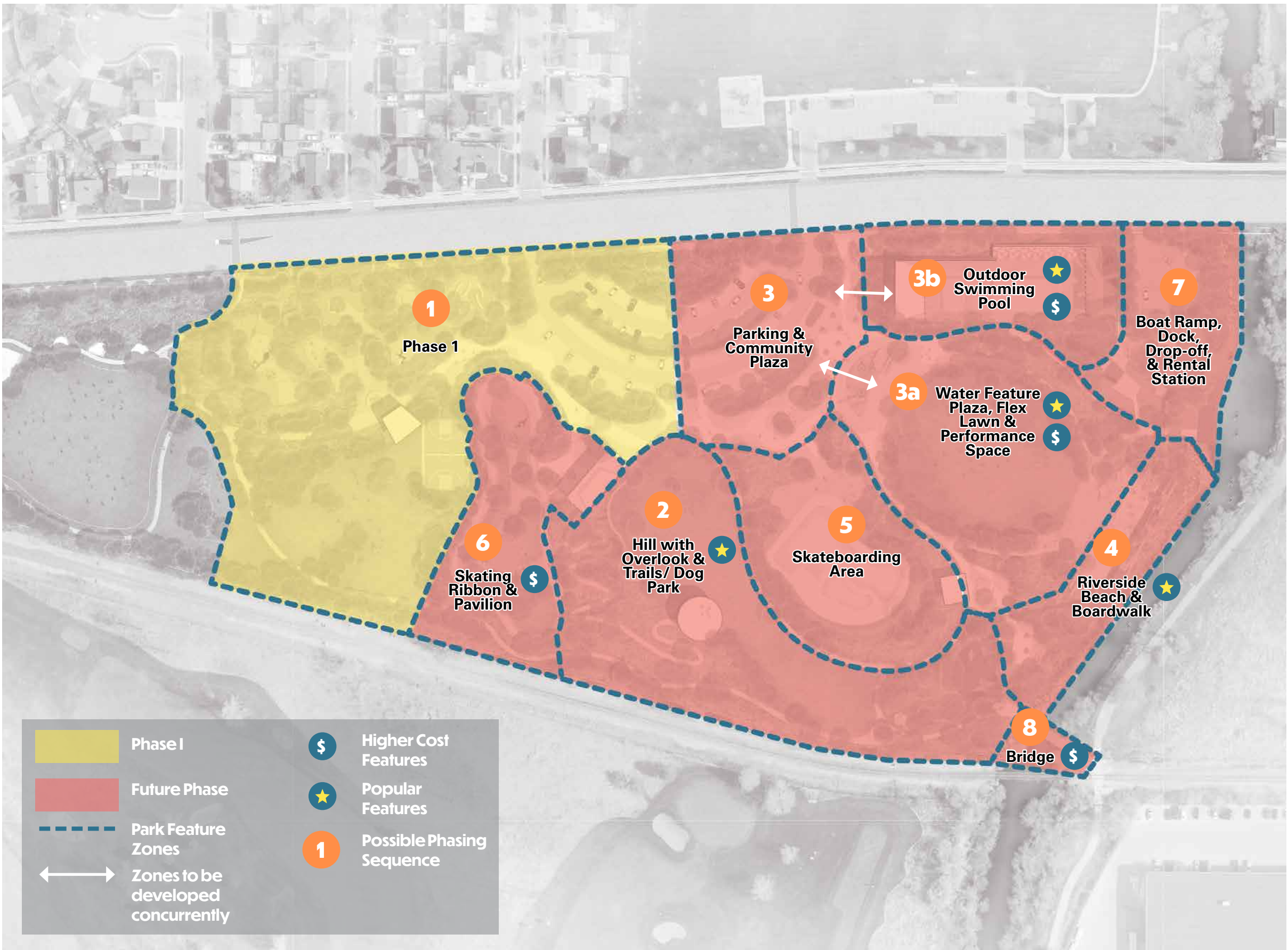
Public input is another consideration shaping phase one features. Some of the top park features that are desired by the neighborhood, such as an outdoor pool, cannot be accommodated in the first phase due to cost, a lengthier construction time frame, and the time required to work through possible partnership logistics.

However, park features that are most desired by the community and can meet the criteria mentioned above are being given top priority for inclusion in phase one. This includes a multi-use sports court and an all-ages and abilities playground. Other desired features will be filled by interim elements, such as food trucks being stationed in the parking lot before a formal community plaza is fully built out, access to hiking on the hill before formal trails are installed, and a kayak rental locker included next to the existing boat ramp prior to full enhancements being completed along the Jordan River.

Future phases of the park will be implemented as quickly as funding and logistics can be navigated. Grant, donation and partnership opportunities which align with park goals and proposed features and programming will be expeditiously explored to realize the full site design and potential for a regional-quality park in the Westside.



# Phasing Diagram



## Segmented Phasing Zones

The diagram highlights phase one elements, which will be completed by spring of 2024. All other portions of the park will be completed in future phases.

Anticipated future phase elements are segmented into park feature zones for flexible implementation. These smaller zones may be implemented simultaneously or phased incrementally as park funding and partnerships become feasible.

The diagram suggests a possible phasing sequence to prioritize park features that are popular with the community while also utilizing park space to the greatest possible extent. This phasing order should be flexible in response to partnership and funding opportunities as well as available funding and the cost to develop each phasing zone.

### Phasing Considerations

- Cost
- Potential partnerships
- Community input / popular features
- Hazards & Safety
- Consolidating developed park areas to maximize park functionality and use
- Sequencing development for maximized park use and access throughout the construction and development process
- Sequencing revegetation and restoration efforts



# Phase 1 Park Features

## Park Amenities and Publicly Accessible Areas



### Phase 1 Elements

- 1 Trail Connection
- 2 Picnic Lawn
- 3 All Ages & Abilities Playground
- 4 Pavilion/Shade Structure
- 5 Full-Court Basketball
- 6 Community Plaza
- 7 Parking Lot
- 8 Parking/Interim Food Truck Area
- 9 Undeveloped Hill with:
  - Native Landscape Restoration
  - Informal Hiking Opportunities
  - Possible Art Installations
- 10 Existing Parking Lot
- 11 Kayak Rental Locker
- 12 Existing Boat Ramp



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# Opinion of Probable Cost

## Phase 1



**Phase 1**  
**Opinion of Probable Cost:**  
**\$3,400,000 - \$5,500,000**

### Phase 1 Costs

The project team developed phase one to propose a set of amenities that could be implemented, pending contractor bids, with current funding. These elements include an ambitious set of improvements that can be accomplished for 3.5 to 5.5 million dollars. Phase one was designed to maximize usable park features and efficiently utilize funding as it comprises only approximately 10% of the total park cost yet completes 30% of the full park buildout.

Further design and cost estimating is needed to understand the true costs of the proposed amenities. This proposal is based on current construction costs and contracting pricing is likely to be much higher two years from now.

### Phasing Zone Costs

As detailed design is completed for each phase, a true understanding of cost will be established. Some park elements have much higher costs associated with them such as the pool and the skating ribbon and will vary in range of cost depending on the length of time it takes to implement them. See the phasing diagram on page 60 for the recommended phasing approach.

## Full Park Build Out



**Full Park Build Out**  
**Opinion of Probable Cost:**  
**\$30,000,000 - \$55,000,000**

### Full Park Build Out Costs

Full build out of all park elements could range in cost from 30 to 50 million dollars depending on how long it takes to fully implement all park features. The sooner the site is redeveloped and the fewer the phases of development, the more cost efficient it is to construct the park.



# Phase 1 Restoration Strategy



## Phase I Ecological Recommendations

Phase one ecological improvements include riparian and planting enhancement along the riverside. With exception of consideration for future riverside improvements such as a new boat ramp and boardwalk, these areas will remain largely undeveloped and initial efforts toward a permanent, long-term restoration plan should take place. Public Lands will prioritize restoration efforts based on recommendations to the greatest extent possible, but will also evaluate capacity, management and staffing considerations for prioritization of areas.

In the western, developed portions of the park, ornamental plants will be included as part of the park design. The planting selection should consist of native, water-wise and climate adaptive plants that will utilize less water, tolerate heat in a changing climate and provide ecological benefits for birds and pollinators.

The remaining portions of the site will be prepared for future phases with transitional restoration efforts. These areas will be seeded with native grasses and wildflowers as an intermediate restoration step, providing a solution for weed mitigation, soil retention, and providing ecological benefits until further site development and restoration efforts are completed.

See the full restoration strategy on the following pages for further recommendations on preserving tree canopy.



# Restoration Strategy

**The park presents an opportunity to enhance important riparian habitat, which is a rarity in the high desert environment of the Salt Lake Valley and is a critical resource to migratory birds along the Pacific Flyway.**

## Ecological Recommendations

The planning team's ecological expert, River Restoration, conducted a site visit of the Glendale Regional Park on August 23, 2021, to evaluate the current ecological conditions of the project area and to determine what features should be retained for ecological reasons. This assessment, included in Appendix B, resulted in the identification of trees and habitats that should be retained as possible. Areas for potential enhancement were also identified and include all existing riparian forest and a buffer of 50-300' from the river. See the restoration diagrams on the following page for recommended restoration areas.

### Riparian Restoration and Tree Canopy

The current state of the riparian forest in and around the project area is in a degraded condition. Some of the existing large trees within the project area have a high value, since they are well established and seem to be healthy. The sycamore trees are of high value and should be considered to protect in place, since they are mature, well-established, and healthy. The existing trees along the park strip at the north of the project area should also be preserved to maintain this important buffer from 1700 South. The remaining groves of trees can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for phased removal or replacement with planted and irrigated multi-layer riparian areas. The diagram on the next page shows areas of existing riparian trees that could be retained.

Habitat improvements are a key goal of the Project and phasing the project's construction will reduce potential impacts to the site's current wildlife population by limiting the amount of area that will be disturbed at any one time while leaving undisturbed portions to provide habitat. This applies particularly to habitat for migratory song birds. Partners working along the Jordan River Corridor have recommended a phased approach for removal of Russian olives, which serve as habitat for migratory and resident bird species. Russian olive should be left on portions of the site that are not part of the initial phases and riparian plants should be planted into Russian olive stands, where the shade from the existing invasive trees will help with establishment of new forests. Areas where Russian olive was removed should be the top priority for restoration of riparian forests to return the multi-layer canopy for nesting and migratory birds.

### Site Restoration Treatments

See the Phase I Restoration Diagram on page 64 for restoration treatment priority areas. Full recommendations can be found in Appendix C, Restoration Plan.

Treatments proposed for summer and fall of 2022 include:

- Aggressive chemical control of noxious weeds to follow up on areas treated in 2021.
- Aggressive chemical treatment of hoary cress and phragmites in areas along the riverbanks where Russian olive was cut down.
- Chemical control of noxious weeds in all disturbance areas.
- Seeding of all disturbed areas with an inexpensive grass/forb mix.



# Site Restoration Strategy

## Site Preparation

Aggressive chemical control of noxious weeds adjacent to all disturbance areas should be a high priority. These are the most likely places for spread of noxious and invasive plants. These areas should also be seeded soon after the disturbance ceases (generally within 2 weeks any time of the year) with an inexpensive grass and forb mix. This should be done any time disturbances occur throughout the project lifecycle to reduce the opportunity for noxious plants to dominate. This is cheap insurance and will reduce the potential need for chemicals to be used on the site in the future.

12" of topsoil for the disturbed area will be needed for grasses to establish while "planting pockets" that have soil depths up to 36" will be needed to allow small trees and shrubs to be established. It would be good to add terraces on the hill with up to 3' of topsoil, allowing for larger shrubs and trees to establish.

## Ecological Stewardship

The local and regional context was evaluated to discover opportunities for ecological enhancement and stewardship. Students from Glendale Middle School have previously provided stewardship for areas just downstream of the project and Jordan River Park. The future stewardship of the natural areas in the vicinity of the project should involve local schools and community partners.

There are also opportunities for a broader connection to the river both up and downstream. Development of on-water recreation opportunities is one of the highest values of the site from a stewardship perspective.





# Planting Palette

## Water-Wise Planting

The planting palette shows examples of possible plants for Glendale Park. The plant selection should include native, water-wise and climate adaptive species which use less water and provide habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

## Hillside/Meadow Plants

- Sand Dropseed  
*Sporobolus cryptandrus*
- Blanket Flower  
*Gaillardia Aristata*
- Lewis Blue Flax  
*Linum lewisii*
- Western Wheatgrass  
*Pascopyrum smithii*
- Rocky Mountain Bee Plant  
*Cleome serrulata*
- Bluegrass, Sandberg  
*Poa Sandbergii*
- Scarlet Globemallow  
*Sphaeralcea coccinea*
- Alkali sacaton  
*Sporobolus airoides*

*Sporobolus cryptandrus*



Sand Dropseed

*Pascopyrum smithii*



Western Wheatgrass

*Gaillardia Aristata*



Blanket Flower

*Cleome serrulata*



Rocky Mountain Bee Plant

*Linum lewisii*



Lewis Blue Flax

*Sphaeralcea coccinea*



Scarlet Globemallow

*Distichlis spicata*



Inland Saltgrass

*Populus fremontii*



Fremont Cottonwood

*Fallugia paradoxa*



Apache Plume

## Riverside Plants

- Saltgrass, Inland  
*Distichlis spicata*
- Western wheatgrass  
*Pascopyrum smithii*
- Fescue, Sheep  
*Festuca ovina*
- Freemont Cottonwood  
*Populus fremontii*
- Apache Plume  
*Fallugia paradoxa*
- Skunkbush sumac  
*Rhus trilobata*
- Wood's rose  
*Rosa woodsii*
- Golden currant  
*Ribes aureum*
- Green rabbitbrush  
*Crysothamnus viscidiflorus*
- Marsh milkweed  
*Asclepsia incarnata*
- Solidago canadensis  
*Canada goldenrod*
- Wooly sedge  
*Carex pellita*



Climate Adaptive Trees

Japanese Tree Lilac  
*Syringa reticulata*

Shademaster Honeylocust  
*Gleditsia triacanthos inermis*

Gambel Oak  
*Quercus gambelii*

Catalpa  
*Catalpa speciosa*

Fairmount Ginkgo  
*Ginkgo biloba 'Fairmount'*

Golden Candle Rain Tree  
*Koelreuteria paniculata 'Golden Candle'*

Bristlecone Pine  
*Pinus aristata*

Pinyon Pine  
*Pinus edulis*

Utah Juniper  
*Juniperus osteosperma*

Water-Wise Shurbs

Alderleaf Mountain Mahogany  
*Cercocarpus montanus*

Apache Plume  
*Fallugia paradoxa*

New Mexico Privet  
*Forestiera neomexicana*

*Syringa reticulata*



Japanese Tree Lilac

*Gleditsia triacanthos inermis*



Shademaster Honeylocust

*Quercus gambelii*



Gambel Oak

Native & Water-Wise Ornamental Plants

Ivory Tower Yucca  
*Yucca flacida 'Ivory Tower'*

Desert Four O'Clock  
*Mirabilis multiflora*

Fire Chalice  
*Zauschneria (Epilobium) californica*

Palmer's Penstemon  
*Penstemon palmeri*

Prairie Winecups  
*Callirhoe involucrata*

Coneflower  
*Echinacea*

Hummingbird Mint  
*Agastache 'Desert Sunrise'*

Little Bluestem  
*Schizachyrium scoparium*

Blonde Ambition Blue Grama Grass  
*Bouteloua gracilis 'Blonde Ambition'*

Shenandoah Switch Grass  
*Panicum virgatum 'Shenandoah'*

Ravenna Grass  
*Saccharum ravennae*

Graziella Maiden Grass  
*Miscanthus sinensis 'Graziella'*

*Mirabilis multiflora*



Desert Four O-Clock

*Penstemon palmeri*



Palmer's Penstemon

*Echinacea*



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# Sustainable Practices

SITES Certification would guide sustainable development practices, an important consideration that would help improve environmental health in areas such as the riparian habitat along the Jordan River.

## SITES Certification

To support goals for ecological restoration and sustainable park development, it is recommended that the project team pursue certification in a sustainability program such as SITES or another comparable program. The project team has been exploring certification through the Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) for the future Glendale Regional Park. SITES ([sustainablesites.org/](https://sustainablesites.org/)) is a sustainability-focused program based on the understanding that any project has the ability to protect, improve and even regenerate healthy ecosystems by reducing water use, filtering stormwater runoff, providing wildlife habitat, and improving air quality and human health. The SITES certification is managed by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), the same agency that manages the LEED rating system for buildings. Where LEED addresses buildings and vertical construction, the SITES rating system is used for everything related to the landscape. Projects pursuing certification often incur higher costs in design and construction, however, they consistently return significant long term cost savings related to ongoing operations and maintenance costs.

During the master planning process, a SITES pre-score assessment, shown in Table 1, confirmed that the Glendale Park project meets the qualifications to pursue SITES certification. Upon scoring the project, the Glendale Regional Park Site has the potential to certify on the Platinum level if the City elects to pursue certification to the greatest extent. The project team recommends pre-certifying the entire park master plan for the 17-acre

site during the design and construction process to ensure that sustainable practices are adhered to and that the proper documentation is collected to pursue certification. The full SITES prescore worksheet for Glendale Regional Park in Appendix A.

Pursuing SITES certification at Glendale Regional Park would demonstrate a tangible commitment to environmental quality and justice. With historic underinvestment, lower levels of service and evidence of environmental injustices present in this community in the past, having a SITES certified landscape in the Glendale neighborhood would not only highlight the City's investment in restorative landscapes and climate resiliency but would also set a standard for site development in the future and begin to show tangible effort towards equitable environmental investment across the City. With SITES certification, Glendale Regional Park would be a model of best practices and environmental achievement both locally and nationwide.

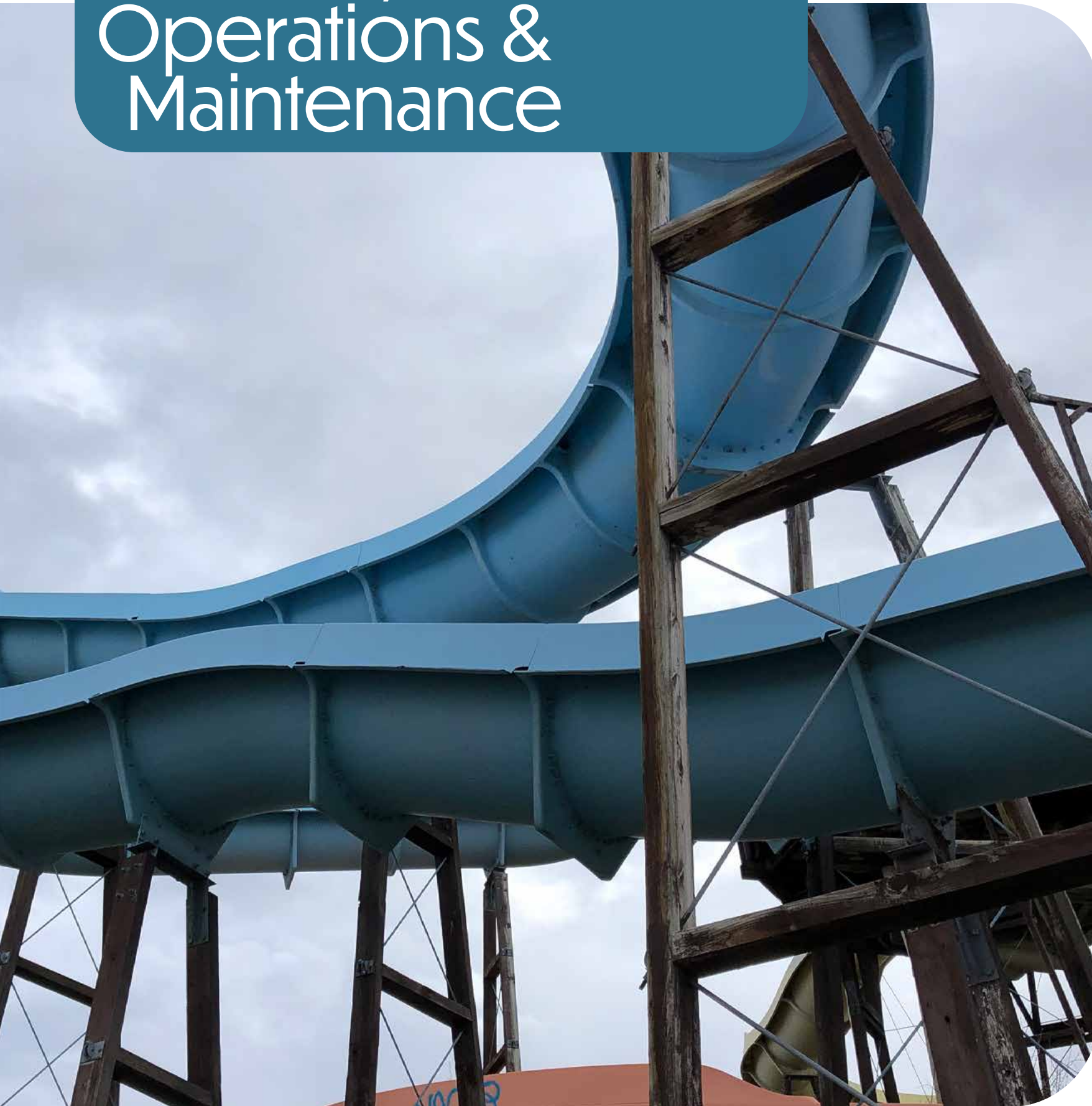


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			HHWB C6.8		Reduce light pollution		4		
			HHWB C6.9		Encourage fuel efficient and multi-modal transportation		4		
			HHWB C6.10		Minimize exposure to environmental tobacco smoke		1 to 2		
			HHWB C6.11		Support local economy		3		
			7: CONSTRUCTION		Possible Points:	17			
Y			CONSTRUCTION P7.1		Communicate and verify sustainable construction practices				
Y			CONSTRUCTION P7.2		Control and retain construction pollutants				
Y			CONSTRUCTION P7.3		Restore soils disturbed during construction				
			CONSTRUCTION C7.4		Restore soils disturbed by previous development		3 to 5		
			CONSTRUCTION C7.5		Divert construction and demolition materials from disposal		3 to 4		
			CONSTRUCTION C7.6		Divert reusable vegetation, rocks, and soil from disposal		3 to 4		
			CONSTRUCTION C7.7		Protect air quality during construction		2 to 4		
			8. OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE		Possible Points:	22			
Y			O+M P8.1		Plan for sustainable site maintenance				
Y			O+M P8.2		Provide for storage and collection of recyclables				
			O+M C8.3		Recycle organic matter		3 to 5		
			O+M C8.4		Minimize pesticide and fertilizer use		4 to 5		
			O+M C8.5		Reduce outdoor energy consumption		2 to 4		
			O+M C8.6		Use renewable sources for landscape electricity needs		3 to 4		
			O+M C8.7		Protect air quality during landscape maintenance		2 to 4		
			9. EDUCATION + PERFORMANCE MONITORING		Possible Points:	11			
			EDUCATION C9.1		Promote sustainability awareness and education		3 to 4		
			EDUCATION C9.2		Develop and communicate a case study		3		
			EDUCATION C9.3		Plan to monitor and report site performance		4		
			10. INNOVATION OR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE		Bonus Points:	9			
			INNOVATION C10.1		Innovation or exemplary performance		3 to 9		
			TOTAL ESTIMATED POINTS		Total Possible Points:	200			
KEY									
YES	Project confident points are achievable				SITES Certification levels		Points		
?	Project striving to achieve points, not 100% confident				CERTIFIED		70		
					SILVER		85		
NO	Project is unable to achieve these credit points				GOLD		100		
					PLATINUM		135		

# Policies, Operations & Maintenance



## Policies, Operations & Maintenance

In order to ensure the new Glendale Regional Park stays clean, active, safe and well-loved by the greater Salt Lake City community, it must be maintained and staffed accordingly along with the many amenities, natural features, and programming elements being designed. To achieve this high standard, the City will need to make special considerations for Glendale Park's operations staffing required to support the appropriate levels of security, sanitation, public realm maintenance, landscaping, programmatic operations, event needs, park concession leasing, and marketing as described below.

### Security

A strong perception and reality of safety in the park will greatly enhance the park's ability to attract visitors, particularly families, and increase an overall sense of civic pride and support for the park. In keeping with many long established precedents for increasing the "eyes and ears" in the park, it will be important to create many positive reasons for the public to be active in the park throughout the day to dispel any would be antisocial behavior, and actively patrol the park with appropriate levels of official park staff – whether they be City park rangers or, when necessary, police. The "right" levels and types of staff will depend greatly on several design decisions including potential building/concession uses, recreation and aquatic uses, degrees of programming and events, and real time security concerns/conditions in the neighborhood when the park opens.

Many decisions around types and levels of security (and other operations) staff will depend on the ultimate physical plan and associated decisions around park management and governance – i.e., whether the City alone will manage and program the park or whether that it will happen in partnership or coordination with a private management entity (or several).

### Park rules

Because of the many unique features and activities planned, a set of rules should be specifically developed for Glendale Park, incorporating the City's existing rules and regulations for all public parks. An abbreviated version of those rules should be posted visibly around the park to help regulate the public use and provide clear expectations as to which activities and behaviors are acceptable and which are not. Setting these expectations and messaging them the right way will add to the public's perception of safety in the park and help park staff to enforce appropriate behavior.



During larger events (festivals, musical performances, larger markets) the event producer, park management entity, or the City may need to employ additional, contracted security staff and parking attendants.

## Janitorial

Janitorial and sanitation issues in the public realm are often caused by a shortage of staff, having only one shift of staff, lack of resources/staff that are spread too thin over multiple parks, or a cumbersome and bureaucratic process for addressing issues as they arise. By appropriately staffing the janitorial crew and having more than one shift in the day as necessary (fewer shifts on slow days and more/overlapping shifts on peak days), restrooms can be checked, cleaned, and resupplied often, trash cans can be emptied multiple times a day, litter can be picked up regularly by hand, graffiti can be removed immediately, and other small issues can be addressed in a timely manner before snowballing into more significant, more costly problems. If the park is maintained with a high standard of cleanliness, expectations will be raised and perceptions of care will spread to the public - visitors will treat the park with respect. Park cleanliness will also impact perceptions of safety to the community.

Concession staff, if applicable, should augment janitorial staff in the immediate area of the concessions. When there is a slower moment, concession staff should regularly wipe tables, pick up trash, empty trash cans, straighten tables and chairs, and even service restrooms. Concession areas have heavy use and require special

attention, which should be provided by the concession workers. These types of services can often be negotiated as part of the operator agreements depending on the specific concession. Giving an operator the option to custom brand the tables, seats, trash cans, or umbrellas within the vicinity of their space (and charging them for the right to do so) will motivate them to keep these areas and the associated furnishings clean.

Trash and recycling cans should be located at regular intervals throughout the park, and especially at areas of anticipated heavy traffic such as play areas and picnic areas, so that visitors do not have any trouble finding the receptacle. Trash and recycling should be emptied from cans multiple times a day and taken to a designated collection point, and trash and recycling should be moved off-site at least once a day. Trash and recycling cans should be paired and kept together (or split between one receptacle but clearly distinguished), otherwise park patrons will throw whatever they are disposing into whichever receptacle is closest, regardless of its intended contents.

The janitorial staff should take care of minor repairs such as repainting over graffiti, tightening a leaky faucet, or patching a hole in the concrete. Larger maintenance and repair projects will be tasked to the capital projects staff and contractors. Janitorial staff should also be tasked with everyday landscape upkeep including weeding, sweeping up excess leaf litter and plant debris, and reporting irrigation leaks, irrigation malfunction, or poor plant health to a supervisor.

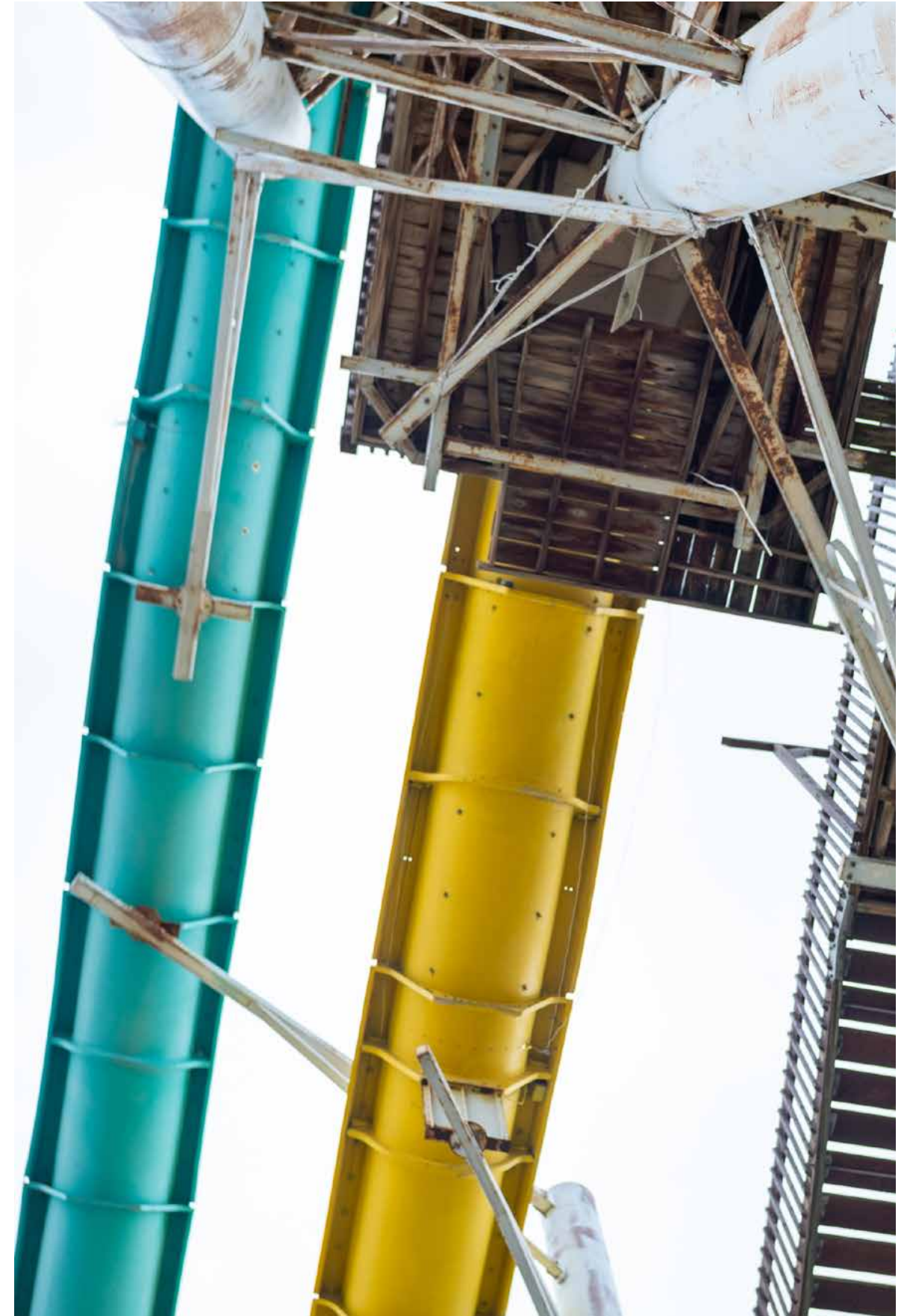
Large events may incur the need for additional janitorial staff to clean restrooms, pick up trash, and empty trash and recycling.

## Repairs/Maintenance

There should be a streamlined process to address maintenance issues, one that is not burdened with moving through many chains of command or requiring excess paperwork whenever possible. Staff specifically assigned to Glendale Park, either from the City or contracted through a park management entity, should be empowered to fix smaller problems under a pre-determined threshold promptly without the need for higher levels of approval.

Furnishings and other items need to be checked frequently and repaired upon the first sign of an issue. This will ensure broken items do not get worse and more difficult to fix and avoid potential injury/liability concerns. Fixing them right away also shows the public that furnishings and facilities in the park are cared for and looked after. If visitors observe a well-maintained park, they are more likely to follow suit and take good care of the furnishings and facilities themselves.

The janitorial staff will address smaller issues such as replacing broken trash cans, cleaning out the drains of drinking fountains, screwing in a door hinge, replacing light bulbs, and painting over graffiti. An Operations Manager or similar position should oversee capital projects, major repairs, and landscape maintenance. This manager will also oversee third-party contractors who would take care of larger







and more specialized maintenance and repair needs such as fixing plumbing issues, repairing broken stairs, electrical repairs, building maintenance, etc. Ideally this would be a dedicated person to Glendale Park, or someone who oversees multiple parks with appropriate support staff.

During major repairs, trees and plant materials should be protected with fences or other barriers to prevent damage. Heavy equipment should not be left or stored under the branches of trees, as this can cause root damage, or for extended periods on lawn.

## Landscape/Tree Maintenance and Management

Trees and understory require attention on a consistent and on-going basis. The landscape maintenance crew should have demonstrated experience in maintenance of public landscape projects of similar size and scope with owner references, and demonstrated experience with integrated pest management, pest control, soils, fertilizers, and plant identification.

Assuming proper installation, trees and understory will need regular inspection by Public Land's Urban Forestry Division to ensure proper growth. Pruning weak branches and shaping tree crowns will help sustain long-term health, growth, and appearance.

As trees and plant material are put in the ground, flow meters should be installed that monitor all irrigation hydrazones for appropriate water application across the

site. Tree root ball moisture and shrub and groundcover surrounding soil moisture should be checked weekly and watering cycles adjusted accordingly. Watering records should be kept for all site trees and a yearly water audit should be performed to track the amount of water applied. With this information, Public Lands can determine appropriate water application for site trees after the three-year establishment period ends, in consultation with Urban Forestry's review of tree health on the site. Irrigation systems will need frequent inspection and cleaning to ensure the system is running properly.

Crews should weed planted areas frequently, maintain the depth of mulch to reduce evaporation and inhibit weed growth, and apply fertilizers as needed. Crews will employ principles of Integrated Pest Management to prevent plant pests and diseases. Landscape maintenance should be performed during regular work hours to not disturb the nearby residents with noise.

An important part of a maintenance plan for Glendale Park will be a landscape feature/materials inventory with suggested maintenance and a working checklist than can be provided as for the landscape maintenance crew.

## Leasing/Marketing

Leasing and partnership agreements, either through the relevant City agency or through a park management entity, will select the appropriate tenants for any kiosks, café space, river concessions, and any other commercially operable spaces

within the park. The leasing agents should focus on an operator mix that supports Glendale Park's overall programming/activity goals, focuses on local businesses, has a quality/healthful product, delivers on financial objectives, and supports the needs of the surrounding neighborhood. Partnerships or City programs that work independently and/or with leasing agents to support no or low-cost activities will be important to include as regular options for Glendale Park programming.

Marketing for Glendale Park offerings should start with a dedicated website and social media accounts (primarily Instagram and Facebook) that are frequently updated with news and happenings. A dedicated online presence is the best way for visitors to find out about programs and events happening in the park and nearby public/City affairs. The website will also serve as a tool for customer service, a guide for private event permitting, a place to receive inquiries, comments, and complaints. It's important for these outlets to be the dedicated responsibility of one staff member or contractor, rather than spread to several undefined staff so this important element doesn't become neglected in favor of staff's primary responsibilities.

# Programming & Activation

## Programming Budget and Staffing

To support a vibrant and dynamic Glendale Regional Park, a dedicated park programming manager should be put in place, as well as a dedicated and predictable budget that grows over time through revenue development. The park should be viewed as a business, with profits and losses, except that all profits should be made with the public interest in mind and, thus, reinvested back into the park for the benefit of local residents and visitors.

The park programming manager would be an on-site Public Lands employee, but assigned specifically to Glendale Regional Park on a day-to-day basis with a flexible schedule that likely includes a five-day, Wednesday to Sunday schedule to complement active times in the park. The programming manager will be dedicated to coordinating with programming partners, interacting with park visitors, overseeing day-to-day management of facilities maintenance, and managing vendors and contractors. The park programming manager is the park’s “mayor.” The ideal manager will have experience in events management, and/or marketing, communications, urban planning, and business. The programming manager should also have access to park attendants on a part-time, as needed basis during busier times in the park and special events.

As a baseline, the park should also have a dedicated programming budget that allows for a varied experience. Programming budgets are used to provide equipment, marketing, outreach, and supplies. Where

budgets fall short, the park programming manager will be able to leverage programming partners and interested groups to provide in-kind donations of time and materials, sponsorships, and other sources that reduce capital outlays. Providing a baseline budget of some amount allows the programming manager to plan accordingly and approach potential partners more efficiently. Over time, the budget hopefully grows, with revenue sources coming from a variety of potential sources: philanthropy, sponsorships, event rentals, food and beverage, programming, and government support.

Table 2: **Programming & Activation Budget Recommended Minimum**

DIRECT STAFFING COSTS		YEAR 1
On site programming manager	\$76,000	Base starting salary of \$60,000 annually. Budget includes fringe benefits.
Park attendants	\$18,200	16 hrs/wk year round, \$17.50 wage plus 25% fully loaded.
Overtime allowance	\$4,550	May also be used for discretionary bonuses
Administration / insurance	-	Assumes covered by City poliices
Equipment / supplies	\$10,000	Laptop for manager, smartphones/tablets for attendant use, general supplies
Dedicated staffing subtotal		\$108,750

HYPOTHETICAL DIRECT PROGRAMMING COSTS		YEAR 1
Arts & culture	\$80,000	Two-thirds of this cost is annual, cutting edge interactive art installations
Fitness	\$30,000	Mostly provided by free businesses seeking to market their classes
Hobbies & niche interests	\$45,000	Includes outdoor dancing, which is about one-third of the total budget
Live entertainment	\$100,000	Does not include production costs, which will be minimal
Markets & festivals	\$100,000	Allowance for self-produced events
Direct programming subtotal		\$355,000

SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMMING COSTS		YEAR 1
Marketing	\$50,000	Limited to promotion surrounding public space programs and events
Holiday decorations	\$100,000	Allowance
Supplemental programming subtotal		\$150,000



# Spectrum of Private/Public Partnership Structures



## Governing Partnership & Management

Activation and programming strategies, specifically around revenue development and sponsorship opportunities, benefit greatly by the management structure that is in place. Public agencies will be able to do things the private sector can't, and vice versa. Exploring existing frameworks and establishing programming and activation guidelines within those constraints will inform optimal programming strategies.



# Next Steps

**Creating engaging art, forming partnerships, promoting sustainability, and enhancing the environment are some of the next actions that will take place for Glendale Regional Park.**

## Next Steps

To meet the rapid timeline required to open the park with publicly accessible recreation, detailed design and construction of Phase I elements will begin in August of 2022, concurrent to the adoption of the master plan. This process will entail refining specific park features and styles, as well as forming a strategy to re-purpose the old water slides into park features or artwork. Programming opportunities with community partners will continue to be developed to ensure that the park remains an active space upon opening and throughout the development and construction process.

The project team will also begin to rehabilitate the site with riparian and native vegetation to fulfill the park goals of enhancing environmental quality and improving environmental justice for the Glendale neighborhood. To support this goal, it is recommended that the project team pursue certification in a sustainability program such as SITES or another comparable program. During the master planning process, a SITES prescore assessment confirmed that the Glendale Park project meets the qualifications to pursue SITES certification. As the project consultant moves into the next design phase, this consideration should be integrated into the process to ensure that sustainable practices are adhered to and that the proper documentation is collected to pursue certification. The full SITES prescore worksheet for Glendale Regional Park is in Appendix A.





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# SITES Pre-Score



## SITES Certification & Prescore Assessment

Glendale Regional Park goals include enhancing environmental quality and improving environmental justice for the Glendale neighborhood. To support this goal, it is recommended that the project team pursue certification in a sustainability program such as SITES or another comparable program. SITES, the landscape equivalent of LEED certification, is a sustainability framework and program that ensures best practices are adhered to during land development projects, resulting in enhanced ecosystems and landscape benefits such as “climate regulation, carbon storage and flood mitigation.”<sup>1</sup>

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			<b>HHWB C6.6</b> Support social connection	<b>2</b>	
			<b>HHWB C6.7</b> Provide on-site food production	<b>3 to 4</b>	
			<b>HHWB C6.8</b> Reduce light pollution	<b>4</b>	
			<b>HHWB C6.9</b> Encourage fuel efficient and multi-modal transportation	<b>4</b>	
			<b>HHWB C6.10</b> Minimize exposure to environmental tobacco smoke	<b>1 to 2</b>	
			<b>HHWB C6.11</b> Support local economy	<b>3</b>	

0	0	0	<b>7: CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>17</b>	
Y			<b>CONSTRUCTION P7.1</b> Communicate and verify sustainable construction practices		
Y			<b>CONSTRUCTION P7.2</b> Control and retain construction pollutants		
Y			<b>CONSTRUCTION P7.3</b> Restore soils disturbed during construction		
			<b>CONSTRUCTION C7.4</b> Restore soils disturbed by previous development	<b>3 to 5</b>	
			<b>CONSTRUCTION C7.5</b> Divert construction and demolition materials from disposal	<b>3 to 4</b>	
			<b>CONSTRUCTION C7.6</b> Divert reusable vegetation, rocks, and soil from disposal	<b>3 to 4</b>	
			<b>CONSTRUCTION C7.7</b> Protect air quality during construction	<b>2 to 4</b>	

0	0	0	<b>8: OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>22</b>	
Y			<b>O+M P8.1</b> Plan for sustainable site maintenance		
Y			<b>O+M P8.2</b> Provide for storage and collection of recyclables		
			<b>O+M C8.3</b> Recycle organic matter	<b>3 to 5</b>	
			<b>O+M C8.4</b> Minimize pesticide and fertilizer use	<b>4 to 5</b>	
			<b>O+M C8.5</b> Reduce outdoor energy consumption	<b>2 to 4</b>	
			<b>O+M C8.6</b> Use renewable sources for landscape electricity needs	<b>3 to 4</b>	
			<b>O+M C8.7</b> Protect air quality during landscape maintenance	<b>2 to 4</b>	

0	0	0	<b>9. EDUCATION + PERFORMANCE MONITORING</b>	<b>11</b>	
			<b>EDUCATION C9.1</b> Promote sustainability awareness and education	<b>3 to 4</b>	
			<b>EDUCATION C9.2</b> Develop and communicate a case study	<b>3</b>	
			<b>EDUCATION C9.3</b> Plan to monitor and report site performance	<b>4</b>	

0	0	0	<b>10. INNOVATION OR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>Bonus Points: 9</b>	
			<b>INNOVATION C10.1</b> Innovation or exemplary performance	<b>3 to 9</b>	

YES	?	NO		Total Possible Points:	
0	0	0	<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED POINTS</b>	<b>200</b>	

KEY	SITES Certification levels	Points
YES Project confident points are achievable	<b>CERTIFIED</b>	70
? Project striving to achieve points, not 100% confident	<b>SILVER</b>	85

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			MATERIALS C5.9	Support sustainability in materials manufacturing	5	NO Project is unable to achieve these credit points	GOLD	100
			MATERIALS C5.10	Support sustainability in plant production	1 to 5		PLATINUM	135

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Estimate points below (key at bottom)			PREREQUISITE OR CREDIT #	TITLE	CASE / OPTION / THRESHOLD	POINTS	POSSIBLE POINTS PER CREDIT
YES	?	NO					
7	3	0	<b>1: SITE CONTEXT</b>			Possible Points:	13
Y			CONTEXT P1.1	Limit development on farmland	Case 1: Sites without farmland soils		
					Case 2: Sites with farmland soils - VSPZ		
					Case 3: Sites with farmland soils - Mitigation		
Y			CONTEXT P1.2	Protect floodplain functions	Case 1: Sites without floodplain		
					Case 2: Previously developed and brownfield sites within floodplain		
					Case 3: Greenfield sites within floodplain		
Y			CONTEXT P1.3	Conserve aquatic ecosystems	Case 1: Sites without aquatic ecosystems		
					Case 2: Sites with naturally occurring aquatic ecosystems		
					Case 3: Sites with naturally occurring poor quality aquatic ecosystems		
Y			CONTEXT P1.4	Conserve habitats for threatened and endangered species	Case 1: Brownfields and previously developed sites		
					Case 2: Greenfield sites		
3			CONTEXT C1.5	Redevelop degraded sites	Case 1: Previously developed sites	3	3 to 6
					Case 2: Brownfield sites	6	
4			CONTEXT C1.6	Locate projects within existing developed areas		4	4
	3		CONTEXT C1.7	Connect to multi-modal transit networks	Option 1: Pedestrian and bicycle network	2	2 to 3
					Option 2: Transit network	3	

3	0	0	<b>2: PRE-DESIGN ASSESSMENT + PLANNING</b>			Possible Points:	3
Y			PRE-DESIGN P2.1	Use an integrative design process			
Y			PRE-DESIGN P2.2	Conduct a pre-design site assessment			
Y			PRE-DESIGN P2.3	Designate and communicate Vegetation and Soil Protection Zones			
3			PRE-DESIGN C2.4	Engage users and stakeholders		3	3

0	12	11	<b>3: SITE DESIGN - WATER</b>			Possible Points:	23
Y			WATER P3.1	Manage precipitation on site			
Y			WATER P3.2	Reduce water use for landscape irrigation			
6			WATER C3.3	Manage precipitation beyond baseline	80th percentile precipitation event	4	4 to 6
					90th percentile precipitation event	5	
					95th percentile precipitation event	6	
6			WATER C3.4	Reduce outdoor water use	Option 1: Reduce outdoor water use	4	4 to 6
					Option 2: Significantly reduce outdoor water use	5	
					Option 3: Eliminate outdoor water use	6	
		5	WATER C3.5	Design functional stormwater features as amenities	50% of stormwater features	4	4 to 5
					100% of stormwater features	5	
		6	WATER C3.6	Restore aquatic ecosystems (project must have existing feature)	No aquatic ecosystems present on site		4 to 6
					30% of the geographic extent	4	
					60% of the geographic extent	5	



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YES	?	NO	PREREQUISITE OR CREDIT #	TITLE	CASE / OPTION / THRESHOLD	POINTS	POSSIBLE POINTS PER CREDIT
					90% of the geographic extent	6	

0	34	6	4: SITE DESIGN - SOIL + VEGETATION				Possible Points:	40
Y			SOIL+VEG P4.1	Create and communicate a soil management plan				
Y			SOIL+VEG P4.2	Control and manage invasive plants	Case 1: No invasive plants found on site			
					Case 2: Invasive plants identified on site			
Y			SOIL+VEG P4.3	Use appropriate plants				
		6	SOIL+VEG C4.4	Conserve healthy soils and appropriate vegetation (project must have existing feature)	No healthy soils and/or appropriate vegetation present on site			
					50% of the site's existing vegetated area	4		
					75% of the site's existing vegetated area	5		4 to 6
					95% of the site's existing vegetated area	6		
	4		SOIL+VEG C4.5	Conserve special status vegetation (project must have existing feature)		4		4
	6		SOIL+VEG C4.6	Conserve and use native plants	20% total native plant score	3		
					40% total native plant score	4		3 to 6
					60% total native plant score	6		
	6		SOIL+VEG C4.7	Conserve and restore native plant communities	20% total native plant community score	4		
					40% total native plant community score	5		4 to 6
					60% total native plant community score	6		
	6		SOIL+VEG C4.8	Optimize biomass	minimal point score	1		
					low point score	3		1 to 6
					mid point score	5		
					high point score	6		
	4		SOIL+VEG C4.9	Reduce urban heat island effects		4		4
					No buildings present on site			
	4		SOIL+VEG C4.10	Use vegetation to minimize building energy use (project must have building on site)	Option 1: Reduce energy use - 5% reduction	2		
					Option 1: Reduce energy use - 7% reduction	4		1 to 4
					Option 2: Provide shade structures - 30% shaded	1		
					Option 2: Provide shade structures - 60% shaded	2		
					Option 3: Provide a windbreak - one row	1		
					Option 3: Provide a windbreak - two or more rows	2		
	4		SOIL+VEG C4.11	Reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire (project must be located in fire-prone area)	Project not in a fire-prone area			
					Project is in a fire-prone area	4		4

0	41	0	5: SITE DESIGN - MATERIALS SELECTION				Possible Points:	41
Y			MATERIALS P5.1	Eliminate the use of wood from threatened tree species				
					No structures or paving present on site			
	4		MATERIALS C5.2	Maintain on-site structures and paving (project must have existing feature)	10% of the total existing built surface area	2		
					20% of the total existing built surface area	3		2 to 4
					30% of the total existing built surface area	4		

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YES	?	NO	PREREQUISITE OR CREDIT #	TITLE	CASE / OPTION / THRESHOLD	POINTS	POSSIBLE POINTS PER CREDIT
	4		MATERIALS C5.3	Design for adaptability and disassembly	30% of total materials cost, excluding plants, rocks, and soils	3	3 to 4
					60% of total materials cost, excluding plants, rocks, and soils	4	
	4		MATERIALS C5.4	Use salvaged materials and plants	10% of total materials cost, excluding soils	3	3 to 4
					20% of total materials cost, excluding soils	4	
	4		MATERIALS C5.5	Use recycled content materials	20% of total materials cost, excluding plants and soils	3	3 to 4
					40% of total materials cost, excluding plants and soils	4	
	5		MATERIALS C5.6	Use regional materials	30% of total materials cost	3	3 to 5
					60% of total materials cost	4	
					90% of total materials cost	5	
	5		MATERIALS C5.7	Support responsible extraction of raw materials	Option 1: Advocate for sustainable extraction of raw materials	1	1 to 5
					Option 2: Support suppliers that disclose environmental data	3	
					Option 3: Support suppliers that meet extraction standards	5	
	5		MATERIALS C5.8	Support transparency and safer chemistry	Option 1: Advocate for transparency and safer chemistry	1	1 to 5
					Option 2: Support manufacturers that disclose chemical data	3	
					Option 3: Support manufacturers with chemical hazard assessments	5	
	5		MATERIALS C5.9	Support sustainability in materials manufacturing	Option 1: Advocate for sustainable materials manufacturing	1	1 to 5
					Option 2: Support manufacturers that disclose data on sustainable practices	3	
					Option 3: Support manufacturers that achieve sustainable practices	5	
	5		MATERIALS C5.10	Support sustainability in plant production	Option 1: Advocate for sustainable plant production	1	1 to 5
					Option 2: Support producers that disclose data on sustainable practices	3	
					Option 3: Support producers that achieve sustainable practices	5	

2	23	4	6: SITE DESIGN - HUMAN HEALTH + WELL-BEING				Possible Points:	30
2			HHWB C6.1	Protect and maintain cultural and historic places (project must have existing feature)	No cultural or historic places present on site			
					Option 1: Historic buildings, structures, or objects	2	2 to 3	
					Option 2: Historic or cultural landscapes	3		
	2		HHWB C6.2	Provide optimum site accessibility, safety, and wayfinding		2	2	
	2		HHWB C6.3	Promote equitable site use		2	2	
	2		HHWB C6.4	Support mental restoration		2	2	
	2		HHWB C6.5	Support physical activity		2	2	
	2		HHWB C6.6	Support social connection		2	2	
0		4	HHWB C6.7	Provide on-site food production	Option 1: Food production	3	3 to 4	
					Option 2: Food production and regular distribution	4		
	4		HHWB C6.8	Reduce light pollution		4	4	
	4		HHWB C6.9	Encourage fuel efficient and multi-modal transportation		4	4	
	2		HHWB C6.10	Minimize exposure to environmental tobacco smoke	Option 1: Designate smoke-free zones	1	1 to 2	
					Option 2: Prohibit smoking on site	2		
	3		HHWB C6.11	Support local economy		3	3	

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bottom)

YES	?	NO	PREREQUISITE OR CREDIT #	TITLE	CASE / OPTION / THRESHOLD	POINTS	POSSIBLE POINTS PER CREDIT
0	17	0	<b>7: CONSTRUCTION</b>				<b>Possible Points: 17</b>
Y			<b>CONSTRUCTION P7.1</b>	Communicate and verify sustainable construction practices			
Y			<b>CONSTRUCTION P7.2</b>	Control and retain construction pollutants			
Y			<b>CONSTRUCTION P7.3</b>	Restore soils disturbed during construction			
	5		<b>CONSTRUCTION C7.4</b>	Restore soils disturbed by previous development	low point score	3	<b>3 to 5</b>
					mid point score	4	
					high point score	5	
	4		<b>CONSTRUCTION C7.5</b>	Divert construction and demolition materials from disposal	50% of structural materials + 95% of roads / infrastructure materials	3	<b>3 to 4</b>
					75% of structural materials + 95% of roads / infrastructure materials	4	
	4		<b>CONSTRUCTION C7.6</b>	Divert reusable vegetation, rocks, and soil from disposal	100% of land-clearing materials retained for use within 50 miles	3	<b>3 to 4</b>
					100% of land-clearing materials retained on site	4	
	4		<b>CONSTRUCTION C7.7</b>	Protect air quality during construction	50% total run-time hours from Tier 2 or higher engines	2	<b>2 to 4</b>
					50% total run-time hours from Tier 3 or higher engines	3	
					50% total run-time hours from Tier 4 or higher engines	4	

0	22	0	<b>8. OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE</b>				<b>Possible Points: 22</b>
Y			<b>O+M P8.1</b>	Plan for sustainable site maintenance			
Y			<b>O+M P8.2</b>	Provide for storage and collection of recyclables			
	5		<b>O+M C8.3</b>	Recycle organic matter	100% of vegetation trimmings recycled / composted off site within 50 miles	3	<b>3 to 5</b>
					100% of vegetation trimmings recycled / composted on site	4	
					100% of vegetation trimmings + food waste recycled / composted on site	5	
	5		<b>O+M C8.4</b>	Minimize pesticide and fertilizer use	Option 1: Plant health care plan	4	<b>4 to 5</b>
					Option 2: Best management practices for plant health care	5	
	4		<b>O+M C8.5</b>	Reduce outdoor energy consumption	30% reduction from baseline energy use for outdoor equipment	2	<b>2 to 4</b>
					60% reduction from baseline energy use for outdoor equipment	3	
					90% reduction from baseline energy use for outdoor equipment	4	
	4		<b>O+M C8.6</b>	Use renewable sources for landscape electricity needs	Option 1: On-site - 50% annual outdoor site electricity	3	<b>3 to 4</b>
					Option 1: On-site - 100% annual outdoor site electricity	4	
					Option 2: Green power - 50% annual outdoor site electricity	3	
					Option 2: Green power - 100% annual outdoor site electricity	4	
	4		<b>O+M C8.7</b>	Protect air quality during landscape maintenance	Option 1: Scheduled maintenance	2	<b>2 to 4</b>
					Option 2: Low-emitting equipment	3	
					Option 3: Manual or electric powered maintenance equipment	4	

0	11	0	<b>9. EDUCATION + PERFORMANCE MONITORING</b>				<b>Possible Points: 11</b>
	4		<b>EDUCATION C9.1</b>	Promote sustainability awareness and education	Option 1: Educational and interpretive elements	3	<b>3 to 4</b>
					Option 2: Additional education	4	
	3		<b>EDUCATION C9.2</b>	Develop and communicate a case study		3	<b>3</b>



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YES	?	NO	PREREQUISITE OR CREDIT #	TITLE	CASE / OPTION / THRESHOLD		
	4		EDUCATION C9.3	Plan to monitor and report site performance		4	4

0	9	0	10. INNOVATION OR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE				Possible Bonus Points:	9
	9		INNOVATION C10.1 (BONUS POINTS)	Innovation or exemplary performance	Option 1: Exemplary performance	3	3 to 9	
					Option 2: Innovation outside the SITES v2 Rating System	3		

YES	?	NO							
12	172	21	TOTAL ESTIMATED POINTS					Total Possible Points:	200

KEY		SITES Certification levels		Points
YES	Project confident points are achievable	CERTIFIED		70
?	Project striving to achieve points, not 100% confident	SILVER		85
NO	Project is unable to achieve these credit points	GOLD		100
		PLATINUM		135

# Appendix B

# Ecological Assessment



## **Glendale Regional Park Master Plan Ecological Assessment**

**September 21, 2021**

RiverRestoration conducted a site visit of the Glendale Regional Park on August 23, 2021, to evaluate the current ecological conditions of the project area and to determine what features should be retained for ecological reasons. This inventory resulted in the identification of mature sycamore within the park, other mature trees along 1700 South, and river edge habitats that should be retained. Areas for potential enhancement were also identified and include all existing riparian forest and a buffer of 50-300' from the river. Areas closer to the river are likely to be closer to the groundwater, thus representing opportunities for riparian enhancement with less long-term need for irrigation.

The irrigation system was tested and determined to be mostly out of commission and in need of replacement. The connection to service was identified in the northeast corner of the project area for future irrigation infrastructure. City staff will evaluate and install a temporary system to existing trees along the park strip on 1700 South. The sycamores and river edge trees are likely to be in contact with the shallow groundwater and it is recommended that a few shallow groundwater monitoring wells be installed when machinery is on site.

The local and regional context was evaluated to determine if there are any adjacent City properties that would enhance the ecological functioning of this area and several local enhancement projects were identified. Additionally, students from Glendale Middle School have previously provided stewardship for areas just downstream of the project and Jordan River Park. The future stewardship of the natural areas in the vicinity of the project should involve local schools and community partners.

The Jordan River upstream of the project was also observed to identify opportunities for a broader connection to the river both up and downstream. Development of on-water opportunities is one of the highest values of the site from a stewardship perspective. Locations up and downstream of the project were mapped and are provided as a KML file.

Photos were taken of the site and noxious weeds were identified for treatment and control. City Natural Open Space staff committed to aggressive treatment of puncturevine across the site and stated they would deploy these resources in August. Plans for the trimming of vegetation and removal of garbage and debris stuck in the Russian olive along the river edge were also discussed and will be completed over the winter by City staff.



## Current Ecological Conditions

The current state of the riparian forest in and around the project area is in a degraded condition. Some of the existing large trees within the project area have a high value, since they are well established and seem to be healthy.

The trees along the Jordan River are mostly pioneer invasive trees and shrubs, primarily Russian olives. While these trees are considered invasive, complete removal of these trees would adversely impact riparian birds in the area due to loss of habitat and cover.

We propose that the Russian olives along the riverbank be retained until an irrigation system and native riparian forest can be planned and implemented. Any removal of trees should occur outside the nesting season for resident and migratory birds [preferably September through February].

Map 1 shows areas of existing riparian tress that could be retained. Only the sycamore trees should be considered to absolutely protect in place, since they are mature, well-established, and healthy. The remaining groves of trees can be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for phased removal or replacement with planted and irrigated multi-layer riparian areas.

The demo of existing infrastructure provides opportunity to repurpose the low-lying areas with riparian vegetation, improving the riparian buffer and enhancing ecological education opportunities. We propose that the old wave pool (east side of the project) be repurposed into a wetland/riparian zone. Further opportunities exist to connect the east of the wave pool to the current boat launch/take out with native plant species and interactive and educational signs.

The existing trees along the park strip at the north of the project area should be preserved, with the irrigation system re-established to maintain this important buffer from 1700 south.

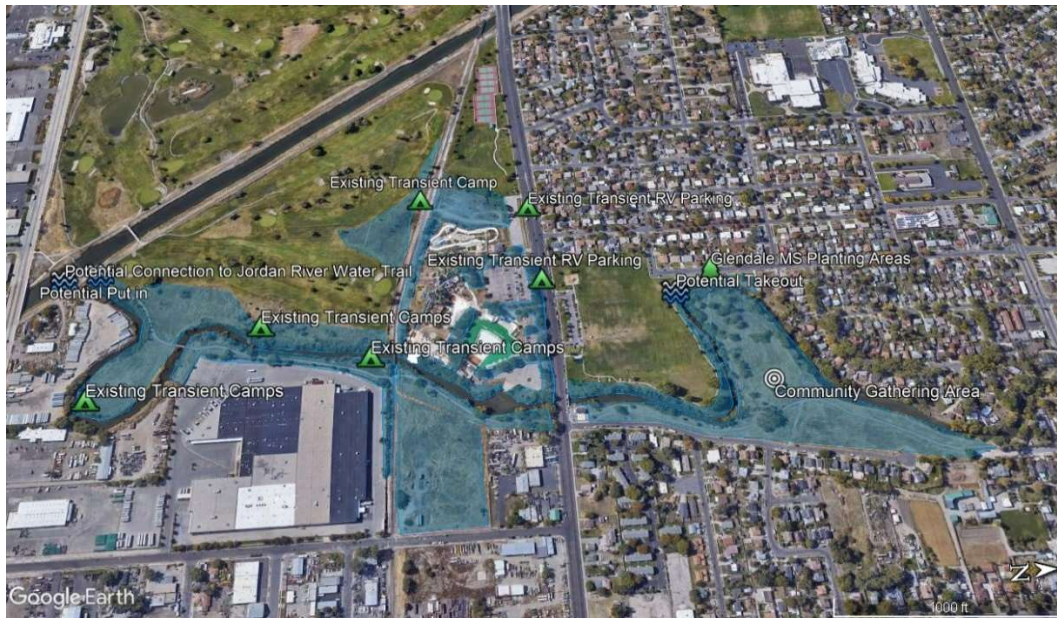


*Map 1. Local ecological areas of importance.*

## Local and Regional Connections

The Glendale Regional Park is in a central part of Salt Lake City but is also centrally located along the riparian corridor of the Jordan River, which provides a key connection of riparian habitats for resident and migratory birds.

The site is located along the flyway between Utah Lake and Great Salt Lake and provides a potential stopover location for resting migratory birds. There is also potential for increased areas of higher quality riparian habitat with a multi-canopy layer structure. Robust riparian habitats consist of canopy's that could have several layers of complexity including large trees, small trees and shrubs, grasses, and forbs [flowers]. This multi-layer structure is beneficial for creating a diverse ecosystem that will be more resilient to future changes in climate and ecosystem processes. Surrounding regional areas that are owned by SLC adjacent to the golf course and in other open areas offer great opportunity to be enhanced for riparian functioning and flood capacity.



*Map 2. Regional ecologically important areas*

## Site Preparation

We recommend that treatments are conducted on invasive species in preparation for future disturbances. The main focal species for control include puncturevine and Russian olive.

Use the proper herbicide to control puncturevine across the hillside. Much of the puncturevine is located up on the hill with the slides. Treatments should occur 2-3 times a year, starting in August 2021 [stated verbally on site with meeting], follow up treatments should be conducted starting in June/July 2022, depending on the weather and phenology of the plants.

An initial trimming of the Russian olive along the river should be conducted from a boat in fall 2021 to free up garbage and debris that have become stuck in the low-hanging branches. A floating oil boom or turbidity curtain can be installed across the river at the existing boat ramp to gather and remove floating garbage and debris.

## Potential Access Areas

River access can be developed by creating easier entry for canoes and kayaks. The water quality is an issue, so swimming should be discouraged, but as the water quality may be better in the future, water access should not be completely cut off. Additional small boat access locations should be evaluated to create a more local scale river recreation circulation pattern. The figures below provide some ideas for river access that does not encourage swimming.



*Figure 1. Jordan River access steps at Big Bend Habitat in West Jordan, UT*





*Figure 2. Jordan River Big Bend Habitat canoe access in West Jordan, UT*



*Figure 3. Price River in Helper, UT river access beach*





*Figure 4. Price River access steps in Helper, UT*



*Figure 5. Ogden River ADA fishing access pier in Ogden, UT*





*Figure 6. Ogden River ADA access ramp in Ogden, UT*



*Figure 6. River overlook in the Pacific Northwest*



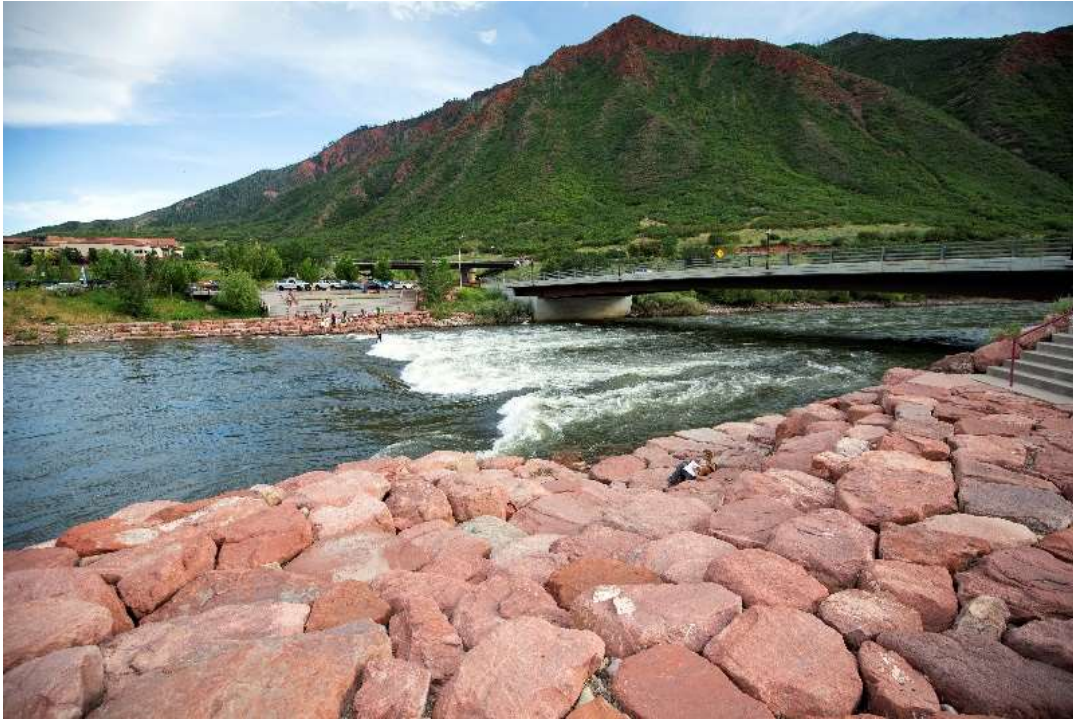


Figure 7. Colorado River overlook in Glendale Springs, CO

## Conclusion

The main conclusions of the site visit provide direction for the near-term management of invasive species on the site in preparation for future disturbance of the project site for development of the regional park.

Managing invasive species on the site for 2-3 years before the site disturbance will reduce the number and pervasiveness of invasive species and will also begin to develop a human presence in the area doing maintenance, thus reducing the perception of the area as abandoned.

The Glendale Regional Park offers great opportunity to improve and expand the ecological function of the riparian habitat along the Jordan River. Mature vegetation should be protected, irrigation throughout the site reinitiated, and a process to phase out nonnative trees should be implemented in conjunction with planting native riparian plants.

The central location of the project site offers great opportunity to connect with the surrounding environment, provide the community areas to recreate in nature, and provide high quality habitat for resident and migratory birds.

# Appendix C

# Restortation Plan



**2022**

**Glendale Regional Park**  
**Restoration &**  
**Noxious Weed**  
**Management Plan**

**Developed as part of the Jordan River Commission  
Best Practices for Riverfront Communities**

**Primary Focus Area  
Glendale Regional Park Project**



**PURPOSE:**

This document was created to provide guidance for an Adaptive Management Strategy to control noxious and invasive plant species at the Glendale Regional Park Project in Salt Lake City, Utah. This document represents a template that can be used on other sites along the Jordan River in Salt Lake City, where site specific data on noxious weed locations can be used to develop site specific action plans. Overall, our goal is to improve the management of these lands for the benefit of people and wildlife by reducing the cover of noxious and invasive plants and increasing the cover of native and desirable plants. The following recommendations may need to be changed based upon site specific needs and resources that are available. Any and all use of herbicides must be done by licensed applicators and those applicators must read, understand, and follow label requirements for the use of herbicides.

**Weed Control Instructions and Best Practices:**

1. Always use the proper methods to deal with the plant species on your project;
2. Always read the label for any herbicides that will be used and follow specific requirements;
3. Be familiar with the target species, control methods, and appropriate follow up methods to ensure success;
4. Take proper precautions in protecting your personal health and safety and the health of the environment;
5. Ensure weather conditions are appropriate for the use of any herbicides;
6. Post signs were appropriate to alert the public about the use of any herbicides;
7. Collect as much information as possible on treatment areas such as: location of treatments, timing of treatments, follow up actions required to ensure success;
8. AND only use herbicides where you have obtained express consent from the land owner to conduct treatments.

## **HOW TO** - Five Step Approach:

### **Prevention**

- Prioritize invasive species control where recent or future land disturbance is anticipated
- Identify pathways or “vectors” of invasive species introduction and spread and try to understand the potential impact of those species on native ecosystems
- Work with surrounding land owners to reduce spread from surrounding properties

### **Early detection and rapid response**

- Use this guidance document to improve detection and identification of invasive plant species
- Document occurrence of new species not included in this plan yearly using EDDMaps
- Coordinate response efforts to eradicate species before establishment and spread with all stakeholders working within and adjacent to the Big Bend

### **Control and management**

- Follow both short- and long-term recommendations in this Big Bend Restoration Plan to restore and enhance native and desirable plants that will withstand future changes in weather and climate
- Limit spread of existing infestations by targeted eradication or population suppression (using mechanical, biological, and chemical methods)
- Implement a variety of methods to improve the outcomes of treatments (i.e. Integrated Pest Management Approach)
- Work with surrounding land owners to control surrounding invasive species populations

### **Revegetation**

- Select site adapted species of plants that can compete against invasive weeds once established
- Develop site specific plans for installation of “habitat patches” of riparian plants based upon local soils and access to surface and groundwater
- Seed any disturbed areas soon after disturbance has ceased and make sure to properly prepare soils for seeding
- Follow up on any revegetation actions for at least five years to ensure establishment of new plants

### **Monitoring**

- Monitor before and after control methods to ensure progress is being made on controlling existing infestations and new infestations are not becoming established

### **Site Specific Indications for the Glendale Regional Park**

Based upon site assessments completed in the late summer of 2021 and spring of 2022, it appears that there are only a few areas that need aggressive weed control for hoary cress, Scotch thistle, and puncturevine. The treatments that occurred in 2021 appear to have been effective at reducing the cover and seed production of the puncturevine on the big hill. Additional work was done along the riverbanks to reduce the cover of Russian olives.

Treatments proposed for summer and fall of 2022 include follow up on the work completed in 2021 and aggressive treatment of secondary invasion of hoary cress and phragmites in areas along the riverbanks where Russian olive was cut down. The remaining material left from the Russian olive cutting should be retained on site to protect any new plants from wind and sun. The branches remaining can be piled into small windrows and hoary cress and phragmites should be treated as soon as possible.

Areas identified for future riparian forests should be planted with container plants with drip irrigation this fall (November 2022). Areas where Russian olive was removed should be the top priority for restoration of riparian forests to return the multi-layer canopy for nesting and migratory birds, while considering issues with transient camps in the area.

Aggressive chemical control of noxious weeds adjacent to all disturbance areas should also be a high priority. These are the most likely places for spread of noxious and invasive plants. These areas should also be seeded soon after the disturbance ceases (generally within 2 weeks any time of the year). Seeding with an inexpensive grass and forb mix should be done any time disturbances occur throughout the project lifecycle to reduce the opportunity for noxious and invasive plants to take over and dominate. This is cheap insurance and will reduce the potential need for chemicals to be used on the site in the future.

Habitat improvements are a key goal of the Project and phasing the project's construction will reduce potential impacts to the site's current wildlife population. Phasing the project will limit the amount of area that will be disturbed at any one time. Portions of the site will be left undisturbed during the initial phases of construction to provide habitat. This applies particularly to habitat for migratory song birds. Partners working along the Jordan River Corridor have recommended a phased approach for removal of Russian olives, which serve as habitat for migratory and resident bird species. Russian olive should be left on portions of the site that are not part of the initial phases and riparian plants should be planted into Russian olive stands, where the shade from the existing invasive trees will help with establishment of new forests. As native plants mature, the remainder of the Russian olives can be removed and replaced with the appropriate native species. There will be an ongoing need for maintenance of the site to prevent Russian olives (and other noxious species) from re-establishing in areas where they have been removed. Secondary invasion of hoary cress and phragmites should also be monitored and treated in these areas.



The following noxious and invasive weed species have been observed on or adjacent to the Glendale Regional Park:

- Hoary cress
- Scotch thistle
- Poison hemlock
- Houndstongue
- Russian olive
- Dyer's woad
- Perennial pepperweed
- Dalmatian toadflax
- Common reed
- Tamarisk
- Russian knapweed
- Puncturevine

The primary objective of noxious weed control is to selectively reduce the cover and abundance of noxious and invasive plants across the site. This work is being accomplished mostly by mechanical and chemical control of herbaceous plants and through physical removal of invasive Russian olive and tamarisk trees. Site management should focus on phasing the removal of these trees over several years and installation of native and desirable plant species to retain the beneficial aspects of the riparian cover, i.e. a multi-story canopy.

The main objective of this Plan is to reduce the cover of invasive species over time so that the entire site does not have to be treated at the time of major construction. Removal of invasive trees can be conducted at the same time as crews and volunteers are installing native riparian trees, shrubs, forbs, and grasses in small patches. The installation of new plants will reduce the "temporal loss" of riparian habitat in the area during major construction activity phases. The major challenge with this phase is providing sufficient water to the plants to make sure they become established.

Another objective of this Plan is to reduce the number of seeds and propagules of noxious plants such as thistle, whitetop, Russian olive, and puncturevine.

The following matrix provides some guidance for treatments and timing for each noxious and invasive weed species found on the Glendale Regional Park or along the Jordan River corridor close to the site.

Glendale Regional Park Action Plan Summary 2022-2023			2022												2023											
	Status	Responsibility	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Monitoring																										
Vegetation																										
Monitor weedy upland areas						X				X								X				X				
Monitor riparian areas						X				X								X				X				
Count planting success										X												X				
Management																										
Water																										
Initial watering of plants								X	X	X	X	X														
Irrigation of plants																		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Vegetation																										
Fencing and Protecting installed vegetation												X	X										X	X	X	
Installation of Habitat Patches												X	X										X	X	X	
Seeding of areas adjacent to disturbances					X	X	X					X	X	X				X	X					X	X	
Mow annual weeds and thistles						X		X		X		X						X	X	X	X	X	X			
Field meeting with herbicide applicator						X	X			X							X					X				
Herbicide use in upland areas						X	X											X	X				X	X		
Herbicide use in riparian areas							X			X	X	X						X				X	X	X		
Chemical control hoary cress						X	X			X								X	X				X			
Chemical control poison hemlock						X	X			X								X	X				X			
Chemical control thistle						X	X			X	X							X	X				X	X		
Chemical control phragmites										X	X												X	X		
Chemical control perennial pepperweed						X												X								
Wildlife																										
No removal of trees to protect nesting birds					X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Herbivory check on any planted vegetation						X		X			X							X		X			X			

### **Restoration Plants**

The following species have been selected for seeding or planting in small patches. These species were derived from observations of native riparian habitats by Ty Harrison over the last half-century. Irrigation is needed regularly for successful establishment of these plants.

Common Name	Scientific Name
RIPARIAN TREES AND SHRUBS	
Fremont Cottonwood	<i>Populus fremontii</i>
Box Elder	<i>Acre negundo</i>
Peachleaf Willow	<i>Salix amygdaloides</i>
Black Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus douglasii</i>
Coyote Willow	<i>Salix exigua</i>
Woods Rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>
Oakleaf Sumac	<i>Rhus aromatica</i> var. <i>trilobata</i>
Golden Currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>
UPLAND SHRUBS	
Big Sagebrush	<i>Artemisia tridentata</i> var. <i>tridentata</i>
Rubber Rabbitbrush	<i>Chrysothamnus nauseosus</i>
Greasewood	<i>Sarcobatus vermiculatus</i>
Fourwing Saltbush	<i>Atriplex canescens</i>
Gardner's Saltbush	<i>Atriplex gardneri</i>



Recommended Seed Mixes		
Species Scientific Name	Species Common Name	Percent desired cover at maturity
Emergent Wetland Mix		
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Common cattail	40
<i>Scirpus acutis</i>	Hardstem or Roundstem bullrush	40
<i>S. americanus</i>	American threesquare	10
<i>S. pungens</i>	Common threesquare	10
<i>S. maritimus</i>	Alkali bullrush	5
<i>Senecio hydrophilus</i>	Water groundsel	2
<i>Triglochin</i> sp	Arrowgrass	2
Wet Meadow		
<i>Eleocharis palustris</i>	Creeping spikerush	20
<i>Juncus torreyi</i>	Torrey rush	20
<i>Carex nebrascensis</i>	Nebraska sedge	20
<i>C. lanuginosa</i>	Wooly sedge	20
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Inland saltgrass	10
Mesic Meadow		
<i>Juncus arcticus</i>	Wiregrass or Arctic rush	30
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Inland saltgrass	10
<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>	Western wheatgrass	30
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	Alkali saccaton	10
<i>Puccinellia nuttalliana</i>	Nuttall's alkaligrass	10
<i>C. praeegracilis</i>	Black creeper sedge	10
<i>Solidago occidentalis</i>	Western goldenrod	10
Upland Mix		
<i>Pascopyrum smithii</i>	Western wheatgrass	30
<i>Leymus cinereus</i>	Great Basin wildrye	20
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Inland saltgrass	10
<i>Poa secunda (sandbergii)</i>	Sandberg bluegrass	10
<i>Festuca ovina 'Covar'</i>	Sheep fescue	10
<i>Cleome serrulata</i>	Rocky Mountain beeweed	5
<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i>	Scarlet globemallow	5
<i>Linium lewisii</i>	Lewis blue flax	5

## Weed treatment tracking form:

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# Appendix D

# Market Study





## Glendale Regional Park Demographic and Market Study September, 2021

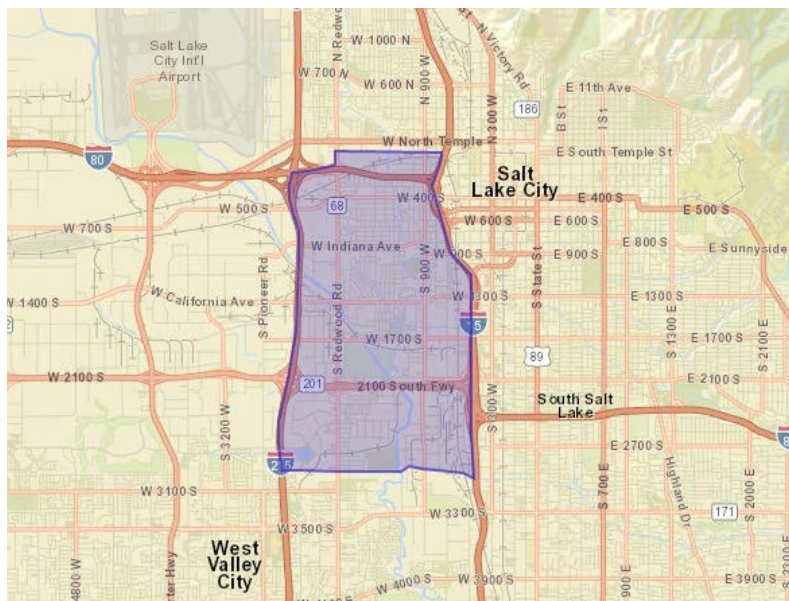
This study assesses and analyzes demographic characteristics of the areas surrounding the Glendale Regional Park project site. As part of the process, primary and secondary market areas were defined and confirmed with project stakeholders. These market areas served as the geographic focus area of the analysis and were compared to demographic trends at the County level. Key questions answered through the analysis include:

- What is the primary and secondary market area that the Park could expect to draw visitor from?
- What are the demographic and populations trends within the primary and secondary market areas?
- What is the population that the Park could be serving?
- What does recreational trends data inform regarding potential gaps or opportunities?

### Primary and Secondary Market Area

#### Primary Market Area

The primary market area, depicted in Figure 1, is where 60 to 80 percent of all park users are anticipated to be drawn from and includes users who will frequent the Park on a near weekly basis. The primary market area identified for this analysis lies between Interstate 215 and Interstate 15 and extends south of West South Temple Street and north of West 2900 Street. Neighborhoods that fall in the primary market area include Chesterfield, Western Pacific Addition, Redwood Gardens, Klenkes Addition, Wenco Acres, Albert Place, Whaldons Addition, Poplar Grove and Wright Circle. Other parks and public outdoor spaces located in the primary market area include Decker Lake Park, Redwood Nature Area, Redwood Trailhead Park, 17<sup>th</sup> South River Park, Weseman Park, Modesto Park, 9<sup>th</sup> South River Park, Post Street Tot Lot, Bend-In-The-River, Jordan Park and Peace Gardens, Jordan River Parkway, Poplar Grove Park and Sherwood Park.



## Secondary Market Area

The secondary market area, illustrated in Figure 2, is where 20 to 40 percent of all park users are anticipated to be drawn from and includes users who treat the Park as a destination, going there for a specific purpose or activities. Salt Lake City was identified as the secondary market area and was analyzed as a buffer zone to encompass a broader reach of the region and capture residents who may visit the Park less frequently than those in the primary market area. The area north of 2100 South Freeway within the primary market area lies within the Salt Lake City boundary. As a result, data extracted for the secondary market area also includes data within the section of the primary market area north of 2100 South Freeway. The primary and secondary markets were compared to Salt Lake County to better understand the relative demographic differences of the market area in the context of the region.

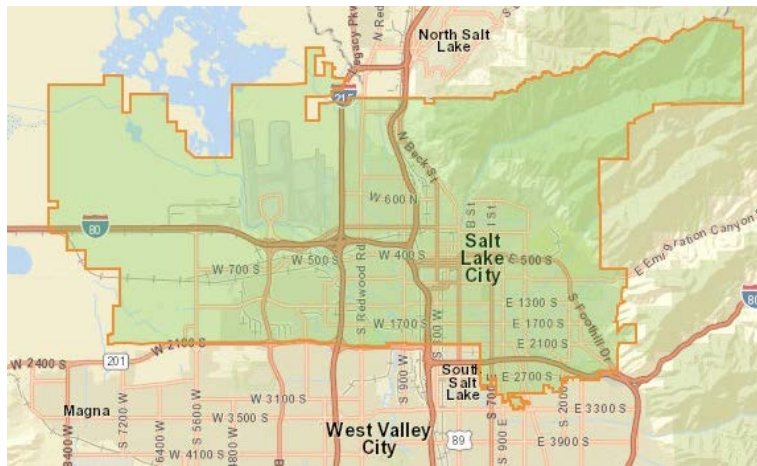


Figure 2: Secondary Market Area. Source ESRI Business Analyst

## Population and Households

Table 1 shows the total population estimates for each area of study in 2010, 2021, and 2026 extracted from ESRI Business Analyst. The 2021 total population in the primary market area is 29,525 and the population in the secondary market area is 204,380. Between 2010 and 2021, the population within the primary market area has grown by 4.07 percent while the population in the secondary market area grew by 9.65 percent. Growth within both primary and secondary market areas was less than that of the County, which grew by 17.3 percent since 2010. Over the next five years (2021-2026) population in the primary market area is expected to grow by 3.54 percent, reaching a total population of 30,571 in 2026. The population in the secondary market area is expected to see slightly higher growth over the next five years, growing by 8.65 percent to reach a total population of 222,029 in 2026.

Population	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
2010 Total Population	28,369	186,399	1,029,655
2021 Total Population	29,525	204,380	1,207,807
2026 Total Population	30,571	222,029	1,298,444

Table 1. Total Population Estimates. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

Total household estimates, household size, and family statistics are depicted in Table 2. Between 2010 and 2021 households in the primary market area have grown by 3.7 percent, increasing from 7,982 to 8,277. The growth in households in the primary market area is less than that of the secondary market area (11.68 percent) and that of Salt Lake County (17.1 percent). Household growth between 2021 and 2026 is expected to slow to 3.2 percent in the primary market area, 9.51 percent in the secondary market area and 7.5 percent in Salt Lake County. In 2026 there is projected to be 8,542 total households in the primary market area and 91,106 households in the secondary market area.

Current average household size in the primary market area (3.54 persons) is larger than that in the secondary market area (2.4 persons) and that of Salt Lake County (2.97 persons). This is consistent with a higher number of family household within the primary market area (70.63 percent) than in both the secondary market area (49.47 percent) and

in Salt Lake County (69.66 percent). Of the families within each area of study, average family sizes are larger in the primary market area (4.1 persons) than the secondary market area (3.27 persons) and Salt Lake County (3.55 persons). The primary market area's high concentration of families has several implications the future of Glendale Regional Park, including ensuring that park programming, both physical and event, is appropriate for children of varying ages.

Households & Families	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
<b>Total Households</b>			
2010 Total Households	7,982	74,493	342,622
2021 Total Households	8,277	83,197	401,195
2026 Total Households	8,542	91,106	431,279
<b>Household Size</b>			
2021 Average Household Size	3.54	2.40	2.97
<b>Families</b>			
2021 Total Family Households	5,846	41,157	279,462
2021 Total Family Households (%)	70.63%	49.47%	69.66%
2021 Average Family Size	4.10	3.27	3.55

Table 2. Household and Family Estimates. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

## Age

The 2021 median age and the distribution of ages for the primary market area, secondary market area, and Salt Lake County is depicted in Table 3. The median age in the primary market area is 29, slightly younger than that of the secondary market area (33) and that of Salt Lake County (33). Median ages in 2026 are expected to be roughly the same as 2021 across all areas of study. The primary market area is significantly younger than the secondary market area and Salt Lake County, with residents 19 and under comprising 36.52 percent of the population. The proportion of the total population that is under 19 in the secondary market area is 21.77 percent, which is lower than the primary market area and Salt Lake County (27.85 percent). The largest age group in the primary market area is between 0 and 9, which consists of 19.78 percent of the total population, followed by age groups between 10 and 19 and between 30 and 39, which consist of 16.74 percent and 16.33 percent of the population, respectively. The high ratio of children in the primary market area indicates a high concentration of families in the region. The largest age cohort in the secondary market area is between 20 and 29, indicating that there is an overall younger demographic in this region that may enter family formation years (30-39) within the next decade.

Total Population	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
0-9	19.78%	12.93%	16.17%
10-19	16.74%	11.91%	14.40%
20-29	15.29%	19.05%	14.45%
30-39	16.33%	17.60%	16.72%
40-49	11.40%	11.63%	12.47%
50-59	8.81%	9.80%	9.72%
60-69	6.44%	8.84%	8.60%
70-79	3.54%	5.25%	4.99%
80+	1.67%	2.99%	2.46%
Median Age	28.9	33.1	32.9

Table 3. Population by Age Group. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

## Household Income and Wealth

The 2021 median household income, projected median household income growth, and concentration of specific household income brackets are shown in Table 4. The 2021 median household income in the primary market area is \$50,508, which is less than that of the secondary market area (\$63,364) and that of Salt Lake County (\$80,897). The primary market area is also expected to see less growth in median household income (12.18 percent) than in the secondary market area (19.14 percent) and Salt Lake County (13.59 percent) between 2021 and 2026. Table 5 delineates the median disposable income and the percent of the total households in each area of study corresponding to specific disposable income ranges as of 2021. The median disposable income in the primary market area is



\$42,262, which is less than that of the secondary market area (\$52,690) and that of Salt Lake County (\$63,344). Income distributions for both median and disposable income levels are skewed towards lower income levels in the primary market area while those in the secondary market area and Salt Lake County form a more normal distribution around the median income level. This indicates that income levels are lower in the primary market area than the secondary market area or the county. Given this distinction, the Park will better suit the primary market through low or no cost activities for both adults and children. There is a need for the implementation of programming such as free fitness classes or facilities that can supplement recreational demands of the community for little to no cost. If concessions are implemented, then they should be priced appropriately.

2021 Household Income	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
Median Household Income	\$50,508	\$63,364	\$80,897
2021 to 2026 Median Household Income Growth	12.18%	19.14%	13.59%
\$200,000 or greater	1.98%	8.43%	8.49%
\$150,000-\$199,999	3.25%	6.88%	10.09%
\$100,000-\$149,999	9.70%	15.94%	20.91%
\$75,000-\$99,999	15.05%	12.51%	14.92%
\$50,000-\$74,999	20.67%	16.50%	17.58%
\$35,000-\$49,999	15.43%	11.11%	9.96%
\$25,000-\$34,999	11.33%	8.39%	6.17%
\$15,000-\$24,999	11.31%	7.94%	5.40%
Less than \$15,000	11.27%	12.29%	6.49%

Table 4. Household Income Concentrations. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

2021 Disposable Income	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
Median Disposable Income	\$42,262	\$52,690	\$63,344
\$200,000 or greater	0.85%	3.76%	3.73%
\$150,000-\$199,999	1.15%	4.58%	4.75%
\$100,000-\$149,999	7.20%	13.30%	18.24%
\$75,000-\$99,999	8.13%	11.51%	15.04%
\$50,000-\$74,999	24.80%	20.00%	22.57%
\$35,000-\$49,999	18.46%	14.23%	14.04%
\$25,000-\$34,999	12.50%	9.10%	7.37%
\$15,000-\$24,999	13.64%	9.88%	6.82%
Less than \$15,000	13.27%	13.64%	7.44%

Table 5. Disposable Income Concentrations. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

Depicted in Table 5 is the Wealth Index for the primary market area, secondary market area, and Salt Lake County. The Wealth Index is a metric used to compare overall wealth of communities to the national level. Esri Business Analyst measures wealth by compiling a variety of metrics that contribute to affluence, including income, average net worth, and material possessions and resources. The index compares the wealth calculated for selected areas to the average national wealth levels. Wealth indexes above 100 indicate wealth levels above the national average, while those below 100 indicate wealth levels below the national average. The wealth index in the primary market area is 47, indicating that the area has lower amounts of wealth when compared to the national average. The secondary market area has a wealth index of 85, which is slightly lower than the national average, while Salt Lake County has a wealth index of 105, which is higher than the national average. This indicates that in terms of income and personal assets, the primary market area holds the lowest level of wealth out of the three areas studied. Given the low wealth index of the primary market area, it is likely that the majority of the population in this region do not have adequate resources to pay for, or use, the same recreational facilities as those of a higher wealth index community. For this reason, programs should not be priced at a level suitable to the other areas of study, instead low cost or free programs should be offered so that those with lower incomes have access to desired recreational facilities and programs.

Wealth Index	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
2021 Wealth Index	47	85	105

Table 5. Wealth Index. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

## Housing

Table 6 illustrates the composition of housing units that are either renter or owner occupied as of 2021. Currently there are 8,277 occupied housing units in the primary market area, of which 4,560 (55.09 percent) are owner occupied and 3,717 (44.91 percent) are renter occupied. Compared to the primary market area, there is a higher concentration of renter occupied units in the secondary market area (54.08 percent) and a smaller concentration of renter occupied units in Salt Lake County (33.78 percent). Table 7 depicts the concentration of housing type and number of units in the housing structure within each area of study as of 2019. The majority of housing units in all areas of study are single unit detached structures. Unlike the that of the primary market area and Salt Lake County, the second largest concentration of housing types, making up 14.05 percent of total housing in the secondary market area, consists of buildings that hold 50 or more units.

Tenure 2021	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
Total Occupied	8,277	83,197	401,195
Owner Occupied Housing Units	4,560	38,203	265,687
Renter Occupied Housing Units	3,717	44,994	135,508
2021 Owner Occupied Housing Units (%)	55.09%	45.92%	66.22%
2021 Renter Occupied Housing Units (%)	44.91%	54.08%	33.78%

Table 6. Tenure of occupied housing. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

2019 Housing Type (Percent)	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
1 Detached Unit in Structure	60.42%	46.42%	62.62%
1 Attached Unit in Structure	5.55%	3.24%	7.19%
2 Units in Structure	7.16%	6.57%	2.94%
3 or 4 Units in Structure	5.19%	6.62%	3.91%
5 to 9 Units in Structure	4.35%	5.06%	4.23%
10 to 19 Units in Structure	8.10%	6.90%	5.81%
20 to 49 Units in Structure	4.01%	9.91%	5.31%
50 or More Units in Structure	1.59%	14.05%	5.99%
Housing: Mobile Homes	3.63%	0.95%	1.94%
Housing: Boat/RV/ Van/etc.	0.00%	0.28%	0.07%

Table 7. Tenure of occupied housing. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

Table 8 delineates the proportion of all housing units as of 2019 by year built. The median year built of housing units within the primary market area is 1968, which is newer than the median home age in the secondary market and older than that of Salt Lake County. The majority of housing units in the primary market (16.89 percent) were built between 1950 and 1959 while the majority of the households within the secondary market (29.08 percent) were built in 1939 or earlier. Salt Lake County holds a higher concentration of buildings built in 1970 or later.

Housing Unit Development Year	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
Median Year Structure was Built	1968	1959	1981
2014 or Later	0.31%	2.98%	4.47%
2010-2013	0.41%	2.30%	4.24%
2000-2009	10.93%	6.65%	14.92%
1990-1999	12.57%	7.36%	15.20%
1980-1989	10.39%	7.69%	12.95%
1970-1979	13.04%	12.06%	18.90%
1960-1969	12.96%	9.97%	8.88%
1950-1959	16.89%	13.22%	8.88%
1940-1949	8.15%	8.70%	3.55%
1939 or Earlier	14.36%	29.08%	8.01%

Table 8. Tenure of occupied housing. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

Illustrated in Table 9, the median contract rent in the primary market area is \$900, which is greater than that of the secondary market area (\$889), and less than that of Salt Lake County (\$993). Monthly ownership costs as of 2019 for households that pay a mortgage are depicted in Table 10. Of the households with a mortgage, most ownership costs typically lie within 10 to 30 percent of household income. Ownership costs that exceed 50 percent of household income within the primary market area consist of 8.38 percent of total households with a mortgage, which is greater than that

of the secondary market area (5.56 percent) and that of Salt Lake County (5.75 percent). This indicates that the primary market area is faced with higher housing cost burdens than other areas. Glendale Park can assist households in the primary market area by offering low cost or free programming, thereby eliminating, or reducing recreation related expenses.

Contract Rent	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
2019 Median Contract Rent	\$900	\$889	\$993

Table 9. Median Contract Rent. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

2019 Monthly Ownership Costs of Households with a Mortgage (Percent)	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
Monthly Owner Costs < 10% of HH Income	4.89%	6.34%	5.32%
Monthly Owner Costs 10-14.9% of HH Income	11.40%	12.61%	12.69%
Monthly Owner Costs 15-19.9% of HH Income	11.51%	14.57%	16.18%
Monthly Owner Costs 20-24.9% of HH Income	11.81%	11.54%	12.39%
Monthly Owner Costs 25-29.9% of HH Income	9.42%	6.56%	8.49%
Monthly Owner Costs 30-34.9% of HH Income	4.48%	4.27%	4.87%
Monthly Owner Costs 35-39.9% of HH Income	6.11%	3.92%	3.34%
Monthly Owner Costs 40-49.9% of HH Income	2.68%	3.12%	3.47%
Monthly Owner Costs 50+% of HH Income	8.38%	5.56%	5.75%
Monthly Owner Costs % of HH Inc Not Computed	0.00%	0.15%	0.20%

Table 10. Housing Costs for Households Owning Property. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

Table 11 displays the 2021 and 2026 median home values for the areas studied. The 2021 median home value in the primary market area is \$282,245, which is 34 percent less than that of the secondary market area and 30.6 percent less than that of Salt Lake County. Median home values are expected to grow by 53 percent in the primary market area, 30 percent in the secondary market area and 25 percent in Salt Lake County.

Median Home Values	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
2021 Median Home Value	\$282,245	\$427,693	\$406,810
2026 Median Home Value	\$431,591	\$554,870	\$509,442

Table 11. Median Home Values. Source: ESRI Business Analyst.

### Race & Ethnicity

The distribution of race and ethnicity within the selected areas of study are delineated in Table 12. The highest concentration of race within the primary market area is white, consisting of 48.2 percent of the population. The Hispanic population makes up 53.44 percent of the primary market area population, 24.3 percent of the secondary market area population and 18.36 percent of the Salt Lake County population.

Race (2021)	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
White Population	48.20%	70.58%	78.16%
Black/African American Population	4.64%	3.67%	2.06%
American Indian/Alaska Native Population	1.86%	1.35%	0.93%
Asian Population	4.92%	6.05%	4.51%
Pacific Islander Population	6.34%	2.14%	1.61%
Other Race Population	28.45%	11.86%	8.97%
Population of Two or More Races	5.59%	4.36%	3.76%
Ethnicity (2021)			
Hispanic Population	53.44%	24.30%	18.36%
Non-Hispanic Population	46.56%	75.70%	81.64%

Table 12. Race Concentrations. Source: ESRI Business Analyst. Hispanic and White population numbers are not mutually exclusive.

### Spending Habits

Entertainment and recreational spending in 2021 is depicted in Table 13. Spending per household on entertainment and recreation is approximately \$2,084, which is 33.57 percent less than that of the secondary market area (\$3,137) and 40.34 percent less than that of Salt Lake County (\$3,493). The primary market area spends 39.65 percent less on membership fees for social, recreational and health clubs than the secondary market area and 46.57 percent less on



those services than Salt Lake County. Given the lower spending habits of individuals within the primary market area on entertainment and recreation, there is an implied lower willingness to pay for this category of products and services. As a result, facilities and programs within the Glendale Regional Park will likely see higher use if programming prices are reduced or eliminated.

Household Expenditures (2021)	Primary Market Area	Secondary Market Area	Salt Lake County, UT
Entertainment/Recreation	\$2,084	\$3,137	\$3,493
Fees for Participant Sports Excluding Trips	\$72	\$111	\$134
Fees for Recreational Lessons	\$87	\$131	\$160
Sports/Rec/Exercise Equipment	\$127	\$182	\$202
Membership Fees for Social/Recreation/Health Clubs	\$148	\$246	\$278

Table 13. Household Expenditures. Source: ESRI Business Analyst. Per household spending data was calculated from dividing aggregate spending values by the total number of households.

### Conclusion

With a population of 29,525 in the primary market area and 204,380 in the secondary market area, Glendale Regional Park services an urban community which requires outdoor space and recreational opportunities for all residents. The population in the surrounding region is also growing at a rapid rate, which furthers the need for additional park and recreation opportunities.

Many of the households within the primary market are families with an average family size that is greater than the surrounding regions. Due to the large family demographic, there is likely a desire for safe public spaces with a variety of programs that can accommodate both the demands of children and adults. As 19.78 percent of the population in the primary market area is children, facilities in the park should tailor to the types of activities that youth desire.

Since both the median household income and median disposable income within the primary market area is lower than that of Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County, the primary market may be less capable of spending on recreation as other areas of higher affluence. Housing costs also present a larger financial burden for the primary market than other areas of study. For this reason, recreational programs in the park should be offered free of charge or at low- or no-cost rates to accommodate the primary market's population, and to provide outdoor opportunities for those that may not have access to those opportunities elsewhere.

Formal Meeting  
Thursday, October 6, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Join Via Webex: <https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=m08f11586fed1f4e2440405b0bb427c9e>

Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104  
Upstairs Parks Training Room

Join by phone  
1-408-418-9388  
Access code: 2493 265 4707

## AGENDA

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order	
Chair comments	5 mins
Introduce new board member	10 mins
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
Approve September 1, 2022 meeting minutes	5 mins
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:20 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:35 PM</b>
Salt Lake City Council Chair Dan Dugan Remarks	5 mins
Glendale Regional Park Master Plan Update – Action Item – Kat Maus	10 mins
Preliminary Public Lands CIP FY 2023-2024 Project List for PNUT Board Consideration – Tom Millar	40 mins
GO Bond Update – Kristin Riker	10 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:40 PM</b>
Board Subcommittees – review details of each committee in accordance with new bylaws	15 mins
Board retreat discussion	10 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>7:05 PM</b>
Board subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails subcommittee</li><li>• Communication subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board comment and question period	
Next meeting: November 3, 2022	
Request for future agenda items	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:10 PM</b>

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Thursday, September 1, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

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## Minutes (**Unapproved**)

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Polly Hart</li><li>- Brianna Binnebose</li><li>- Samantha Finch</li><li>- Melanie Pehrson</li><li>- Phil Carroll</li><li>- Ginger Cannon</li><li>- Clayton Scrivner</li><li>- Aaron Wiley</li><li>- CJ Whittaker</li></ul>	
Chair comments  Polly Hart called the meeting to order and thanked Brianna Binnebose for chairing the meeting in August.	5 mins
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:05 PM</b>
Approve August 4, 2022, meeting minutes  Ms. Hart asked if anyone had any edits to the August PNUT meeting minutes. Ginger Cannon moved to approve the minutes; Samantha Finch seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the August 4 meeting minutes.	5 mins
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
Glendale Regional Park Master Plan Update – Action Item  Ms. Cannon asked if Tom Millar and other new Public Lands staff members could please introduce themselves to the Board.	30 mins



Mr. Millar introduced himself as the new Public Lands Planning Manager working with Katherine Maus and Makaylah Respicio-Evans. Mr. Millar will be heading up work on the General Obligation bond that is on the ballot for this November as well as the strategic capital planning over the next five years. Mr. Millar hails from the City's Transportation Division and has been to the PNUT Board meetings in the past working in other projects.

Minerva Jimenez-Garcia introduced herself as the new Civic Engagement Program Specialist. Ms. Jimenez-Garcia completed her master's at the University of Utah's City and Metropolitan Planning Department. Minerva will be working directly on projects while Van Hoover will be working on partnership and volunteer coordination.

Kat Maus introduced the presentation as the final concept plan and Master Plan document. This has been released to the public for review on the SLC Public Lands website in an interactive version as well as a downloadable PDF format (link: <https://www.slc.gov/parks/parks-division/glendale-waterpark/>).

Ms. Maus shared her screen and explained the mission statement and park goals for the Glendale Regional Park Master Plan and emphasized the community engagement pieces that guided the direction of the new park's vision. These included Glendale Neighborhood Community Council, youth engagement among Glendale Middle School and Mountain View Elementary, and citywide engagement via online surveys and in-person open houses. Ms. Maus presented the demographic breakdown from the online survey, which demonstrated that 81% of survey respondents live or work nearby the Glendale Park.

The community feedback received translated into key park features for the development of Glendale Park; Ms. Maus stated that water features were at the top of the list of desirable park amenities. She also displayed the SLC Public Lands webpage that contains the interactive map of the site, showing the board how to navigate it.

Phil Carroll inquired about the walking path. Ms. Maus showed the Board members the areas of walking paths and showed how they connect to various amenities throughout the park.

Ms. Maus explained that year-round use of the site had been carefully thought through, from sledding and ice-skating rinks in the winter to hiking and roller-skating in the summer.

Ms. Maus switched to speaking only about Phase 1 Park Features, which will be developed by April 2024. Phase 1 consists of park elements 1-12. She mentioned that community and event programming was included in Phase 1.

Ms. Cannon asked if any of the programming was done by full-time SLC staff since there is no recreation programming arm of the City; Ms. Maus replied that this was true, and that there is a policy section that goes into programming within the Master

Plan that contains a menu-type formatting that provides options for hiring staff and/or partnering with other existing entities that already have the programming.

Ms. Finch inquired about the cost of Phase 1; Ms. Maus replied that the City currently has \$3.2 million allocated for Phase 1 but would like to expand it to include about \$7 million in work, potentially exploring bond funding to supplement the project cost. If the General Obligation bond does not pass on the November ballot, then Public Lands has a plan to request additional money from City Council.

Ms. Maus then touched on regional access to the site, including exploring partnerships and conversations with UTA and other transit organizations to provide equitable and regional access to the site. This is on pages 13 and 14 of the plan.

Ms. Maus also demonstrated to the Board environmental and community metrics for the plan.

Ms. Hart asked if the native plantings they're going to do now will be in place for the future or if they will just be dug up later. Ms. Maus responded that they will be mostly focusing on ornamental plantings for now and not native restoration due to the active construction that will continue.

Melanie Pehrson asked Ms. Maus about the existing tree maintenance on the site; Ms. Maus replied that the native trees are doing well without any irrigation most likely due to being well-rooted within the water table. Ms. Maus also added that there are quite a few invasive tree species on site as well. Either way, tree protection is tightly built into the plan, Ms. Maus stated.

Ms. Maus continued that, with the Glendale Park site, Public Lands is pursuing Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES) certification, which would be the first time for the City. This is akin to LEED certification for buildings, but for landscaping during and after the site build.

Ms. Cannon mentioned that this is one of the most exciting things to her in the Master Plan and that she is happy to see how it works out for other future city sites.

Ms. Maus touched on the Policies, Operations, and Maintenance section of the Plan, which covers the day-to-day operations of the site once it is constructed, such as janitorial. The next steps for the plan are:

- Presentation to the Community Advisory Committee and the Glendale Community Council: September 21, 2022, in-person/virtual
- Brief to City Council: October 4, 2022
- Tentative presentation to Planning Commission to recommend adoption: October 2022
- Tentative Adoption by City Council: Winter 2022

In terms of action requested of the PNUT Board, Ms. Maus explained that nothing is needed from the Board until early October, whereupon a letter or even a motion would be welcome to signal the Board's support of the Plan to the City Council.

Mr. Carroll asked if there is transit near that property; Ms. Maus stated that currently, there is neither transit nor off-street parking in the space. However, the Transportation Division would be amenable to removing the “no parking” signs once the Park is up and running and there is also another lot across 1700 S at the 17<sup>th</sup> South River Park asset.

Ms. Cannon asked whether, after the 45-day period of public notice, Ms. Maus will come back to the PNUT Board with the final draft of incorporated public comments so that the PNUT Board may procure a joint letter of support with the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAB) or vote on a motion to support. Ms. Cannon then asked Ms. Maus if she could get onto the TAB’s agenda to present the plan to them in effort to advocate for transportation improvements for the site’s build-out. Ms. Maus replied that most likely she could do that, but would need to check with the TAB.

Mr. Millar stated that TAB’s next meeting is on September 12, so Ms. Maus would need to coordinate this with TAB staff in time for the TAB’s agenda’s public posting requirements per the Open and Public Meetings Act.

Ms. Maus also offered an alternative option where the PNUT Board could submit a letter of support and Ms. Maus could present the letter of support at the TAB’s October meeting and request a letter from TAB at that point, too.

The PNUT Board informally agreed that this was another viable option in case Ms. Maus could not get onto TAB’s September agenda in time. Ms. Hart asked if Ms. Cannon would be fine with heading up the communications and letter-writing between PNUT and TAB; Ms. Cannon accepted.

Ms. Finch asked the purpose for having TAB’s explicit support; Ms. Cannon replied that part of the reasoning has to do with what the Plan is trying to promote. For instance, with pedestrian crossings, pulling their attention to the Master Plan to see the implications to transportation – which is in the PNUT Board’s bylaws – will invite their support to advocate for future public transportation or other infrastructure improvements in the 1700 South area.

Ms. Finch and Ms. Cannon clarified their vision for support of the Plan between both departments. Ms. Cannon stated that she believes City Council will also pay more attention to a joint letter from two advisory boards.

Mr. Carroll stated that residents in the area will need to have access to safe crossing points along 1700 South.

Ms. Cannon asked if the street in question was UDOT-owned; Mr. Millar stated that it is a City-owned street East and West of Redwood Road. Ms. Hart clarified that it would be the City who the Board would be advocating for a tunnel or bridge crossing, and Mr. Carroll stated a street-level crossing is what he envisioned. Ms. Hart replied that she did not believe that that would work in that area, safety-wise.



Kristin Riker, Director of Public Lands, asked if Mr. Millar had any knowledge of the Streets Division's plans for 1700 South. Mr. Millar responded that Streets was going to resurface 1700 S, which adds an opportunity to redesign the street. He also added that reducing lanes on streets and redesigning it in other ways often decreases the amount of traffic, perhaps eliminating the need for bridges over the street and so forth. Mr. Millar added that it does have the opportunity to change some of Transportation's conversations about this area. Ms. Maus seconded Mr. Millar's points made about Transportation and re-affirmed that she had been working with Transportation and neighborhoods throughout the development of the Plan.

Mr. Carroll stated that he would prefer the PNUT Board not be slowed down by waiting for the TAB's response and support, as he is supportive of the Plan. Board discussion on the Plan and timeline continued. Ms. Maus clarified that the Department is targeting an October 26 Planning Commission date; therefore, any time prior to that would be ideal for obtaining advisory board support from PNUT and TAB.

Ms. Hart re-stated the reasons for her nervousness regarding 1700 S and safe pedestrian crossings; Ms. Cannon responded that this is exactly why it is a good idea to work closely with TAB so that these safety concerns are addressed. Ms. Riker also stated that this was a similar concern when the water park was first built in this original area.

Ms. Finch asked if there are other pools managed under Salt Lake City, and what the plan was for recreational management; Ms. Maus replied that Sorenson, which is an indoor pool, is one that is technically City-owned the City has been in conversations with Salt Lake County about this. Ms. Riker stated that the County had been looking at this site in their own master plan but had initially encouraged a splash pad over a pool; however, public opinion favored a pool over a splash pad. There is also currently no outdoor pool on the City's Westside.

Ms. Finch clarified that if they followed the plan, they should be able to attain the stated goals; Ms. Maus replied yes, this is true. Ms. Finch then asked if there were any lessons learned from Liberty Park, the City's current popular regional park, that were applied to the Glendale Regional Park's Plan. Ms. Maus replied that parking was a big one, and then Tracy Aviary and the concessionaire are successful public-private partnerships that they also considered.

Mr. Carroll and Ms. Maus also discussed the running and walking aspects planned for the Glendale Regional Park.

Ms. Cannon asked if there were any goals directly connected to the goals in the Reimagine Nature Master Plan. Ms. Maus replied that many of the goals overlap, but that the Glendale Regional Park Plan did not explicitly refer to the Reimagine Nature Master Plan.

<p>Mr. Carroll asked if adding a bridge or a tunnel came up on public comment; Ms. Maus replied that crossing at 1700 South was probably one of the top issues that people voiced. Mr. Carroll stated that he would like to see a bridge incorporated into the Plan. Ms. Maus stated that she wasn't certain if Public Lands can make a formal recommendation for a Transportation-related project, such as a bridge, which is outside of Public Lands' jurisdiction; she would have to investigate this further.</p> <p>Luke Allen mentioned that member Aaron Wiley had added a few questions and one comment to the Webex chat feature during the Board's discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Access to outdoor pools on the westside is important to the community."</li> <li>• "Does that mean that this master plan needs to be updated to show safer access at one of stages?"</li> <li>• "Within the plan how will you address lighting?"</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Maus replied that this vision plan does not go into the details of lighting specifically, but as they move forward with more detailed designs in Phase 1, they will be reaching out to the public for comments and feedback on what they'd like to see with lighting. Tyler Murdock, Deputy Director of Public Lands, replied in the Webex chat, that page 15 of the Vision Plan does discuss pedestrian crossings and need.</p> <p>Mr. Allen shared more member comments from the Chat from Board members and staff.</p> <p>Ms. Maus stated that next steps will be for her to work with Luke to prepare for returning to the Board's October meeting to update members with anything further; she will also see if she can get on a TAB agenda in either September or October.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson asked Ms. Maus how Public Lands was currently accepting public comment; Ms. Maus replied that they have an email address dedicated to this along with the community engagement touch points allowing for robust public comment.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon asked if there was anything that Board members could do to promote the public comment period, and Ms. Maus replied that if the Board would like to share the webpage, that would be great. She also added that folks can attend the September 21<sup>st</sup> Glendale Community Council meeting to receive an overview of the Vision Plan like today's and could also ask questions on that day.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson and Ms. Maus discussed budget considerations and the hired consultant for the Vision Plan.</p> <p>Board members commended Ms. Maus on her work and dedication to the Glendale Park Regional Park Vision Plan. Ms. Maus responded with gratitude for the Board's feedback throughout the process as well.</p>	
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>5:55 PM</b>
N/A (Potential Recess)	20 mins
<b>6 – GO Bond</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>
GO Bond Presentation – Jason Swann, Trust for Public Land	q

Boyd Ferguson, City Attorney, shared the guidelines around advocacy versus education when it comes to the PNUT Board discussing the General Obligation bond. Three applicable state statutes are:

- The City may not spend public funds to campaign or advocate for or against a ballot proposition.
- A municipal officer or employee may not use municipal equipment while engaged in political activity.
- A person may not send an email on the city email system to advocate for or against a ballot proposition.

These rules apply to city employees, appointees, elected officials, and anyone else who is supported by City funds, including boards and commissions.

Mr. Ferguson noted three scenarios for folks in the room to concern themselves with:

1. For example, at a PNUT Board meeting, the Board may not advocate for or against a ballot proposition in the city meeting because for one, it is held within a City building and secondly, the PNUT Board is supported to some degree by city funds.
2. Suppose you are invited to attend a City Council meeting in your capacity as a PNUT Board member. You may not advocate for or against the ballot proposition in that setting, even though the meeting may not be held in a City building, as PNUT Board members are still supported by city funding.
3. You attend a community council meeting as an individual, not as a PNUT Board member. In that case, you may advocate for or against the ballot proposition, as another part of the law covers people retaining their individuals first amendment rights to speak.
  - a. In that third scenario, if someone were to ask the attending member if they are on the PNUT Board, then it would be advisable for the member to respond, "Yes, I am, but I am not here in that capacity, I am here as an individual at this time."

Mr. Carroll asked if it was then correct that the PNUT Board cannot make a resolution in favor of the ballot proposition; Mr. Ferguson replied that this was a correct interpretation. Mr. Ferguson further explained his interpretation of what constitutes an educational material positive in tone versus materials that encourages someone to vote for or against a ballot proposition. He stated that you can provide neutral information; but, if someone asks whether the board member considers the ballot proposition a good idea or not, then that is where you draw the line.

Ms. Hart asked a question regarding advocating as a private citizen, and Mr. Ferguson clarified that they may advocate as a private citizen. He further acknowledged that at times, this line may be blurry for Board members depending on the context; Mr. Ferguson also stated that Board members need not initiate that the conversation stating that they are PNUT Board members, but *if* they are asked, respond in the appropriate way that he has laid out above.



Ms. Cannon asked if the PNUT Board were to establish a subcommittee within the Board whose purpose was to disseminate general information about the GO Bond, if that would be going against ordinance. Mr. Ferguson replied that such a subcommittee would be subject to the same concepts that he just described for the PNUT Board itself; the subcommittee would need to be conscious just like the Board needs to be and stick to neutral information-sharing when acting in the capacity of a subcommittee member, though they would be able to advocate in their capacity as an individual.

Mr. Ferguson went on to state that the outside consultant hired by the City is being paid by the City and acting as the City's agent, taking the same care for how they interact with the ballot proposition as the PNUT Board, and its subcommittees must do.

Mr. Ferguson clarified that community councils, which are not connected to the City, may advocate for a ballot proposition within their meetings so long as the meeting is not held in a City-owned building.

Ms. Riker thanked Mr. Ferguson for the guiding information and proceeded to introduce the GO Bond project consultants Will Abberger, Vice President and Director of Conservation Finance, and Jason Swann, Intermountain West Program Director for Conservation Finance. Ms. Riker shared with the Board that she had been working with these folks with the Trust for Public Lands since March 2020, and they have helped Public Lands develop the vision about the bond and have provided a great deal of advice.

Jason Swann shared their screen with accompanying presentation slides. Jason thanked the PNUT board for having them and introduced themselves. Jason proceeded to speak to the board about the Trust for Public Land's (TPL) work with municipalities and what TPL's work has entailed thus far. Jason explained that TPL is a national nonprofit with 35 offices across the United States that has generated over \$85 billion in public funding for parks and access to lands and waters, has completed over 5,000 projects in parks, trails, schoolyards, and iconic outdoor spaces, and has created access to over 3.7 million acres of public land for over 9 million people.

Jason emphasized that what connects communities together is green space, and this is where TPL comes into play, protecting land conservation and restoration through research, design, policy advocacy, and thought leadership in the field.

Jason presented a table to the Board that illustrated Utah's local conservation finance ballot measures between 1996 and 2020, sourced from TPL's LandVote database, which has led to the creation of roughly \$100 million in conservation finance in various jurisdictions throughout Utah. Jason then presented a breakdown of public funding for land conservation within the United States between 1998 and 2021, illustrating that most of this funding – 51% -- comes from local government. The reason for this is due to the level of interaction and closeness local government has with the issues impacting them.

Jason also presented a chart that displayed proof that voters will approve tax increases in the name of conservation, no matter the political party currently at the helm. Jason then moved on to discuss the three key ingredients for a conservation funding foundation, through TPL's perspective, which are: Community Support, Demonstrable Need and/or Risk, and Elected Leadership.

Regarding measuring community support, Jason said that TPL was able to conduct feasibility studies and received statistically significant survey responses that constituents were interested in voting for a conservation funding measure. Additionally, TPL wanted to understand what both the public's and elected official's conservation priorities were.

Regarding elected leadership, TPL was also able to work with the SLC Mayor and City Council to coordinate the city referendum process.

Lastly, regarding gauging a demonstrable need and/or risk, it was very vital for the TPL to lean on the partners and community connections on the ground, including the PNUT Board, to inform the information-gathering process.

Jason then touched on the critical steps for obtaining a successful ballot measure, with TPL currently being in the final stage of the process, the Campaign stage. Jason reiterated that 75% of the work is done in prior stages, such as the Community Engagement stage. It has taken over two years of work to get to the final stage, Jason mentioned.

Jason stated that the next steps in the Campaign stage include procuring communications and educational materials for the public.

Ms. Finch asked if a three-page memo that FM3 Research sent to Jason and that Jason then forwarded to the PNUT Board was something that Board members could disseminate? Jason stated that yes, it was; Ms. Riker clarified that everything that comes from TPL is not City-produced or vetted. She further emphasized that every single material that she and other staff send to the PNUT Board is first sent to City Attorney Boyd Ferguson for review and final approval. She added that anything sent to PNUT Board members by anyone other than Salt Lake City can be shared by a Board member in their capacity as an individual, and not as a city board member. This is also true for anything coming from the City-contracted consultant on the project, who also need to operate under the purview of guidelines set forth earlier by City Attorney Ferguson.

Ms. Finch asked several clarifying questions, including another prior measure that was pulled from the ballot, which both Jason and Ms. Riker answered.

Ms. Cannon confirmed that there is less than 60 days left until the GO bond vote. She then asked if it would be beneficial to begin forming a subcommittee to devise a targeted response at this time. Mr. Carroll clarified that, because each member represents diverse districts with their own active community councils, this may be

appropriate for community councils to begin discussing prior to the November elections; Mr. Carroll then asked for confirmation that this would be something he would have to do as an individual, rather than as representing the PNUT Board. The Board and staff confirmed that yes, this is an example of something Mr. Carroll and all PNUT Board members would have to do in their capacity as individuals.

Ms. Riker replied to Mr. Carroll's and Ms. Cannon's comments that members are always welcome to reach out to anyone present in today's Board meeting for ideas on how to navigate that, but she reiterated that tonight, the Board is strictly covering the educational side of the issue.

Ms. Finch stated that she had another question for the TPL Team about their polling questions – one of them being about the public's confidence in the government to spend the funds appropriately. Ms. Finch noted that this question produced one of the lower-percentage responses; she also noted that the polling questions were broad in nature (e.g., "Do you love clean air?" etc.). Ms. Finch went on to ask if there was any discrepancy or daylight concerns about the city spending the money appropriately regarding that concern that was highlighted in their polling? Jason Swann thanked Ms. Finch for the question and said that they believed this is typical of what one sees in polling the public regarding government spending, regardless of jurisdiction: local, county, state. Jason mentioned that, if TPL's polling responses were bad – which in this case, they didn't believe it was – TPL would then suggest that accountability provisions be added to the ballot language, such as a citizens oversight committee, sunset provisions, and so forth. Will Abberger added that there is a high degree of distrust amongst all voters towards government in the nation right now, and that it is good that groups like the PNUT Board exist to ensure that the city is spending the funding in congruence with what voters expect.

Mr. Carroll asked if the GO Bond was for capital investments and improvements or if programming was also included; Jason responded that it was just for capital and that bonds are not allowed to do any kind of maintenance or anything like that. Jason also mentioned that there is a project list that has been circulating, and they would be happy to send it again.

Ms. Finch asked if the actual ballot language has already been released to the public; Ms. Riker responded that it was released on August 16, 2022, in the City Council meeting as part of their meeting materials. Ms. Riker stated that she was happy to send the Board the link to this Council page.

Ms. Finch continued that she was assuming that the language chosen for the GO Bond was language most successful across all jurisdictions wherever they've tried this type of bond measure, and that she imagines there must be equation more conducive to obtaining a "yes" vote than a "no" vote. Jason responded that TPL was not directly involved with ballot language creation in this instance, though it is something that TPL does. Will Abberger added that there are liability requirements under Utah law that a city must meet regarding ballot language.



Ms. Riker added that the Bond Council made their own decisions about they wanted the language to read; Public Lands provided them with TPL's language suggestions, but it was not utilized. Jason and Will confirmed that TPL thought viewed the language as fine to use.

Mr. Carroll asked questions regarding about a budget campaign for the GO Bond and whether an opposition group had come forward. Ms. Riker responded that an opposition group has not come forward at this time, though Public Lands is aware of some con-GO Bond comments following press coverage of the Bond. She added that when Public Lands releases the public information pamphlet, it will contain a "pro" argument as well as a "con" argument. Thus, the City has put out a call to anyone who would like to create the "con" argument to contact the City by September 5, with the closing of that by September 9. Pending the City does not receive any responses to their call, Public Lands consultants will do their best to develop a transparent "con" argument based on the information they have from the public.

Mr. Carroll stated that he is deeply involved in his community council, and so if he or another Board member wanted to present on the GO Bond in a community council meeting, could they call upon city staff to do so? Ms. Riker responded that Public Lands staff can try to attend community council meetings to deliver GO Bond informational presentations; though, Ms. Riker added that Public Lands is currently working with its consultant to put together an educational video that will include information that can be shared in newsletters and meetings. She added that Public Lands and the City want to ensure that they equitably disseminate information in the short amount of time between now and the election on November 8 and aren't certain they will be able to schedule time to go to every single community council meeting. Thus Ms. Riker stressed that equitable information dissemination is key to informing Public Lands' strategy for creating a video and so forth.

Mr. Allen added that Minerva Jimenez-Garcia, Public Lands Community Partnership and Engagement Coordinator, had sent a factual, informational letter to every community council chair prior to today's PNUT meeting regarding the GO Bond. Mr. Allen stated that Minerva encouraged chairs to reach back out to Public Lands with any questions and we will be sure to address them in the voter information materials that we will answer the most frequently asked questions. Lastly, Mr. Allen informed the PNUT Board that Public Lands is setting up an informational website on the GO Bond and that staff will send the website link to Board members as well as community council chairs when it is live and ready to share.

Ms. Hart asked if every City Council district seat is currently represented by the PNUT Board; Mr. Allen confirmed this. Ms. Hart then said that every member who is a non-at-large seat could make it their duty to reach out to the community council(s) within their district to ensure public discussion of the GO Bond gets on the community councils' agenda. Ms. Riker assured Mr. Carroll and the rest of the Board that Public Lands is moving as quickly as possible with developing informational materials with its consultant team; Ms. Riker believes that staff will be able to send out information and get the website live prior to the Board's next meeting, though they've only had one

week so far to dive into everything. Ms. Riker also mentioned that the City's constituent liaisons are also always at the community council meetings and will be provided with all the GO Bond information as well.

Ms. Hart and Ms. Riker affirmed that the Mayor's Office is also involved with the GO Bond efforts via their constituent liaisons being present at the community council meetings. Mr. Carroll asked whether City constituent liaisons can advocate for the GO Bond, to which Ms. Riker's responded that they are not; however, the Mayor can advocate because she is an elected official. Ms. Riker clarifies that any elected official may advocate for or against the GO Bond so long as they are not using city funds, facilities, vehicles, or equipment. Mr. Carroll asked if lawn signs would be available; Ms. Riker and Ms. Allen stated that they were uncertain if lawn signs were in the scope, but anything that staff must share with PNUT in the coming months they will absolutely do.

Ms. Hart inquired about TPL's involvement going forward and whether they can coordinate signage with citizens. Will replied that TPL certainly has the expertise and experience in this area, but unfortunately, not the funding to provide for an SLC campaign. Will added that this money would need to be raised locally. Ms. Cannon mentioned that it would be great if there was a Parks 501(c)(3) that existed so that organization could take on a lot of the additional fundraising and advocacy work.

Mr. Carroll asked more clarifying questions relating to lawn signs; Tyler Murdock, Deputy Director of Public Lands, replied in the Webex Chat, "Lawn signs are included in our consultant's scope of work. I am not sure on the qty yet. We can update the board on how many we will have."

Ms. Hart added that because the lawn signs are being paid for by the city, the lawn signs can only contain factual, non-persuasive information. Ms. Riker and Ms. Pehrson confirmed that any GO Bond educational materials sent to the PNUT Board have already been vetted and cleared by City attorney Boyd Ferguson.

Ms. Hart asked whether the informational materials could also go up at trailheads; Ms. Riker responded that Public Lands tries to refrain from doing this so that people are not encouraged to place ever more items at our trails.

Ms. Finch asked TPL if PNUT Board members if they have any advice for the members or can think of questions unasked. Jason reiterated that working with community councils within members' representative districts to ensure that the GO Bond makes it onto their agendas is a good approach; secondly, Jason also offered TPL strategizing services to advocacy groups if Board members wanted to pass that information along to community leaders in their districts. Will added that as individuals, members have their own networks, individual email addresses, and social media platforms where they have a right to advocate for the Bond.

Mr. Carroll asked if the Bond just covers Salt Lake City; Ms. Riker replied that yes, the GO Bond just concerns SLC residents.

<p>Ms. Cannon reminded the Board that in terms of projects in the Public Lands’ queue list—such as Glendale Regional, which is just \$27 M on its own—the GO Bond funding would really help with all the projects on that list.</p> <p>Will Abberger mentioned that another no-cost way for members to get the word out would be to write letters to the editor or via op-eds to local media sources as individuals. Ms. Riker added that if Board members want to discuss more with Jason and Will about how to personally advocate, they can follow-up with Will and Jason on their own outside of this meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon reminded everyone that public hearings for the GO Bond were on October 11 and October 18 at the City Council; Ms. Riker added that this notice will be on the public information packet as well, and that there would also be 4X6 cards mailed along with ballots educating voters about the ballot measure.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll asked when members will know when lawn signs are available; Mr. Allen and Ms. Riker assured him that they will email him when the lawn signs are available. Ms. Riker mentioned that she had just emailed all members the link to the August 16 City Council meeting that included GO Bond materials.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll asked Jason Swann and Will Abberger about the Nature Conservancy’s and Huey Johnson’s relationship to the Trust for Public Lands. Will explained that TPL is a basically an offshoot of the Nature Conservancy, which is focused on the protection of biological diversity; Huey and other founding members of the TPL felt that there was also a need for an organization to focus on land for people.</p> <p>Ms. Riker thanked Jason and Will for the TPL’s efforts and time; Ms. Hart moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<b>7 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<p>Board subcommittee updates as needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trails subcommittee <p>Mr. Allen mentioned that Board member Brianna Binnebose had dropped off the meeting, but that he had met with Ms. Binnebose and Ms. Pehrson a few days prior about both the Trails and Communications Subcommittees.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll mentioned that the subcommittee had discussed e-bikes.</p> </li> <li>Communication subcommittee <p>Ms. Pehrson stated that Communications had discussed with Mr. Allen adding to the Public Lands monthly newsletter which district each project is taking place in, having the Communications Subcommittee review a few of the Public Lands Communications Staff’s communications plans, and providing PNUT Board members with PNUT email addresses, phone numbers, and file-sharing capabilities so that they are accessible to the public yet can also maintain some privacy.</p> </li> </ul>	



<p>Mr. Allen also reminded members to reply to his email regarding their bios and pictures. Member bios are to be 200 words or less.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson inquired about the potential usability of Slack and other messaging platforms for the group to explore; Ms. Cannon replied that she believed subcommittees could determine that on their own, referencing the power given to subcommittees in the Board's bylaws. Ms. Pehrson clarified that she was referring to a general Slack for PNUT to use, where there could be different channels for each subcommittee. Ms. Cannon replied that she is open to that, personally.</p> <p>Mr. Allen mentioned that implementing a file-sharing system may help with this.</p>	
<p>Board comment and question period</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose rejoined the meeting and inquired about a new board member joining PNUT. Ms. Riker stated that there is another board member on the City Council's agenda for approval on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. This would be for Ms. Hart's position; pending Ms. Hart's replacement is approved, the PNUT Board would need to add "voting of a new PNUT Chair" as an agenda item to its October agenda.</p> <p>Board discussion on chair election and Ms. Hart's replacement continued. Ms. Binnebose will be prepared to chair next month's meeting.</p>	
Next meeting: October 6, 2022	
<p>Request for future agenda items</p> <p>Ms. Finch mentioned Capitol Improvement Projects; Ms. Riker replied that Mr. Murdock and his team are planning a CIP presentation for October.</p> <p>Ms. Finch also mentioned another discussion around the GO Bond ballot measure. Ms. Cannon mentioned it would be good to have such a discussion revolve around educational materials available plus updates from individual members about what they've been doing in their districts relating to the measure.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll also confirmed that the Glendale Regional Project Plan will also be on the October agenda.</p>	
<b>8 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>
Ms. Finch motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Pehrson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the September PNUT Board meeting was adjourned.	

#### Webex Chat

to Aaron Wiley (privately): 5:39 PM

Aaron, I'm going to lower your hand, but feel free to raise it again if you have any questions.

from Millar, Tom to everyone: 5:44 PM

I should note that TAB deals with all transportation, and not just public transit.

from Bra Binnebose to everyone: 5:52 PM

I like where Ginger is going with this, it's a great opportunity to address moving people to this new facility safely and through multiple modes. I'd like for our board to work with TAB on this and other projects

from Aaron Wiley 2 to everyone: 5:54 PM

Does that mean that this master plan needs to be updated to show safer access at one of stages?

from Allen, Luke to everyone: 5:54 PM

Thanks, Aaron, I'll bring that question up momentarily.

from Aaron Wiley 2 to everyone: 5:55 PM

Access to outdoor pools on the westside is important to the community.

from Aaron Wiley 2 to everyone: 5:58 PM

Within the plan how will you address lighting?

from Millar, Tom to everyone: 6:01 PM

Thanks, everyone. I've gotta take off. I look forward to next month.

from Murdock, Tyler to everyone: 6:02 PM

Page 15 of the Glendale Plan does discuss pedestrian crossings and need. If board members are looking to review that section.

from Murdock, Tyler to everyone: 6:48 PM

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from Murdock, Tyler to everyone: 7:05 PM

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# Memorandum

To: Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, & Trails Advisory Board  
From: Tom Millar, Planning Manager, Salt Lake City Public Lands Department  
Date: September 29, 2022  
Re: Preliminary Public Lands CIP FY 2023-2024 Project List for PNUT Board Consideration

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## Overview:

The following 13 projects (labelled A through M) are being considered (in no particular order of priority or preference) by the Salt Lake City Public Lands Department for application to the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for fiscal year 2023-2024. All costs and descriptions in this document are generalized and very preliminary. They will be updated after the Board's prioritization. Final applications are due in December.

## Suggested PNUT Board Action:

The Department requests the PNUT Board's prioritization of these projects (and potentially a letter for the projects that the Board supports) at or before the November 3, 2022, meeting.

## Projects:

### A. Court Resurfacing (City Council Districts 1 and 3)

Replace or resurface tennis and/or pickleball courts (depending on public engagement) at two locations: the Fairpark/Fire Station Tennis Courts in District 1 and Warm Springs Park in District 3, or courts of similar condition.

*Project Cost: \$1,000,000*

### B. Playground Replacement (D4 and D5)

Replace aging and outdated playgrounds at two locations: Richmond Park in District 4 and Jefferson Park in District 5, or playgrounds of similar condition.

*Project Cost: \$600,000*



**C. Jordan Park and Peace Gardens Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) and Master Plan (D2)**

Begins with a CLR, followed by and informing a Master Plan. The plan will include potential recommendations for how/if Salt Lake City should expand the Peace Gardens and additional amenities for Jordan Park. Work will include robust public engagement, visioning, and implementation strategies.

*Project Cost: \$300,000*

**D. Memory Grove and Freedom Trail Cultural Landscape Report (CLR) and Master Plan (D3)**

Begins with a CLR, followed by and informing a Master Plan. CLR could be more extensive than normal considering the greater number of existing monuments and structures. Work will include robust public engagement, visioning, and implementation strategies.

*Project Cost: \$350,000*

**E. Cottonwood Park Trailhead and Parking Lot (D1)**

Acquisition of a property adjoining Cottonwood Park is in final stages. Once acquired, the Public Lands Department would develop a trailhead and parking lot, with signage and amenities that better serve the park's current and future users. This project would fund design and construction.

*Project Cost: \$600,000*

**F. Rose Park and Jordan River Recreational Concept Design (D1)**

Planning and redesign of the existing driving range at the Rose Park Golf Course and enhancements to Jordan River Roots Disc Golf Course. Expands public open space and determines preferred site developments, activation, restoration, and landscape improvements for the largest open space along the Jordan River within Salt Lake City (north of 1000 North, east of Redwood Road).

*Project Cost: \$500,000*

**G. Pollinator Landscape Enhancements (D1/2 and D3)**

Design and construction of pollinator garden projects along the Jordan River in Districts 1 or 2 and Lindsey Gardens in District 3. Project includes all earthwork and irrigation infrastructure, identification of exact locations and garden sizes, and implementation. Plants would be grown at Liberty Park Greenhouse through the SLC Native Plant Propagation Program.

*Project Cost: \$500,000*

**H. 11th Avenue Park Pavilion (D3)**

Due to cost escalations, the pavilion was not able to be constructed as part of the previously funded project for 11th Avenue Park. This request would provide the funding needed to construct the pavilion, accounting for inflation and soft costs (design, construction management, contracting).

*Project Cost: \$350,000*

**I. Rose Park Lane Promenade Implementation and Open Space Study (D1)**

Design and implementation of irrigation, street trees, and completing a short 600' gap in the existing trail/sidepath on Rose Park Lane near the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC). Improvements would occur within the public right-of-way, beginning at 1700 North and continuing north to and inclusive of the entrance to the RAC (approximately 3,000 linear feet). The project would also include community engagement and conceptual design for desired, possible uses of the newly rezoned, publicly-owned open space property (roughly 2.7 acres) located on Rose Park Lane, south of the RAC.

*Project Cost: \$650,000 (\$590,000 for Rose Park Lane Promenade Implementation; \$60,000 for the Open Space Study)*

**J. 337 Park Development (D4)**

An existing park, first established as a community garden, that needs significant development to add public land service to District 4 (downtown). Funding would facilitate planning, design, and construction.

*Project Cost: \$600,000*

**K. Park Strip, Median, and Park Irrigation/Water Reduction Strategy (Various Districts)**

Design recommendations (20% of the budget) and implementation at up to 4 pilot locations of water reduction strategies for typical park strips, medians, and larger park areas that are not used for active recreation.

*Project Cost: \$500,000*

**L. Parks Signage Replacement (Various Districts)**

Replace existing signage and add new multi-lingual signage in approximately 10 parks. This would be the second phase of implementation (first 10 parks started in 2022) using the City's new multi-lingual signage standards. Specific sites to be determined before December 2022.

*Project Cost: \$500,000*

**M. Library Plaza Repair, Improvements, and Activation (D4)**

Planning and design to solve complex drainage issues before maintenance or capital budgets are spent on alteration or construction. Would consider the Library Plaza's block wedge wall, fountain, retaining wall, and pavers. The project would also include a study to identify solutions for activating the site (mitigating barriers for use, primarily direct sun during the summer months) for a public event space as originally intended.

*Project Cost: \$300,000*

# **SALT LAKE CITY PARKS, NATURAL LANDS, TRAILS, AND URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD**

## **BY-LAWS**

Updated May 2022

### **AUTHORITY**

The Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board (the “Board”) will operate pursuant to Salt Lake City Code Chapter 2.94, Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

The Board was created in 2012 for increased stewardship and public participation for the Open Space Program. The City’s Parks Division, Trails and Natural Lands Division, Golf Division, and Urban Forestry Division are now part of the City’s Public Lands Department (the “Department”). The City Council has determined that one advising board for those divisions will lead to efficiencies and remove duplication and confusion as to the respective roles and responsibilities and has determined that Chapter 2.94 is in the best interest of the City and its citizens. The Mayor and the City Council recognize the need to acquire, preserve, and protect these critical resources within Salt Lake City and its environs. They have adopted multiple plans to identify, protect, and manage open space lands and have established the Board to facilitate the City’s acquisition, management, promotion, preservation, protection, and enhancement of public lands.

The Board has established the following By-Laws for the conduct of Board business:

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The Board’s principal office is at the Public Lands Building at 1965 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TERMS**

The Board’s officers will be a chair and a vice-chair. The term of those positions will be one year. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms as chair. The vice-chair may be reelected one or more times successively. The vice-chair will not automatically succeed to the position of chair, except that the vice-chair will succeed the chair if the chair vacates the office before the chair’s term is completed; in that event the vice-chair will serve as chair for the unexpired term of the vacated office. The Board shall elect a new vice-chair at the next regular Board meeting.

If the vice-chair is unable or unwilling to serve the remaining term of the vacated office, the Board shall meet as soon as practicable to elect a new chair for the remainder of the term.



Any Board member may nominate themselves or any other Board member for the positions of chair and vice-chair. The Board may nominate and elect members to other offices as deemed appropriate by a majority of the Board. Oral nominations from the floor as well as written or digital nominations will be accepted. Written, digital and oral nominations must be made in the month of December or at the last Board meeting of the year. All nominees must be contacted and state their availability and willingness to serve before being placed in nomination.

The election will be by written, oral, or digital ballot. Subject to City Code Section 2.07.120, the Board, at its first regular meeting of each calendar year, shall select a member as chair and another as vice-chair. Proxy votes will not be allowed. Officers will be elected by an affirmative majority vote of the Board members in attendance. The current chair shall solicit two members of the Board who are neither officers nor a nominee to conduct the vote and count ballots. The officers-elect shall assume their duties at the next regular Board meeting.

## **POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Without limiting the foregoing, the duties and powers of the officers of the Board are as follows:

### **A. Chair:**

- (1) Preside at all meetings of the Board.
- (2) Call special meetings of the Board in accordance with the By-laws.
- (3) Sign Board documents.
- (4) See that the Board complies with the By-laws and applicable law.
- (5) Appoint standing or ad hoc subcommittees of the Board.
- (6) May be an ex-officio member of any or all subcommittees with a voice but no vote.
- (7) Act as official spokesperson for the Board in matters of which the Board has taken a formal vote or position.

### **B. Vice-Chair:**

The vice-chair shall assist the chair, and during the absence of the chair, shall exercise or perform all the duties and be subject to all the responsibilities of the chair.

## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

The Chair will govern the conduct of all regular and special meetings of the Board and ensure agenda items are to involve a motion, a second, any pertinent discussion, and a vote.

The Board shall meet on an as needed basis but at least twice per quarter as specified in City Code Section 2.94.050. The Board shall establish a schedule specifying the times,

dates, and locations of regular meetings. The Board may alter the schedule at any regular meeting, and shall comply with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (“OPMA”). A quorum will consist of the majority of filled Board positions.

The Board may hold an electronic meeting in accordance with OPMA. A Board member who attends an electronic meeting remotely by electronic means will be counted as present for purposes of calculating whether a quorum of the Board is present at the meeting. The length of a Board meeting can extend for the length of time necessary to complete Board business and/or discussion.

All Board meeting agendas and minutes will be posted and provided for public review according to OPMA.

### **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Board, by the chair or by the mayor and shall comply with OPMA. The call for a special meeting must be signed by the member calling such meeting and, unless waived in writing, each member not joining in the order for such special meeting must be given not less than 24 hours’ notice. Said notice must be served personally through email, phone, or by hand delivery at a member’s residence or business office. Attendance by a Board member will constitute the waiver by that Board member of any defects in the notice.

Special meetings will be held at the Department’s building, or remotely using an electronic meeting, or at such other public place as may be designated by the Board.

### **VOTING**

All official Board business that results in a recommendation to the Mayor, the City Council, or any other public agency or commission must be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members, and must comply with City Code Section 2.07.150.

The Board must take a roll call vote of record upon request of any Board member. Each Board member will only have one vote and a record of each vote within the roll call must be included in the meeting minutes.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At any regular meeting of the Board, the order of business will generally be as follows:

- A. Call meeting to order.
- B. Approval of minutes.
- C. Invite public comment.
- D. Public Lands Department - staff presentation(s) and discussion

- E. Board Discussion
- F. Voting on official business.
- G. Confirm date for next meeting; reporting of sub-committees.
- H. Adjournment.

## **AGENDA**

The meeting agenda will be prepared by the Department liaison and the chair, working together. The agenda must be given as part of the meeting notice in accordance with OPMA. The Department liaison will provide the agenda to Board members seven days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting, with an exception for urgent circumstances as approved by the chair. Any member of the Board may request topics for discussion at the meeting through communication with the chair.

At the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year, the Board shall review a calendar of anticipated Department projects for the forthcoming year. For any agenda, the priority order for agenda items will be (1) staff presentation and discussion; (2) Board discussion; and (3) vote on official business.

Out of respect for members of the public in attendance, if a closed session of the Board is necessary, the closed session will be the last item on the agenda. Except in the case of an emergency meeting, the Board may not take final action on a topic unless the topic is listed under an agenda item and included with the advance public notice of the meeting.

Each topic considered at the Board meeting must be included in the agenda except topics raised during the public comment period. If a member of the public raises a topic, the majority of the Board may request, and the chair may allow, Board discussion of the public comments. The Board may discuss public comments or advise staff to respond to public comments made within a public meeting during the Board comment and question period.

The public will be invited to speak during a 15 minute public comment period on issues that pertain to parks and public lands. Public comment speaking limits will be prescribed by the chair, and the chair will have discretion to extend the public comment period beyond the allotted time period.

## **MINUTES**

In accordance with OPMA, the Department liaison shall keep written minutes and a recording of each Board meeting. Pending minutes will be provided to the Board members for their review within two weeks after a Board meeting and will contain a clear indication that the Board has not approved the minutes or that the minutes are subject to change until the Board approves them. Board members may return amendments and corrections to the minutes at or before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The



updated minutes will be included with the agenda for approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Within three days after approving the minutes, the Department Liaison must make the approved minutes available to the public in accordance with OPMA.

## **BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings. Board members are expected to actively serve on a minimum of one subcommittee during each year of their Board term and assist with drafting letters and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council under Chapter 2.94.060 paragraph J.

Any Board member failing to attend two Board meetings in one calendar year without advance notice to the chair of the Board member's absence will be subject to removal by the Board in accordance with City Code Section 2.07.090.

Board members are expected to review all agenda items or other provided materials in advance of each scheduled meeting.

Board members shall be respectful of the public, staff, and each other.

The Board chair shall ensure that all Board members have a fair, balanced, and respectful opportunity to share their knowledge, opinions, and perspectives.

The role of the Board is to advise the Mayor and the City Council and/or staff. Board appointment does not empower Members to make final decisions or to supervise staff.

Board correspondence written to the Mayor and the City Council as prescribed under Chapter 2.94.060 paragraph J must be made through the Chair to ensure that the consensus opinion of the Board is represented. The Department liaison fulfills an important role in assisting the Board with this regard.

If a Board member, other than the chair, gives their opinion to the media or in a public forum about Board business, that member must also clarify that this is their personal view or opinion and not the opinion or view of the Board or another Board member.

Subcommittees of the Board will be established by the chair, or by majority vote of the Board when proposed by any Board member. The chair shall cause the following details to be placed on the agenda for Board consideration:

- Committee type (standing or ad-hoc)
- Committee membership (who is involved and the expected time commitment)
- Work objective (the purpose or scope of the subcommittee work)
- Timeline (when and how the work will be accomplished)

- Committee reporting (a presentation and/or written summary of committee work for Board review and/or approval)

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Public comment is invited during Board meetings as part of the general agenda.

Board meetings are intended to be a place for people to feel safe and comfortable in participating in their government. A respectful and safe environment allows Board meetings to be conducted in an orderly, efficient, effective, and dignified fashion, free from distraction, intimidation, and threats to safety. We welcome everyone and ask all meeting participants to keep comments free of discriminatory language referring to a person or group based on their religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, color, descent, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age or other identity factor.

In order to support a respectful meeting, items that disrupt the meeting, intimidate other participants or that may cause safety concerns are not allowed. If any person fails to conduct themselves in a civil manner, the chair can direct that person to leave the meeting. The chair may elect to terminate a Board meeting if Board business cannot be conducted due to continued disruption or threats to safety.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Board members must avoid and disclose conflicts of interest in accordance with applicable conflict of interest laws, including City Code Section 2.07.080. If any member wonders whether a particular set of circumstances might involve a conflict of interest, that member shall notify the Director of Public Lands requesting an opinion of the City Attorney on whether there is a conflict and how to avoid or otherwise resolve it.

## **AMENDMENT**

These By-Laws may be amended in writing at any meeting by a vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Board, provided prior notice has been given to each Board member.

## MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Upon motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, the By-Laws of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, were formally adopted.

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CHAIR

## **CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_, in my capacity as chair of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board hereby certify that the foregoing document is a complete, accurate, and current copy of the By-Laws of that Board.

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CHAIR



**Formal Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 3, 2022**  
**5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.**

**Join Via Webex:** <https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=m9a616f9c51de9bf05ac06c44beebe179>

**Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104**  
**Upstairs Parks Training Room**

**Join by phone**  
**1-408-418-9388**  
**Access code: 2486 310 5595**

## **AGENDA**

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order	
Chair comments	5 mins
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:05 PM</b>
Approve October 6, 2022 meeting minutes	5 mins
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
PNUT board member stipend update – Luke Allen	5 mins
Continued Public Lands CIP FY 2023-2024 discussion – Tom Millar	45 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>
Continued discussion about board subcommittees and bylaws	20 mins
Review process for upcoming board chair and vice chair elections	5 mins
Discuss letter of support for Glendale Regional Park Plan – Action Item	10 mins
Determine date and topics for January board retreat	10 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
Board subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails subcommittee</li><li>• Communication subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board comment and question period	
Next meeting: December 1, 2022	
Request for future agenda items	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>

Formal Meeting  
Thursday, October 6, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

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## Minutes (**Unapproved**)

1 – Convening the Meeting	5:00 PM
Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brianna Binnebose</li><li>- Meredith Benally</li><li>- Samantha Finch</li><li>- Jenny Hewson</li><li>- Phil Carroll</li><li>- Clayton Scrivner</li><li>- Aaron Wiley</li><li>- CJ Whittaker</li></ul>	
Chair comments <p>Brianna Binnebose called the meeting to order. Ms. Binnebose reminded everyone that she is temporarily filling in as PNUT Chair until elections are held in January 2023. She thanked board members and staff for their patience with her.</p>	5 mins
Introduce new board member <p>Ms. Binnebose introduced Meredith Benally as the new at-large PNUT Board member. Meredith stated that they are Navajo; for most of their life, Meredith has resided in Southern Utah and Utah is a very special place to them. Additionally, Meredith's mom worked as a tour guide for the state of Utah several years ago and knows so much about the state. Meredith expressed the privilege they felt for being on the PNUT Board, thanked everyone, and welcomed board members to ask further questions of them if they would like.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose replied that the members were happy to have Meredith Benally serving on the Board and asked which part of Salt Lake they were residing in. Meredith responded that they are currently in Taylorsville.</p>	10 mins

<p>Kristin Riker suggested that the PNUT Board go around the table and introduce themselves along with their district or whether they are an at-large member. Samantha Finch introduced herself as the District 7 representative for the PNUT Board, known as the Sugar House area of Salt Lake City. Ms. Finch mentioned that her favorite park is Fairmont and encouraged folks to visit it.</p> <p>Phil Carroll introduced himself as the District 3 representative for the PNUT Board, known as the Avenues and Capitol Hill area of Salt Lake City. Mr. Carroll mentioned that his favorite spaces are Memory Grove and City Creek.</p> <p>Ms. Riker introduced herself as director of Public Lands and she loves all parks.</p> <p>Dan Dugan, visiting Councilperson for Salt Lake City Council District 6, introduced himself to the PNUT Board. Mr. Dugan's favorite space is the Shoreline Trail.</p> <p>Jenny Hewson introduced herself as an at-large representative for the PNUT Board and she resides East of the Avenues. Ms. Hewson's favorite space is the Foothills Trail System, and this is her second term on the board.</p> <p>Clayton Scrivner introduced himself as the District 4 representative for the PNUT Board, known as the Downtown area of Salt Lake City. Mr. Scrivner's favorite park is Gilgal Gardens because it represents the city stepping up and preserving something for generations to come.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose introduced herself as the District 5 representative for the PNUT Board, known as the Liberty Wells area of Salt Lake City. Ms. Binnebose's favorite park is Liberty Park as she spends quite a bit of time there.</p> <p>CJ Whittaker introduced himself as the District 6 representative for the PNUT Board. Mr. Whittaker's favorite spaces are Davis Park and the Shoreline Trail.</p> <p>Aaron Wiley introduced himself as the District 1 representative for the PNUT Board. Mr. Wiley's favorite park is Riverside.</p>	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:15 PM</b>
<p>Approve September 1, 2022, meeting minutes</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked if anyone had edits to the September PNUT meeting minutes. Samantha Finch moved to approve the minutes; Ms. Hewson seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the September 1 meeting minutes.</p>	5 mins
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:20 PM</b>
<p>Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.</p> <p><b>Anne Cannon</b></p> <p>Anne Cannon introduced themselves as a resident of District 6 and is present to speak to the board about Wasatch Hollow Park and Preserve. Anne stated that Wasatch</p>	



<p>Hollow had a recent off-leash dog survey and that everyone wants something done. Anne stated that the park has deteriorated from its beginning, and they hope the park will return to what it used to be. Anne further explained that off-leash dogs are just part of the issue; the conflict created by the increased amount of time for dogs off-leash and people is very out of balance. The other issue is that there is about to be three preserve entrances; they explained that currently, there are two parts to the Wasatch Hollow area, which are a park and a preserve. The preserve entrances are all into the preserve, which allows no dogs at all. The issue with both areas of the park is enforcement. Anne Cannon continued that, as the city acquires more properties for public space, the ability to enforce rules in those properties is almost zero. Anne stated that signs have been used for years to display rules; however, Anne stated that they find the signs ineffective due to their likelihood of being stolen or vandalized. Anne wants the Board to be made aware that it has an existing park that needs more help in terms of enforcement and that any acquiring of further properties will also need enforcement. Anne added that they believe the Park Ranger Program to be great, but it's very gentle and does not cover Wasatch Hollow Park. Anne encouraged the City to increase the range of the Park Rangers Program and to find a way to enforce the purpose and use of the parks so they can be used by everyone and not just a few.</p> <p><b>Jim Webster</b></p> <p>Jim Webster stated that they had sent photos to CJ Whittaker this morning. Jim stated that there was an enormous pile of dead wood in Miller Park where the old oxbow was. Jim stated that a Public Lands staff member had promised to get the pile out but that it had taken about five weeks' time, and much of it ended up in the creek, which was not good. Jim said that they wanted to remind the Board that Miller Park was dedicated by Minnie Miller to the children of the neighborhood. The problem is that a lower path that Jim had written a CIP grant for in years prior – which they state had been approved during a past administration – has not yet been created. Jim further explained that it's unfortunate that nothing has been done on this project and that it is not a priority. Lastly, Jim stated that the doggie bag dispenser has been empty for about six weeks now, which has led to increased dog feces throughout the park.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose thanked Anne and Jim for their comments and after seeing no further public comment, confirmed that Public Lands staff would have written responses to public commenters available online prior to the November PNUT Board meeting.</p>	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:35 PM</b>
<p>Salt Lake City Council Chair Dan Dugan Remarks</p> <p>Mr. Dugan thanked the PNUT Board for having him at their meeting and stated that he appreciates the incredible responsibility that comes with overseeing the parks and for the members' time and energy.</p>	<p>5 mins</p>
<p>Glendale Regional Park Master Plan Update – Action Item – Kat Maus</p> <p>Katherine (“Kat”) Maus, Public Lands Planner, introduced herself to the board and stated that she was present today to provide members with a quick update on the</p>	<p>10 mins</p>

Glendale Regional Park Plan and her recent presentation to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB).

Ms. Maus stated that PNUT member Ginger Cannon had been present at the TAB presentation and solicited collaboration from the TAB during the discussions. Ms. Maus explained that ultimately, the TAB members had requested additional time to formulate any changes or modifications to the plan from a transportation perspective, which they will be finalizing in their November meeting.

Ms. Maus proceeded to share her screen to show the PNUT Board the Salt Lake City Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan that might alleviate some concerns regarding transportation and access to the forthcoming Glendale Regional Park. Some of the elements of the plan for the 1700 South area included installing new crossings and adding curbs and crosswalks in the area, new lighting in the area, constructing a median down the center of the road, and traffic calming. This information may be found on page 79 of the Pedestrian Bicycle Master Plan; Ms. Maus mentioned that the planning team will also be referencing this section of the Pedestrian Bicycle Plan in the final Glendale Regional Park Plan to bolster its adoption.

Ms. Maus continued that next steps are for PL staff to still present the Glendale Park Plan to the Planning Commission in early November to continue moving through the process; however, this still leaves time for TAB and PNUT to collaborate and create an endorsement of the Glendale Regional Park Plan.

Ms. Binnebose asked a clarifying question on the action item facing the PNUT Board today; Ms. Maus clarified that an appropriate item to act on would be whether the Board recommends to the Planning Commission moving forward with the Glendale Regional Park Plan adoption process. As far as a timeline, Ms. Maus stated that both the TAB and PNUT Board could potentially hold their November meetings and produce a letter of co-endorsement.

Mr. Carroll stated that his interpretation of where things stand are that both TAB and PNUT have expressed similar concerns, and that it's just a matter of ironing out the details to make sure everything connects. Therefore, Mr. Carroll stated that he is comfortable voting on endorsing the plan to the Planning Commission during today's meeting.

Ms. Finch confirmed that she too believed it was a matter of coordinating actions; Ms. Binnebose added that she understood it to also be a matter of determining whether PNUT wanted to write a joint letter of endorsement with the TAB or separate ones. Ms. Riker asked whether Ms. Cannon asked the TAB about a joint letter during the recent meeting; Ms. Maus stated that yes, Ms. Cannon had asked this of the TAB, and should the PNUT want to proceed with this route, then it would be prudent for them to wait until after the TAB's November meeting.

Ms. Binnebose asked the PNUT Board whether they would then like to postpone this item once more for board action until next month (November). Ms. Maus stated that

<p>she would be coordinating with the TAB Chair to obtain their materials from the TAB's November meeting and would pass them along to the PNUT Board.</p> <p>Clayton Scrivner added that TAB's November meeting will be after PNUT's November meeting, so either way, PNUT would have time to endorse the Glendale Plan before the TAB's November meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Riker suggested that PNUT's acting Chair, Ms. Binnebose, could also reach out to the TAB chair to further coordinate a letter. Ms. Binnebose stated that she would be happy to do that, and reclarified that the action item for tonight's meeting could simply be that PNUT Board members will vote on whether to move forward with a letter of support for the Glendale Master Plan. The action item for the PNUT's November meeting would be to vote to approve and send the letter.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll added that he would be more comfortable to vote on any final draft letters with Ms. Cannon in attendance. Ms. Finch added that it would also be key to involve absent member Melanie Pehrson, since she was heavily involved in the Glendale Regional Park advisory committee and serves on the communications subcommittee.</p> <p>Further discussion among the board continued.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose made a final motion that the PNUT Board approve to move forward with writing a statement of support towards the Glendale Master Plan with the caveat that Ms. Binnebose, as acting Chair, will coordinate with the TAB chair to put together a draft letter of support that will largely be spearheaded by the communications subcommittee, whereupon the PNUT Board will vote to approve the said letter in its November meeting. Mr. Scrivner seconded the motion. The PNUT Board voted to unanimously approve the motion.</p> <p>Ms. Maus thanked the Board and Ms. Binnebose moved onto the next agenda item.</p>	
<p>Preliminary Public Lands CIP FY 2023-2024 Project List for PNUT Board Consideration – Tom Millar</p> <p>Mr. Millar, Public Lands Planning Manager, re-introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Millar asked the Board who has previously been involved in a prior Capital Improvement Program (CIP) process, to which a few board members raised their hands. Mr. Millar explained the CIP as a year-long process that starts with both internal applications from City departments and constituent applications from people who live within Salt Lake City. The CIP process starts around this time of year, with the final applications being submitted in December. Next, a citizen board goes through all the applications around January-February and makes their recommendations to the Mayor, upon which the Mayor includes in her budget that is proposed to the City Council. Finally, the City Council approves the budget and which projects are going to receive what amount of funding and from what source.</p> <p>Mr. Millar went on to say that we are now early in the 2023-2024 CIP process, and he has brought forth a list of prioritized project ideas to run past the PNUT Board.</p>	40 mins



Mr. Scrivner clarified that this is a prioritized internal wish list; Mr. Millar replied that that is correct. Mr. Millar stated that, of the 13 that he included in the PNUT Board's packet for today's meeting, he does not anticipate that Public Lands will apply for all of them.

Mr. Millar asked if there were any specific questions pertaining to the projects. Mr. Carroll replied that he liked the process they followed last year and would need more information for sure. The board explained to Mr. Millar how each board member preferred to rank each project on their own and then they all came back together to consolidate lists, with those receiving the most "1s" being top (first) priority projects, and those receiving the highest numbers being the lowest priority projects.

Mr. Millar asked what he could provide to the Board to help with that process. Ms. Binnebose responded that it would be most useful to include a spreadsheet ranked by the department with project description, district, costs, a map, and categories the projects fit into. The format from last year was the most helpful.

Ms. Finch asked if there were also comments from the Parks Division that were included in last years'; Ms. Riker replied that last year, they had projects separated out by design projects, natural construction projects, and so forth. Ms. Riker added that Mr. Millar was here to begin the conversation and prep the Board for this year's CIP process, and they'd be able to follow last year's formatting of the CIP projects for the Board, though they would not have the final dollar amounts.

Ms. Binnebose mentioned to Mr. Millar that the Board was also comfortable including a summary of why they ranked projects the way they did once all members had completed their rankings and presenting that to the Public Lands Department. Mr. Millar added that they were also trying to get the list in front of the Board one month earlier than they did for FY 2022-2023.

Ms. Riker added that the PNUT Board also submits a letter to the CDCIP Board (community board) of their recommendations. Mr. Millar also added that another reason they wanted to do it earlier this year was during the month of October Public Lands can put more thought into each of the 13 projects, but not fill out an entire full application for any of them until they've heard from the PNUT Board; after hearing more from the PNUT Board and weighing options, the PL Department can then spend the month of November deciding which of the 13 projects are the ones they'll be applying for and spend energy at that point filling out applications for the chosen projects.

Ms. Binnebose asked if it would be Mr. Millar's preference that the Board return with their ranked projects in time for the November PNUT Board meeting. Mr. Millar replied that yes, that would be preferable. Mr. Millar stated that he could supply all the materials requested by the board by early the second week of October so they could rank the list of CIP projects based on that formatting. The group clarified that there will be a discussion that goes along with their rankings during the November PNUT meeting.

Ms. Binnebose inquired when Mr. Millar and the PL Department would need the letter of recommended CIP projects addressed to the citizen board; Mr. Millar replied that the timeline for the letter is more flexible and just needs to happen by the end of December. Ms. Binnebose confirmed that the December PNUT Board meeting could be where the members finalize the letter, right before the holidays.

Mr. Carroll asked if Mr. Millar could also include in his forthcoming CIP project materials where the project was initiated (constituent applications vs. city department applications). Mr. Millar replied that yes, he could do that. Ms. Riker mentioned that this year, there are 14 constituent applications for Parks, and the department had just received those the day prior to today's PNUT meeting.

Mr. Millar shared his screen with the constituent application list of requested projects combined with the preliminary internal projects. Mr. Millar notified the board that there is a ceiling of \$500,000 per project for constituent applications, so in the case of those projects with more than that requested amount, the department would have to follow up with the constituent applicant.

Group discussion on the list continued.

Ms. Riker mentioned that Mr. Millar and the PL Planning team will be reaching out to each constituent applicant, explaining how the process works, and engaging in negotiations to develop their ideas into professional applications. Ms. Hewson asked without that rich context that comes from talking with the applicants, how the PNUT Board was supposed to rank these projects? Mr. Scrivner asked whether there was a general total amount of money that they should be keeping in mind when ranking projects? Mr. Millar replied that Engineering, Parks, Transportation, and Facilities typically submit CIP projects, and there isn't a set amount that they all work within. Ms. Riker added that Public Lands asks for capital improvement funds as well as impact-fee eligible projects through this process. Mr. Millar and Ms. Riker proceeded to provide some examples of impact-fee eligible projects on the CIP list from the Mr. Millar's screenshare, which included improvements to the Sunnyside pickleball courts, the Wetland Preserve Improvements, and other projects that do not provide additional service or operations.

Ms. Hewson asked if Mr. Millar could also provide on the forthcoming spreadsheet to the PNUT Board whether each project is impact-fee eligible; Mr. Millar replied that he could absolutely do this. Ms. Hewson then asked whether members should rank a project that is impact-fee eligible as lesser priority; Mr. Millar said that they don't necessarily need to do that, as it all goes through the same application process and that the key difference is which bank account the City Council is going to use to fund the project.

Mr. Scrivner asked how long it takes to speak with constituent applicants and gather more information from them about their proposed projects; Mr. Millar replied that it typically takes quite a while, so suggested that members use the approximate amount

input on this list to make their rankings. Ms. Riker added that another option is to exclude the constituent requested applications since there are so many unknowns at this point; she affirmed that it is up to the members what they want to share and include in their rankings but confirmed again that the department has much more information on its own internal project requests than external ones submitted by constituents.

Mr. Millar pointed the Board's attention to number 6 of the constituent requested projects, entitled "Rose Park Lane Improvement Project" for \$65,000. This project was also requested by the Department as Preliminary Internal Project I for \$650,000. He noted that since this is an overlapping project request, one of those requests would be coming off and the department would be working closely with the constituent applicant to determine which one and develop a robust final application for this mutual project.

Mr. Carroll mentioned that he felt strongly that they include the constituent list in their rankings; Ms. Finch mentioned that she felt strongly that they exclude the constituent list within their rankings. The Board continued discussion.

Ms. Hewson mentioned that, for her, the cost column in the constituent application section is the most unrefined, except for a few projects. Mr. Carroll added that a constituent applicant should feel like they have equal opportunity to accessing this funding. Mr. Millar added that constituent applications are granted more grace than the internal applications are; the City Council, CDCIP Board, and Mayor love to see the constituent applications and provide a lot of leeway regarding expectations for their formatting and layout.

Mr. Scrivner asked if it would be helpful for the PNUT Board to just focus on ranking the internal project list at this point, and then perhaps later after the Planning Team has engaged with the constituent applicants, the Board can follow-up on the constituent project proposals. Mr. Millar and Ms. Riker stated that this would be great.

Further discussion about the lists continued among board members. Mr. Millar suggested that the Board focuses on ranking the internal CIP projects list now to maintain their month-early timeline, and that the Board sticks to the same schedule with ranking the constituent CIP list as they did last year. Mr. Millar explained that this will give the Public Lands Department Planning Team the month of October to meet with the constituent applicants and flesh that list out a bit better; then for the Board's November meeting, Mr. Millar will provide them with a spreadsheet like what they've been given in the past for ranking the constituent CIP projects, as he will also do for the internal CIP projects the second week of October.

Mr. Millar recapped the plan for the Board's review of both sets of CIP project lists as September being the month for the internal CIP list development and October being the month for PNUT prioritization for the internal CIP list; then for the constituent CIP list, October is the development month and November is the PNUT prioritization



<p>month for that list. Mr. Millar added that he believes that this revised timeline works and still meets all deadline requirements for applications.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked whether, in terms of the master list that will be a finalized combination of both internal and constituent project lists, the Board could expect the procedure to entail a weeding out of some projects due to the Board's ranking and prioritization. Mr. Millar responded that yes, this is an expected part of the procedure. Ms. Binnebose asked further process and procedural questions, and discussion between Mr. Millar, Ms. Riker, and Ms. Binnebose continued regarding potential options for combining lists and keeping them separate.</p> <p>Other Board members weighed in regarding the process and procedure, expressing support to move forward and that the process would become clearer as it unfolds in the coming months. Further discussion continued.</p> <p>Mr. Millar asked if there were further questions from the Board. Mr. Carroll stated that at some point in the previous year, the Board was given a status update on how CIP projects were progressing and asked if they could be presented with that status update this year; Mr. Millar responded that yes, they could potentially present that in January 2023 or later when things slow down a bit.</p> <p>Mr. Millar thanked the Board and Ms. Binnebose moved on to the next agenda item.</p>	
<p>General Obligation Bond Update – Kristin Riker</p> <p>Ms. Riker stated she would pass the presentation of this agenda item onto Mr. Millar. Mr. Millar referred to a prepared presentation on the board room screen and reminded the Board of the legal requirements pertaining to City ballot initiatives and general obligation (GO) bonds barring advocacy for or against the GO bond.</p> <p>Mr. Millar proceeded to explain that there are eight projects proposed in the Park Trails and Open Space GO Bond. They are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improvements to the Jordan River – this includes irrigation, cleanup, and restoring ecological function of the river and other improvements along it to make sure it's activated, safe and preserving water quality and safety.</li> <li>2. Reimagine Neighborhood Parks – this includes at least seven projects in one as it calls for improving and reimagining neighborhood parks with at least one project in each of the seven city council districts. This could take several years' time and is slated to cost approximately \$10.5 million.</li> <li>3. Glendale Regional Park – this includes the multiple Glendale Regional Park Vision Plan presentations given by the Public Lands Planning team to the Board over the past few months.</li> <li>4. Folsom Trail – this includes connecting the Folsom Trail to the Jordan River as well as landscaping the existing trail with focus on the intersections. This entails the area between 500 West and 1000 West.</li> <li>5. Fleet Block Park – this includes developing the nearly entire 10-acre block of City-owned property off 300 West that was a former City Fleet vehicle facility by incorporating some buildings plus a park.</li> </ol>	u

6. Liberty Park Playground – this includes reimagining the Northwest rotary park playground to serve all ages and abilities as the playground is currently nearing the end of its lifetime.
7. Fairmont Park – this includes enhancements to Fairmont with special focus on the North portion of the Park where the tennis courts and Boys and Girls Club are located.
8. Allen Park – this includes about \$4.5 million to implement the upcoming adaptive reuse and management plan recommendations pertaining to the creek, buildings, use, and other amenities.

Mr. Millar then went on to present on the opportunities that the GO Bond will bring to the entire city and not just in one area, including but not limited to updating aged facilities and trails, improving water quality, pollinator habitat, and migratory nesting grounds, and increasing tree canopies, plant diversity, and natural landscapes that utilize less water, decrease temperatures, and improve air quality.

Mr. Millar continued that the four projects that are farthest along in their implementation are the Glendale Regional Park, Allen Park, Liberty Park Playground, and Jordan River Enhancements. The four projects that will require additional community engagement but also planning and design prior to construction readiness are Reimagine Neighborhood Parks, Tails, and Open Space; Folsom Trail; Fleet Block Park; and Fairmont Park.

Mr. Millar explained that about 26% of the city's General Fund budget comes from property taxes, and of that total General Fund budget, about \$18 million is allocated to the Public Lands Department. Much of that \$18 million is dedicated to maintenance, whereas most of the projects and activities covered under the GO Bond pertain to new projects or enhancements and could not be funded under that maintenance funding. In addition, in the last 10-12 years, Salt Lake City has grown by about 7% adding 13,000 new residents; the 2019 Public Lands Needs Assessment identified the need for an additional 94 acres of public lands and open spaces to avoid overcrowding of our existing parks and trails.

Mr. Millar added that if the GO Bond is not approved this year by voters, the PL Department will continue to receive its annual budget for maintenance and small improvements while continuing to seek opportunities to fund the proposed improvements under the GO Bond. Essentially, if the GO Bond passes, those proposed projects will be able to be built in a generally short timeframe over the next ten years; if not, those same projects will just take longer to fund and build.

Mr. Millar displayed a slide depicting how many acres per 1,000 SLC residents, the amount of spending per SLC resident – which is \$79 – and the maintenance expenditures per acre. Mr. Millar emphasized that these figures are all current. If approved, the average cost per SLC residential property would be approximately \$53.80 per year or about \$5 per month; and per commercial property, second + home, the average cost would be approximately \$97.83 per year. Mr. Millar explained that a

good rule of thumb in calculating average costs is that per \$100,000 of value, the cost is roughly \$9.34 per year. This cost would be excised through property taxes.

Mr. Carroll asked if this will be a line item in property taxes; Mr. Millar replied that property taxes do not specify exactly which bond is being paid for, but there is a line item for the bonds and there are currently outstanding bonds listed on the property tax assessments. If this year's GO Bond is not approved, the property tax burden will decrease by about that same amount; but if it is approved, the tax burden will stay about the same as those bonds from previous years expire and sunset.

Ms. Riker emphasized that these are all estimates and not exact amounts. Mr. Millar then presented a slide containing important dates pertaining to the GO Bond process this year, including public hearing times, meetings, postmarked ballot dates and deadlines, and this year's date for the general election, which is November 8.

Mr. Millar further presented ways for the public to stay involved and informed, including via social media, phone, website, and email:

[www.SLCParksBond.com](http://www.SLCParksBond.com) | [ParksBond@slcgov.com](mailto:ParksBond@slcgov.com) | 888-556-0232. |  
@SLCPublicLands (same handle for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

Mr. Millar wrapped up his presentation and asked the Board if there were any questions. Mr. Scrivner asked if there was a sunset date for the GO Bond money to be used by, particularly regarding the Fleet Block project, should the GO Bond be approved by voters. Mr. Millar replied that the GO Bond monies will form part of the individual and property tax burden for approximately 20 years, which is the time it takes the City to pay off the bonds. Mr. Millar added that he believes there is a limitation on how long you can spend the money based on when the bonds are issued to the city and how they're structured, etc.

Mr. Carroll asked what percentage of the total GO Bond proposed amount the "shovel-ready" projects are. Mr. Millar stated that the total GO Bond proposal is \$85 million; of that \$85 million, Glendale Regional Park is requesting \$27 million, Jordan River Improvements is requesting \$9 million, Allen Park is requesting \$4.5 million, and Liberty Park Playground is requesting \$2 million. This adds up to \$42.5 million, or 50% of that total GO Bond proposal.

Mr. Scrivner asked how much flexibility is allowed in the funding should a currently proposed project not work out as time goes on; Ms. Riker replied that in that situation, we need to build the projects that are identified by and portrayed to the public, and if there is leftover money, we can use it for other things. Ultimately, we must use the funds to build what is polled to the public, which includes Fleet Block; the flexibility comes into play regarding the details of the park itself (e.g., will Fleet Block be a half-acre or 10 acres?). Ms. Riker mentioned that Fleet Block is making great progress with the Mayor's Office.



Mr. Carroll inquired about rising interest rates and overall accounting for inflation of the GO Bond funds in years to come; Mr. Millar replied that he will ask the Finance Department and get back to Mr. Carroll with the answer to that.

Ms. Hewson stated that it would be helpful to have cheat sheet containing some of the statistics that Mr. Millar presented regarding SLC's increasing population and so forth; she also expressed interest in having a map that displays the coordinates of each project. Mr. Millar replied that this information is all available on the [www.SLCParksBond.com](http://www.SLCParksBond.com) website. Mr. Millar showed the Board the website and navigated to where the information is coming from. Ms. Binnebose added that it would be helpful to have all this information included on a one-pager, if possible. Ms. Riker replied that everything Mr. Millar talked about in his presentation to the Board is on the GO Bond website, and that the Department had to go through an extensive approval process with City attorneys and administration in preparation of today's presented materials.

Mr. Millar also noted that every single residential and commercial property within Salt Lake City will receive a voter information packet the second week of October. These will be in English and Spanish and have all the same information that is on the website. Ms. Riker added that there will also be an informational post card included in ballots that pushes people to view the webpage for further information.

Mr. Scrivner inquired about the advocacy role of the Board pertaining the GO Bond, if any, as he was absent during the September meeting during a City attorney presentation on that piece. Ms. Riker responded that in the context of PNUT Board meetings, the Board is prohibited from talking about how they advocate in their personal time. Ms. Riker added that Board members may talk about advocacy and advocate on their own time when they are not on City property, eating food funded by the City, and receiving support from paid City staff. Mr. Millar added that the same applies to the Mayor and City Council.

Ms. Finch asked about the Public Lands consultants that presented at the September PNUT meeting and their role in the GO Bond advocacy process; Mr. Millar responded that the consultants are like extra PL staff working on communications for the Department. Ms. Riker added that, as of the date of this meeting, the department finally had its media plan approved, so there will be educational materials being released on five different radio stations and four different television stations. Additionally, the Mayor put together a video that the Department will try to push out to community councils, and Mr. Millar's presentation will be shown at all community councils. Lastly, there has been extensive social media, streaming, email, mailer, and newsletter coverage of the GO Bond as of late, as the month prior to an election is the time when folks start thinking most about it. The Trust For Public Lands consultants ensured the Department that the most important thing the City can do to inform the public is to release voter education and information materials during the month of October. There has also been stenciling and signage with the GO Bond website done within all the busiest parks of Salt Lake City, including Memory Grove.

Mr. Millar thanked the Board for its time and Ms. Binnebose moved onto the next agenda item.	
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:40 PM</b>
<p>Board Subcommittees – review details of each committee in accordance with new bylaws</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose referred to the Board meeting packets for the current bylaws and stated that at this time, the Board will go through current subcommittees and simply touch on member responsibilities for those subcommittees. Mr. Binnebose reminded members that under the recently amended Bylaws, Board members are required to actively serve on one subcommittee at minimum each year of their board term. She stated that the two subcommittees currently active are the Trails Subcommittee and the Communications Subcommittee.</p> <p>Ms. Finch added that it would be great to provide a brief presentation in the coming months to bring all the new members and everyone up to speed on what the 501(c)(3) has done in terms of collective knowledge and hopefully cultivate more member involvement.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson inquired whether the Board needs a longer discussion at a later meeting regarding the subcommittees as there are a few things she remains unclear about, particularly regarding external membership, formalities, equity in representation, and so forth pertaining specifically to the Trails Subcommittee. She expressed the need for further guiderails pertaining to this.</p> <p>Mr. Whittaker weighed in with his perspective on the Trails Subcommittee structure and bylaws; Ms. Hewson mentioned that it would be good to have greater discussion of this during an upcoming Board meeting. Ms. Riker suggested that such a discussion might come sooner on the agenda so that the Board has guaranteed time to talk about it, or to even reconvene the Bylaws Subcommittee and dig deeper into the questions that Ms. Hewson raises regarding external member representation on the subcommittees.</p> <p>Discussion on this agenda item was blended in below with agenda item 6.</p>	15 mins
<p>Board retreat discussion</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose discussed board retreat ideas, where a potential agenda item could be what Ms. Hewson has raised regarding clarifying external member representation and equity on subcommittees. Mr. Scrivner asked if a board retreat has been scheduled yet; Ms. Binnebose stated that no retreat for this year has yet been scheduled and this agenda item serves as a basis to discuss whether one should be scheduled.</p> <p>Mr. Whittaker inquired about the purpose of board retreats. Ms. Binnebose and several board members echoed that the purpose of board retreats was to work through issues (such as subcommittees) in-depth as well as get to know each other on a more personal level. More discussion ensued regarding last year's board retreat held in Tracy Aviary, logistics and scheduling, and agenda-setting.</p>	10 mins

<p>The Board agreed to hold a retreat sometime within a designated two-week period in early January 2023 and PL Department staff will then send out a Doodle poll to coordinate the exact date. The Board will go through the regular Open and Public Meetings Act process to spread notice of the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b></p>	<p><b>7:05 PM</b></p>
<p>Board subcommittee updates as needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>CJ stated that the Trails Subcommittee has been working closely with Public Lands Department staff on the I Street Bike Park and things are progressing.</p> <p>Mr. Whittaker and Ms. Binnebose inquired whether the Board was still on agenda item 5 or if they'd moved onto agenda item 6; Ms. Binnebose mentioned that appreciates any updates on what the subcommittees are working on and for members getting the Board back on task if she inadvertently skips around the agenda as acting chair.</p> <p>Mr. Scrivner also added that they are trying to align bylaw subcommittees standards for the new subcommittee, and that they have a draft about ready for that. Mr. Whittaker, Ms. Hewson, and Mr. Carroll are all working on that document at present, and they expect it to be complete in November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications subcommittee</li> </ul>	
<p>Board comment and question period</p> <p>Mr. Carroll mentioned that it would be nice sending a letter to former member Polly Hart thanking her for her service; Ms. Riker stated that this is totally up to the board and reminded members of a recent past meeting where they all presented Ms. Hart with a thank you gift and had dessert in her honor.</p>	
<p>Next meeting: November 3, 2022</p>	
<p>Request for future agenda items</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose requested that during the Board's November meeting, they review board subcommittee bylaws at the top of the agenda.</p> <p>The Board will also review their internal CIP project list prioritization rankings during November meeting.</p> <p>The Board will also need to approve the draft letter initiated by the Communications Subcommittee in support of the Glendale Regional Park Plan during the November PNUT meeting.</p>	
<p><b>7 – Adjourn</b></p>	<p><b>7:10 PM</b></p>
<p>Mr. Scrivner motioned to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Finch seconded the motion. The PNUT Board voted to unanimously adjourn the October PNUT Board meeting.</p>	





## Staff Responses to Public Comments from the October 6, 2022 PNUT Board Meeting

### Anne Cannon

Anne Cannon introduced themselves as a resident of District 6 and is present to speak to the board about Wasatch Hollow Park and Preserve. Anne stated that Wasatch Hollow had a recent off-leash dog survey and that everyone wants something done. Anne stated that the park has deteriorated from its beginning, and they hope the park will return to what it used to be. Anne further explained that off-leash dogs are just part of the issue; the conflict created by the increased amount of time for dogs off-leash and people is very out of balance. The other issue is that there is about to be three preserve entrances; they explained that currently, there are two parts to the Wasatch Hollow area, which are a park and a preserve. The preserve entrances are all into the preserve, which allows no dogs at all. The issue with both areas of the park is enforcement. Anne Cannon continued that, as the city acquires more properties for public space, the ability to enforce rules in those properties is almost zero. Anne stated that signs have been used for years to display rules; however, Anne stated that they find the signs ineffective due to their likelihood of being stolen or vandalized. Anne wants the Board to be made aware that it has an existing park that needs more help in terms of enforcement and that any acquiring of further properties will also need enforcement. Anne added that they believe the Park Ranger Program to be great, but it's very gentle and does not cover Wasatch Hollow Park. Anne encouraged the City to increase the range of the Park Rangers Program and to find a way to enforce the purpose and use of the parks so they can be used by everyone and not just a few.

### Staff Response:

*Salt Lake City Department of Public Lands has worked closely with Wasatch Hollow Community Council to discuss options for mitigating conflicts between off-leash dogs and other park users. Several staff members met on site with community council members in April to discuss next steps. At that meeting, it was decided that Public Lands would design and install new signage and would execute a survey to understand community sentiment around the dog park.*

*More user-friendly signage was designed installed at three locations around the off-leash area in August 2022. A survey was developed in collaboration with the Community Council and was available for three weeks in August and September 2022. A majority of survey respondents live within 0.5 miles of the park and visit the park on a weekly basis. Nearly 70% of visitors bring a dog every time or most of the time they visit the park. Over 60% of users indicated they were either somewhat or very supportive of the existing off-leash regulations. The full engagement report is available [here](#). Based on the survey results, Public Lands is continuing to explore potential actions to mitigate conflict between users. Public Lands*

*will be working with the Park Rangers to increase presence in Wasatch Hollow Park in order to spread awareness and educate park users on the off-leash rules and restrictions.*

*The Wasatch Hollow Community Council submitted a constituent CIP application to fund improvements for the park. Makaylah Respicio, a Public Lands Planner, is working closely with the community council to determine the scope of the request which may include modifications to the off-leash area and the addition of other amenities to the park.*

### **Jim Webster**

Jim Webster stated that they had sent photos to CJ Scrivner this morning. Jim stated that there was an enormous pile of dead wood in Miller Park where the old oxbow was. Jim stated that a Public Lands staff member had promised to get the pile out but that it had taken about five weeks' time, and much of it ended up in the creek, which was not good. Jim said that they wanted to remind the Board that Miller Park was dedicated by Minnie Miller to the children of the neighborhood. The problem is that a lower path that Jim had written a CIP grant for in years prior – which they state had been approved during a past administration – has not yet been created. Jim further explained that it's unfortunate that nothing has been done on this project and that it is not a priority. Lastly, Jim stated that the doggie bag dispenser has been empty for about six weeks now, which has led to increased dog feces throughout the park.

### **Staff Response:**

*Public Lands crews removed the large woody debris piles located next to the trail and hauled them off in early October. Following this Public Lands staff placed educational signage to discourage the piling of debris in Miller Bird Preserve and the benefits of leaving some woody species in our urban natural areas. Public Lands will continue to evaluate debris that may increase flooding risk or fire hazards and remove those as needed.*

*CIP and Creek Side Trail: Please review our webpage for updates on the CIP project:*

*<https://www.sl.gov/parks/miller-bird-refuge-and-nature-park-capital-improvement-program-projects/>*

*Dog Bags: Public Lands was made aware of the dog bag issues several weeks ago. This dispenser has been added to our Trails and Natural Lands crews list and it will get refilled weekly.*

## Public Lands Constituent Project Proposals - CIP FY 2023-2024

Proj	Project Name	Application Lead	Engineering Support	Council District	Estimated Project Cost	General Fund	Estimated Impact Fee Eligibility	Planning	Design	Acquisition	Construction	Program	Repeat Application	Project Source	Scope	Justification
1	11th Ave Park Pickleball Expansion	Kat	Bruce	3	\$250,000		100%	•	•		•	Parks		Constituent CIP Application	Adds 4 new pickleball courts and associated amenities, including benches, paddle racks, fencing, just east of the current pickleball courts at 11th Avenue Park. Lighting will be added to courts as funding is available. Cost estimate includes design, demolition of current site (including tree relocation, demolition of picnic table and grading), construction and soft costs.	Increases capacity for pickleball play at an already-popular area, reducing wait times and increasing tournament capacity.
2	Ensign Peak Nature Park Improvements	Makaylah	Troy	3	\$206,314	100%			•		•	Parks; Trails & Natural Lands		Constituent CIP Application	Increases safety and preservation of the Ensign Peak trail through restricting access in off-hours through fencing and pedestrian turnstile, increasing lighting, and removing overgrowth.	Addresses community concerns about safety and other community impacts.
3	Jefferson Park Improvements	Makaylah	Troy	5	\$500,000	100%			•		•	Parks	•	Constituent CIP Application	Safety, amenity, and capacity improvements including a walking path, dark sky lighting, fencing around the playground areas, and additional trash bins throughout the park.	Increases level of service in an underutilized park in the Ballpark community. May overlap with internal project proposal; must determine best approach.
4	Liberty Park Greenhouse - Revised	Tyler M	Dat	5	\$150,000	100%			•			Parks		Constituent CIP Application	Visioning and engagement around the complete renovation of the Liberty Park Greenhouse (LPG).The LPG is a prominent, iconic landmark that serves the Salt Lake community by providing seasonal floral displays that enhance the park's overall beauty and visitor experience. Presently, the facility is showing signs of aging requiring renovation in order to help make Utah's oldest and most celebrated park one of the area's top attractions.	Accommodates both Public Lands use and future community use to make the Greenhouse more functional and provide more publicly available space through education and community activation of this iconic structure.
5	Madsen Park Improvements	Makaylah	Bruce	2	\$500,000	100%			•		•	Parks	•	Constituent CIP Application	Improvements to increase activation and safety, including lighting, sealing, playground replacement, and the potential creation of an off-leash dog park.	Increases level of service in an underutilized park on the west side.
6	Rose Park Ln Improvement Project	Makaylah	Stephanie	1	\$500,000		100%		•		•	Parks; Trails & Natural Lands		Constituent CIP Application	Removes weeds, upgrades irrigation, and provides new trees and waterways landscaping throughout the park strip of Rose Park Lane from 1700 N to approximately 2100 N. It would also add two new solar speed feedback signs.	Beautifies an underinvested community trail. May overlap with internal project proposal; must determine best approach.
7	Salt Lake City Petanque (Glendale Park)	Kat	Bruce	2	\$400,000		100%	•	•		•	Parks		Constituent CIP Application	Adds up to 16 Petanque courts to Rosewood Park due east of the current dog park. Construction will consist of gravel and perimeter boundaries for courts, benches and 8 shade structures. Costs include design, demolition and grading of current site, construction and soft costs.	There is currently no service for petanque play in Salt Lake City's public lands system. This project would allow for tournament play in Salt Lake City and recreational use for residents.
8	Sunnyside Pickleball Courts	Kat	Bruce	6	\$500,000		100%	•	•		•	Parks		Constituent CIP Application	Adds up to 6 new courts near Sunnyside Park just west of Steiner Aquatic Center's outdoor pool. Funding request includes site prep and grading, design and construction of fencing, paddle racks, and up to 6 post-tension pickleball courts, and soft costs. Inclusion of shade sails will also be considered as cost allows.	Adds capacity and facilities for pickleball at a recreational and tournament level in an area of the city with limited pickleball access.
9	Fairmont Park Restroom Reconstruction	Kat	Dat	7	\$75,000	100%		•	•			Parks		Constituent CIP Application	Planning, typologies and design document for restrooms in Public Lands utilizing Fairmont Park as a pilot. This project would fund a planning and investigation document outlining best practices for urban public lands restrooms, a typologies guide for restrooms in Salt Lake City parks and public lands, and would provide schematic design for one to three restrooms/restroom configurations at Fairmont Park.	Restroom facilities on public lands in Salt Lake City pose many concerns for communities and for Parks staff. This project would investigate nationwide best practices for safe, efficient and effective urban park restroom facilities. Detailed design for pilot implementation of proposed solutions would be at a restroom at Fairmont Park which historically has had many challenges.
10	First Encampment Park	Kat	Troy	5	\$364,000	100%			•		•	Parks	•	Constituent CIP Application	Funding would provide waterwise, art-sensitive irrigation upgrades and replacement to minimize damage to stonework and allow for more effective watering of drought-tolerant plantings; improve drainage in the dry riverbed to reduce standing water issues; add lighting to improve safety; repair damaged monuments to improve the perception that the park is valued; upgrade park signage; adding historical placards with interpretive content; repairing engraved pioneer names damaged by water on the rocks. Funding would include design and implementation.	Enhances climate resilience to the site by upgrading irrigation and increasing drought-tolerant plants. It also restores art features on the site. The addition of lighting to the park pathway would also increase safety and utility at night.
11	International Peace Gardens: Historic Restorations, Replacements, Conservation Work, and Visitor Center/Reading Room	Kat	Nancy	2	\$500,000	100%		•	•		•	Parks		Constituent CIP Application	CIP funding is needed to replace or replicate, conserve, and conceive a plan and trust fund for future upkeep of this trove of art, ethnic and botanic diversity. This project proposes funding the replacement, recreation and installation of new and refurbished features to the gardens at the International Peace Gardens. Funding would include planning, design, and improvements up to \$500,000.	Repairs, replaces, and restores features of the Peace Gardens that have previously failed, been removed, or been stolen.
12	Poplar Grove Park Full Court Basketball Expansion	Makaylah	Troy	2	\$500,000	50%	50%		•		•	Parks		Constituent CIP Application	Expands the existing half basketball court to a full court, including amenities such as fencing, benches, and landscaping.	Expands level of service in a well-utilized west side park.
13	Wasatch Hollow Park Restoration and Improvement	Makaylah	Nancy	6	\$500,000	50%	50%	•	•		•	Parks; Trails & Natural Lands		Constituent CIP Application	Design and construction of improvements for the off-leash dog area, in line with desires of the community council. Also adds amenities for diversified activation of the park.	Addresses community concerns around off-leash dogs.
14	Fred and Ila Rose Wetland Preserve Improvements	Tyler M	Bruce	2	\$336,000	100%			•			Parks		Constituent CIP Application	Improved public access for intended non-consumptive nature users through 1) the installation of boulder manways and low fencing (two entrances at 1100 West) and a gate (northwest entrance), 2) complete removal of split-rail fencing around the entire preserve, 3) complete removal of rock-filled gabion baskets at both pond-side access points, and 4) creation of sloped cracked gravel beaches at both pondside access points. Design and installation of a trash-rack in front of the wetland pond outlet to facilitate water exchange while still allowing in-and-out migration of Jordan River wildlife, especially fish.	Improve access, natural features, and maintainability.
15	New Liberty Park Crosswalks and Trails	Tom	Stephanie	5	\$125,000	50%	50%		•		•	Parks		Constituent CIP Application	Adding two new crosswalks to 500 East and two new walking/bicycling entrances to Liberty Park, at Edith and Williams Avenues.	Improve connectivity from the neighborhoods west of Liberty Park into the park itself.

**PNUT Prioritization (1 = Highest Priority; Low Total Score = High Priority)**

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# **SALT LAKE CITY PARKS, NATURAL LANDS, TRAILS, AND URBAN FORESTRY ADVISORY BOARD**

## **BY-LAWS**

Updated May 2022

### **AUTHORITY**

The Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board (the “Board”) will operate pursuant to Salt Lake City Code Chapter 2.94, Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board.

The Board was created in 2012 for increased stewardship and public participation for the Open Space Program. The City’s Parks Division, Trails and Natural Lands Division, Golf Division, and Urban Forestry Division are now part of the City’s Public Lands Department (the “Department”). The City Council has determined that one advising board for those divisions will lead to efficiencies and remove duplication and confusion as to the respective roles and responsibilities and has determined that Chapter 2.94 is in the best interest of the City and its citizens. The Mayor and the City Council recognize the need to acquire, preserve, and protect these critical resources within Salt Lake City and its environs. They have adopted multiple plans to identify, protect, and manage open space lands and have established the Board to facilitate the City’s acquisition, management, promotion, preservation, protection, and enhancement of public lands.

The Board has established the following By-Laws for the conduct of Board business:

### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The Board’s principal office is at the Public Lands Building at 1965 West 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TERMS**

The Board’s officers will be a chair and a vice-chair. The term of those positions will be one year. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms as chair. The vice-chair may be reelected one or more times successively. The vice-chair will not automatically succeed to the position of chair, except that the vice-chair will succeed the chair if the chair vacates the office before the chair’s term is completed; in that event the vice-chair will serve as chair for the unexpired term of the vacated office. The Board shall elect a new vice-chair at the next regular Board meeting.

If the vice-chair is unable or unwilling to serve the remaining term of the vacated office, the Board shall meet as soon as practicable to elect a new chair for the remainder of the term.

Any Board member may nominate themselves or any other Board member for the positions of chair and vice-chair. The Board may nominate and elect members to other offices as deemed appropriate by a majority of the Board. Oral nominations from the floor as well as written or digital nominations will be accepted. Written, digital and oral nominations must be made in the month of December or at the last Board meeting of the year. All nominees must be contacted and state their availability and willingness to serve before being placed in nomination.

The election will be by written, oral, or digital ballot. Subject to City Code Section 2.07.120, the Board, at its first regular meeting of each calendar year, shall select a member as chair and another as vice-chair. Proxy votes will not be allowed. Officers will be elected by an affirmative majority vote of the Board members in attendance. The current chair shall solicit two members of the Board who are neither officers nor a nominee to conduct the vote and count ballots. The officers-elect shall assume their duties at the next regular Board meeting.

## **POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Without limiting the foregoing, the duties and powers of the officers of the Board are as follows:

### **A. Chair:**

- (1) Preside at all meetings of the Board.
- (2) Call special meetings of the Board in accordance with the By-laws.
- (3) Sign Board documents.
- (4) See that the Board complies with the By-laws and applicable law.
- (5) Appoint standing or ad hoc subcommittees of the Board.
- (6) May be an ex-officio member of any or all subcommittees with a voice but no vote.
- (7) Act as official spokesperson for the Board in matters of which the Board has taken a formal vote or position.

### **B. Vice-Chair:**

The vice-chair shall assist the chair, and during the absence of the chair, shall exercise or perform all the duties and be subject to all the responsibilities of the chair.

## **REGULAR MEETINGS**

The Chair will govern the conduct of all regular and special meetings of the Board and ensure agenda items are to involve a motion, a second, any pertinent discussion, and a vote.

The Board shall meet on an as needed basis but at least twice per quarter as specified in City Code Section 2.94.050. The Board shall establish a schedule specifying the times,

dates, and locations of regular meetings. The Board may alter the schedule at any regular meeting, and shall comply with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (“OPMA”). A quorum will consist of the majority of filled Board positions.

The Board may hold an electronic meeting in accordance with OPMA. A Board member who attends an electronic meeting remotely by electronic means will be counted as present for purposes of calculating whether a quorum of the Board is present at the meeting. The length of a Board meeting can extend for the length of time necessary to complete Board business and/or discussion.

All Board meeting agendas and minutes will be posted and provided for public review according to OPMA.

### **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings may be called by a majority of the Board, by the chair or by the mayor and shall comply with OPMA. The call for a special meeting must be signed by the member calling such meeting and, unless waived in writing, each member not joining in the order for such special meeting must be given not less than 24 hours’ notice. Said notice must be served personally through email, phone, or by hand delivery at a member’s residence or business office. Attendance by a Board member will constitute the waiver by that Board member of any defects in the notice.

Special meetings will be held at the Department’s building, or remotely using an electronic meeting, or at such other public place as may be designated by the Board.

### **VOTING**

All official Board business that results in a recommendation to the Mayor, the City Council, or any other public agency or commission must be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board members, and must comply with City Code Section 2.07.150.

The Board must take a roll call vote of record upon request of any Board member. Each Board member will only have one vote and a record of each vote within the roll call must be included in the meeting minutes.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At any regular meeting of the Board, the order of business will generally be as follows:

- A. Call meeting to order.
- B. Approval of minutes.
- C. Invite public comment.
- D. Public Lands Department - staff presentation(s) and discussion



- E. Board Discussion
- F. Voting on official business.
- G. Confirm date for next meeting; reporting of sub-committees.
- H. Adjournment.

## **AGENDA**

The meeting agenda will be prepared by the Department liaison and the chair, working together. The agenda must be given as part of the meeting notice in accordance with OPMA. The Department liaison will provide the agenda to Board members seven days prior to a regularly scheduled Board meeting, with an exception for urgent circumstances as approved by the chair. Any member of the Board may request topics for discussion at the meeting through communication with the chair.

At the first regularly scheduled meeting of each year, the Board shall review a calendar of anticipated Department projects for the forthcoming year. For any agenda, the priority order for agenda items will be (1) staff presentation and discussion; (2) Board discussion; and (3) vote on official business.

Out of respect for members of the public in attendance, if a closed session of the Board is necessary, the closed session will be the last item on the agenda. Except in the case of an emergency meeting, the Board may not take final action on a topic unless the topic is listed under an agenda item and included with the advance public notice of the meeting.

Each topic considered at the Board meeting must be included in the agenda except topics raised during the public comment period. If a member of the public raises a topic, the majority of the Board may request, and the chair may allow, Board discussion of the public comments. The Board may discuss public comments or advise staff to respond to public comments made within a public meeting during the Board comment and question period.

The public will be invited to speak during a 15 minute public comment period on issues that pertain to parks and public lands. Public comment speaking limits will be prescribed by the chair, and the chair will have discretion to extend the public comment period beyond the allotted time period.

## **MINUTES**

In accordance with OPMA, the Department liaison shall keep written minutes and a recording of each Board meeting. Pending minutes will be provided to the Board members for their review within two weeks after a Board meeting and will contain a clear indication that the Board has not approved the minutes or that the minutes are subject to change until the Board approves them. Board members may return amendments and corrections to the minutes at or before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. The

updated minutes will be included with the agenda for approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Within three days after approving the minutes, the Department Liaison must make the approved minutes available to the public in accordance with OPMA.

## **BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

Board members are expected to attend all Board meetings. Board members are expected to actively serve on a minimum of one subcommittee during each year of their Board term and assist with drafting letters and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council under Chapter 2.94.060 paragraph J.

Any Board member failing to attend two Board meetings in one calendar year without advance notice to the chair of the Board member's absence will be subject to removal by the Board in accordance with City Code Section 2.07.090.

Board members are expected to review all agenda items or other provided materials in advance of each scheduled meeting.

Board members shall be respectful of the public, staff, and each other.

The Board chair shall ensure that all Board members have a fair, balanced, and respectful opportunity to share their knowledge, opinions, and perspectives.

The role of the Board is to advise the Mayor and the City Council and/or staff. Board appointment does not empower Members to make final decisions or to supervise staff.

Board correspondence written to the Mayor and the City Council as prescribed under Chapter 2.94.060 paragraph J must be made through the Chair to ensure that the consensus opinion of the Board is represented. The Department liaison fulfills an important role in assisting the Board with this regard.

If a Board member, other than the chair, gives their opinion to the media or in a public forum about Board business, that member must also clarify that this is their personal view or opinion and not the opinion or view of the Board or another Board member.

Subcommittees of the Board will be established by the chair, or by majority vote of the Board when proposed by any Board member. The chair shall cause the following details to be placed on the agenda for Board consideration:

- Committee type (standing or ad-hoc)
- Committee membership (who is involved and the expected time commitment)
- Work objective (the purpose or scope of the subcommittee work)
- Timeline (when and how the work will be accomplished)

- Committee reporting (a presentation and/or written summary of committee work for Board review and/or approval)

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Public comment is invited during Board meetings as part of the general agenda.

Board meetings are intended to be a place for people to feel safe and comfortable in participating in their government. A respectful and safe environment allows Board meetings to be conducted in an orderly, efficient, effective, and dignified fashion, free from distraction, intimidation, and threats to safety. We welcome everyone and ask all meeting participants to keep comments free of discriminatory language referring to a person or group based on their religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, color, descent, gender, sexual orientation, disability, age or other identity factor.

In order to support a respectful meeting, items that disrupt the meeting, intimidate other participants or that may cause safety concerns are not allowed. If any person fails to conduct themselves in a civil manner, the chair can direct that person to leave the meeting. The chair may elect to terminate a Board meeting if Board business cannot be conducted due to continued disruption or threats to safety.

## **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Board members must avoid and disclose conflicts of interest in accordance with applicable conflict of interest laws, including City Code Section 2.07.080. If any member wonders whether a particular set of circumstances might involve a conflict of interest, that member shall notify the Director of Public Lands requesting an opinion of the City Attorney on whether there is a conflict and how to avoid or otherwise resolve it.

## **AMENDMENT**

These By-Laws may be amended in writing at any meeting by a vote of a majority of the entire membership of the Board, provided prior notice has been given to each Board member.



## MOTION FOR ADOPTION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

Upon motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, the By-Laws of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, were formally adopted.

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CHAIR

## **CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_, in my capacity as chair of the Parks, Natural Lands, Trails, and Urban Forestry Advisory Board hereby certify that the foregoing document is a complete, accurate, and current copy of the By-Laws of that Board.

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CHAIR

Formal Meeting  
Thursday, December 1, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Join Via Webex: <https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=m114a24b0e21c1ac3b6b9f0c4442823a4>

Or Join at the Public Lands Administrative Building: 1965 W. 500 S. Salt Lake City, UT 84104  
Upstairs Parks Training Room

Join by phone  
1-408-418-9388  
Access code: 2490 189 6492

## AGENDA

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order	
Chair comments	5 mins
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:05 PM</b>
Approve November 3, 2022 meeting minutes	5 mins
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>
Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
Public Lands budget initiatives overview and board discussion about prioritization process – Kristin Riker	30 mins
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>5:55 PM</b>
Continued Public Lands CIP FY 2023-2024 discussion & PNUT project ranking letter (Action Item)	30 mins
Board chair and vice chair nominations	10 mins
Determine location and topics for January board retreat	15 mins
Approve 2023 meeting schedule (Action Item)	5 mins
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>6:55 PM</b>
Board subcommittee updates as needed <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trails subcommittee</li><li>• Communication subcommittee</li></ul>	
Board comment and question period	
Next meeting: January 5, 2023	
Request for future agenda items	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>

Formal Meeting  
Thursday, November 3, 2022  
5:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

Join Via Webex: <https://saltlakecity.webex.com/saltlakecity/j.php?MTID=m9a616f9c51de9bf05ac06c44beebe179>

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Upstairs Parks Training Room

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## Minutes (**Unapproved**)

<b>1 – Convening the Meeting</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
Call to order <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brianna Binnebose</li><li>- Meredith Benally</li><li>- Samantha Finch</li><li>- Jenny Hewson</li><li>- Phil Carroll</li><li>- Clayton Scrivner</li><li>- Aaron Wiley</li><li>- CJ Whittaker</li><li>- Melanie Pehrson</li><li>- Ginger Cannon</li></ul>	
Chair comments	5 mins
Chair Brianna Binnebose thanked the Board for their patience and their work.	
<b>2 – Approval of Minutes</b>	<b>5:05 PM</b>
Approve October 6, 2022, meeting minutes	5 mins
Samantha Finch motioned to approve.	
Ginger Cannon asked for clarification on what the Board’s concerns were regarding the bylaws during the October meeting.	
Jenny Hewson stated that what she wanted was to have a longer discussion at the November meeting about the bylaws.	
Ms. Cannon seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The Board unanimously approved the October 6 meeting minutes.	
<b>3 – Public Comment Period</b>	<b>5:10 PM</b>



Verbal comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes; 15 minutes total. Written comments are welcome.

**Ned Skanchy (he/him)**

Ned joined the public comment portion from online. He introduced himself and thanked the Board for their service and expressed his enjoyment of living in Salt Lake City with access to such close recreational amenities. Ned continued that he helps coach the East High Mountain Bike Team, is an avid trail runner, hiker, and skier.

Ned stated that, while he understands the Trails Plan is currently on pause, he wanted to voice his support of it. Ned explained that he'd like to see the Plan taken off pause and bring more trails to Salt Lake City residents. Ned stated that mountain biking is probably the fastest growing sport right now in Salt Lake City, particularly amongst youth. Ned explained that mountain biking is a particularly good sport for getting youth off their phones and engaging with nature. He went on to address user conflict that has placed the Trails Plan on hold; he hopes that when we're talking about Dry Creek specifically, we can encourage some action there so there can be a trail for running and hiking, and a trail for biking. Ned stated that when he's out hiking or running, he doesn't like to be interrupted by bikers; when he's out biking, he doesn't like to interrupt hikers and runners on the trail. Ned ultimately wants to voice support for continued development of a trails plan for all SLC residents.

**Anne Cannon (she/her)**

Anne joined the public comment portion in-person and introduced herself to the PNUT Board. She explained that she was following up from her comments during the October PNUT meeting regarding Wasatch Hollow Park and Preserve. Anne went on to say that residents living near the preserve have formed a committee of concerned volunteers to address the issue of challenges faced with off-leash dogs in the park area. Anne stated that she and the volunteers would like to invite PNUT Board member CJ Whittaker, who represents District 6, to join them in helping find resolutions to diversity of use for Wasatch Hollow Park in ways that will be balanced between non-dog owners and dog owners who want their dogs off-leash. She reiterated that they are concerned mainly about the park portion. Anne also added that the volunteer committee is interested in engaging with some planners or folks who could help them with the ideas that they're considering, and the survey brought up about possibilities with the park. Further, when the committee is ready to submit the CIP – which they have applied for – the application would have more meaningful direction for what they would like to see happen in their community. Anne ended her public comment by saying that ultimately, the committee would like to see the Wasatch Hollow Park and Preserve be rebuilt for the enjoyment of the total community; as of right now, to access the Preserve, folks must pass through the dog park area, which is one of the challenges. She thanked the Board from their time and looked forward to addressing the challenges together.

Ms. Binnebose thanked the public commenters; she asked Luke Allen, Public Lands Community Outreach, Events, and Marketing Manager, to confirm the Public Lands

Planner assigned to work with the Wasatch Hollow resident committee. That Planner is Makaylah Respicio-Evans.	
Seeing no further public comment, Ms. Binnebose moved onto the next agenda item.	
<b>4 – Staff Discussion and Agenda Items</b>	<b>5:25 PM</b>
<p>PNUT board member stipend update – Luke Allen</p> <p>Mr. Allen explained that Mayor Mendenhall signed Executive Order No. 2 of 2022 on September 30, 2022. He went onto explain the purpose of the document, which essentially establishes the basis for adopting a citywide policy to offer stipends to City board and commission members.</p> <p>Mr. Allen further explained that the Finance Department wanted Public Lands staff to announce this to the PNUT Board, though they are still working on the required IRS documentation to implement the stipend payments. Mr. Allen stated that staff is keeping track of attendance at each meeting as of the date of this signed executive order so that when required financial and tax documentation is complete, Board members will be paid from October’s meeting onward.</p> <p>Finally, Mr. Allen mentioned that Board members could decline this if they wanted. Ms. Cannon asked if a member could decline this for all meetings but one meeting; Mr. Allen stated he would investigate this question.</p>	5 mins
<p>Continued Public Lands CIP FY 2023-2024 discussion – Tom Millar</p> <p>Tom Millar, Public Lands Department Planning Manager, reminded the Board that during its October meeting, they had started the discussion regarding the FY 2023-2024 internal CIP applications as the Department’s preliminary list. Tom continued that, during that meeting, the Department had requested the Board’s prioritization of the internal project list for today’s meeting, and mentioned the constituent (external) project list for board overview during today’s meeting.</p> <p>Multiple board members expressed the desire to view each other’s prioritized lists of proposed internal projects. Ms. Binnebose shared her screen displaying the Google spreadsheet containing the internal CIP projects along with board member rankings of each. She explained how the spreadsheet worked, reminding everyone that the lower the number assigned to a ranking signifies a “higher priority” while the higher number assigned to a ranking signifies a “lower priority.” Ms. Binnebose listed the top 10 prioritized projects by average ranking; from highest to lowest priority, they are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fire Station Tennis and Pickleball Park Court Restoration and Amenities</li> <li>2. Jefferson Park Enrichment Playground</li> <li>3. Jordan Park and Peace Gardens Cultural Landscape Report and Master Plan</li> <li>4. Memory Grove and Freedom Trail Cultural Landscape Report and Master Plan</li> <li>5. Cottonwood Park Trailhead and Parking Lot</li> <li>6. Rose Park and Jordan River Recreational Concept Design</li> <li>7. Pollinator Landscape Enhancements</li> <li>8. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue Park Pavilion</li> </ol>	45 mins

9. Rose Park Lane Promenade Implementation and Open Space Study
10. 337 Park Development

Ms. Cannon asked clarifying questions of the ranking spreadsheet, and Ms. Binnebose responded, explaining that the board's priorities represented a combination of the "Count" column and the "Average Rank" column. Ms. Binnebose showed the members the five internal projects that were not thus far included in the top 10 priorities, which are the following:

11. Park Strip, Median, and Park Irrigation/Water Reduction Strategy
12. Parks Signage Replacement (10 Parks)
13. Library Plaza Repair, Improvements, and Activation
14. Warm Springs Park Tennis Court Renovation
15. Community Playground at Richmond Park

Further questions between Ms. Binnebose and the rest of the board ensued about the ranking and those projects receiving double votes during the analysis. Aaron Wiley mentioned that he still needs to enter his rankings.

Ms. Binnebose mentioned that they could make the final deadline for these rankings sometime the second week of November; Mr. Millar asked if it was possible to complete these prioritizations by end of the day November 8<sup>th</sup>. The board agreed that this deadline was doable and continued to discuss logistics of taking the survey.

Mr. Millar and Mr. Allen also discussed the due date of November 30<sup>th</sup> for the board to return its rankings of the external constituent project lists.

The board continued to discuss the ranking process.

Mr. Millar inquired about how the board wanted to handle scenarios where there was a two-way tie for the number 10 spot; in that case, would the board prefer to extend the list of supported projects to 11? Ms. Cannon responded that that might change with the addition of Mr. Wiley's rankings and the revision of Ms. Benally's ranking survey, so she would prefer to stand by and see. Ms. Binnebose agreed.

Mr. Millar then proceeded to ask about the few projects that were not prioritized – particularly the Warm Springs Park Tennis Court Renovation and Community Playground at Richmond Park -- which are at the bottom of the list yet closely resemble the two most-prioritized projects at the top of the list.

Kristin Riker, Public Lands Director, explained that the Department has asked for the Library Plaza Repair in prior years and expects that project to be approved regardless due to critical failures at that site and its significance in the case that Salt Lake City wins the Olympic bid. She also mentioned that the Parks Signage Replacement is part of the Department's Master Plan that it would really like to begin work on. Regarding the Richmond Park Playground project proposal, Ms. Riker explained that the Department is working hard on replacing Park playgrounds little by little as their



concern is that they will have approximately 60 playgrounds to replace or shut down all at once when they all age out at the same time in the future, since their average lifespan is approximately 30 years. She said that for this reason, they're trying to replace two playgrounds per year. Ms. Riker also stated that the Park Strip, Median, and Park Irrigation/Water Reduction Strategy project is very important to the Department. She stated that, while she could argue the great significance of all these projects and many more, she wanted to take some time to provide a bit more information on those few that were ranked lower on the board's priority list.

The board continued discussion about their ranking system for the CIP lists and alternative ways of ranking, along with pros and cons of different ways.

Mr. Wiley mentioned that having a picture of the asset(s) in question accompanying each project proposal would be helpful; secondly, he added that as far as the ranking is concerned, they could approach it through assigning points to each project.

Ms. Benally added that the question she kept returning to in her mind during the ranking process was the level of activation desired for each project.

Board members mentioned reaching out and talking with each other about parks in their respective districts and to visit parks they haven't been to.

Ms. Riker added that the Department can always provide the board with more context, if needed; Ms. Cannon thanked Ms. Riker and the Department for all the information they provided to the Board, from the spreadsheet to the presentation. Mr. Millar mentioned doing a tour in the future of all the parks and sites might also be a good idea. The board also stated that in the future, they could also spend time going through each other's comments as to why they ranked a project the way they did. Ms. Binnebose stated that during last year's CIP ranking process, the board was presented both internal and constituent/external projects together, whereupon the board ranked all 40-something projects and discussed them in-depth over the course of a two-round ranking process.

Mr. Carroll mentioned that, in the case of Warm Springs Park, which is in his district, he knows that the Community Council is working diligently to maintain and improve that park since the neighborhood is changing so rapidly due to increased housing units and so forth. Mr. Wiley added that it would be great to have discussions like this prior to ranking so he could have a better understanding of what's at stake in each district.

Ms. Riker asked the board if they'd like to meet twice in October or November just on CIP. Mr. Millar also added that they could also do the ranking in real time during the meeting, and then hold board discussion. Ms. Hewson inquired how far in advance Department staff knows of internal CIP projects ready for the board's ranking; Mr. Millar responded that they could probably have the internal CIP project list ready for the board's review by August or September next year.

Mr. Millar introduced the 15 constituent/external CIP projects by sharing his screen with the group; he and Ms. Riker provided key descriptions and context to each project, including whether they overlap or relate to any projects on the internal CIP list. The projects include, in no order:

1. 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Park Pickleball Expansion
2. Ensign Peak Nature Park Improvements
3. Jefferson Park Improvements
4. Liberty Park Greenhouse – Previsioned
5. Madsen Park Improvements
6. Rose Park Lane Improvement Project
7. Salt Lake City Petanque (Glendale Park)
8. Sunnyside Pickleball Courts
9. Fairmont Park Restroom Reconstruction
10. First Encampment Park
11. International Peace Gardens: Historic Restorations, Replacements, Conservation Work, and Visitor Center/Reading Room
12. Poplar Grove Park Full Court Basketball Expansion
13. Wasatch Hollow Park Restoration and Improvement
14. Fred and Ila Rose Wetland Preserve Improvements
15. New Liberty Park Crosswalks and Trails

These projects and their descriptions are also located on the Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry & Trails Advisory Board webpage in the Board Packet link for the November 2022 meeting.

Clayton Scrivner asked clarifying questions about the CIP process, next steps, and whether the Department had the responsibility to rank the external/constituent CIP projects. Mr. Millar explained that the PNUT board's rankings help inform the Mayor, City Council, and CDCIP Board ideas of what is of most interest to the board, though all projects on both the internal and external/constituent lists will be submitted for their final review and decision-making. Mr. Millar stated that no, the Department does not rank the external/constituent application project list. Mr. Scrivner asked if the Department could provide a feasibility ranking for each external/constituent application. Mr. Millar and Ms. Riker reiterated the boundary that City staff must respect in terms of influencing policy decisions as well as staff's limited capacity but agreed that many of these factors plus others make the board's evaluation of these projects more challenging. Ms. Riker also added that staff does a lot of research and exploration regarding the external/constituent CIP application lists to provide all decision-makers with the most information possible.

Ms. Cannon mentioned that she'd hoped there was a better criteria or decision-making framework that constituents had to go through in order to get their project on the application list; for example, the constituent had to undergo the necessary research to determine whether their project proposal was part of a Master Plan or in congruence with the long-range planning that has already occurred. Ms. Riker replied that many of these questions are asked during the applicant process.

<p>Mr. Millar assured that board that the Public Lands Department is allowed to lobby for its internal CIP project application list, just as constituents can lobby for their own. Ms. Hewson mentioned that she felt it would be ideal if the CIP process was split into two separate processes: internal (departmental) applications and external (constituent) applications; many board members agreed. Ms. Pehrson stated that she appreciated the current process as it provided good insight as to which project proposals on either list are overlapping as well as what Department staff versus constituents are considering. Ms. Hewson clarified that she'd just love if there were two separate pots of money that the internal and external lists were drawing from, so they wouldn't be competing against each other through the process.</p> <p>Ms. Riker emphasized that Salt Lake City is really unique in allowing constituent CIP applications. Mr. Millar also mentioned that the Department usually does not receive constituent applications until early October, which would limit the amount of time the board would get to spend on that portion of the ranking process.</p> <p>Mr. Millar wrapped up the agenda item and reiterated that rankings for the external/constituent CIP application list were due on November 30<sup>th</sup>, then in the PNUT Board's December meeting, he would love to help facilitate whatever discussion necessary in time for the final application submission on December 16<sup>th</sup>. This final application will include all the applications plus a letter from the PNUT Board detailing the board's supported projects; this means that Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, is the hard deadline for the PNUT's letter of support. Ms. Binnebose confirmed with Department staff that the Board's internal/departmental CIP application list rankings are due on November 8<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
<b>5 – Board Discussion and Action Items</b>	<b>6:15 PM</b>
<p>Continued discussion about board subcommittees and bylaws</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked if Ms. Hewson wanted to kick off this agenda item, which is a follow-up from the board's October meeting.</p> <p>Ms. Hewson expressed that there were six items she felt would be helpful to chat about:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Membership</li> <li>2. Who sets the schedule and the agenda?</li> <li>3. What are the procedures for the meeting?</li> <li>4. Code of conduct</li> <li>5. Expected time commitment for individuals in the subcommittee</li> <li>6. How to ensure the subcommittee stays on topic and accomplishes what is needed without being overly cumbersome on city staff</li> </ol> <p>Ms. Hewson's suggestions for each of these six items are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Membership – referencing the Trails Subcommittee, Ms. Hewson stated that her key concern is around inclusivity. She explained that, in the case of an external subcommittee member representing one stakeholder group, they're not including other stakeholder groups.</li> </ol>	<p>20 mins</p>



Ms. Hewson stated that the Membership item was of most importance to her; Mr. Scrivner also expressed concern on this item point.

Ms. Cannon responded that when the PNUT Board revised the bylaws on page 5, they really wrote those applying to subcommittees as only being applicable to appointed PNUT members serving on the subcommittees.

Ms. Hewson reiterated that this is helpful in understanding how the bylaws apply to PNUT Board members serving on subcommittees, but again, her concern is specific to external, non-PNUT members who represent stakeholder groups. Mr. Scrivner asked if it was common for other city boards to also have external members on their subcommittees. Mr. Whittaker replied that having external members serving on subcommittees is a common practice, but that he understood Ms. Hewson's concern to be specifically addressing bias (e.g., a hiker representing a hiker stakeholder group, or a mountain biker representing a mountain biker stakeholder group).

Mr. Whittaker reminded the board that the reason the Trails Subcommittee was formed was because it was taking up so much of the PNUT Board's time. He also stated that it was a means for the Trails Subcommittee to move faster since it doesn't require a quorum, hold space for experts in geology and soil mechanics, and so forth. But, as far as representing one group or another, he believes that is a good question to bring forth.

Ms. Cannon confirmed that the bylaws are indeed silent on membership from those external to PNUT, but reiterated that the guidelines for PNUT members serving on the subcommittees are fairly robust.

Ms. Finch stated that she hears the idea on the table being whether there needs to be development of rules or guidelines around subcommittee external membership.

Mr. Whittaker expressed concern in managing bias on the subcommittees, when citizens – including PNUT members – can freely be members of stakeholder and lobbying groups. Ms. Hewson responded that she is not necessarily talking about bias; she stated that as a subcommittee, those members of the PNUT board hold a responsibility to ensure the subcommittee is inclusive in representation from the different stakeholder groups that hold a vested interest in the trails.

The board continued discussing the subcommittee issue. Ms. Riker mentioned several of the various special interest groups applicable to the Trails Subcommittee, including e-bikers, off-leash dog owners, hikers, mountain bikers, and so forth.

Mr. Whittaker expressed his concern that if the PNUT Board were to write guidelines for subcommittee representation, they might become so granular and take away the inherent nimbleness of subcommittees.

Ms. Cannon added that this is exactly the reason that the board decided within the bylaws to have very prescriptive guidelines around a subcommittee's project-level description, timeline, dates, who is involved, and when the work will be completed. She added that she agreed with Mr. Whittaker's take on subcommittee roles.

Further discussion continued between board members. Mr. Whittaker stated that the objective of the Trails Subcommittee is to execute the governing code of the PNUT Board in context of the trails project, which is advising the city on what people in the respective districts want to see happen with that project. Ms. Cannon asked if Trails Subcommittee members could bring forth the items outlined on page 5 of the PNUT Bylaws to the Board so they could have a better understanding of the subcommittee. She mentioned that it might be helpful to all Trails Subcommittee members if they further defined the committee's scope.

Ms. Riker added that subcommittees are not recognized in City Code, and are thus not subject to the PNUT Board Code; in extension to that, staff cannot provide the same level of support to the subcommittees as they do with the PNUT Board due to lack of bandwidth. She added that, in discussing the operations of the Trails Subcommittee with Department staff, she has understood there to be a heavy reliance on this staff person for information gathering, agenda-setting, and so forth. Ms. Riker stated that she has asked this staff person to pull back from the Trails Subcommittee due to a lack of bandwidth and would also appreciate if the committee members brought forth the information that Ms. Cannon requested so that the PNUT Board could help them with narrowing down their purpose and answer any questions.

Ms. Cannon asked if both the subcommittees could submit the information found on page 5 of the PNUT Board Bylaws to the board for review. Ms. Binnebose asked if the question the Board wants to be pondering is what the role is of non-advisory board members in its subcommittees. She also mentioned that this may be a good discussion for a Board retreat, and wondered if this might be the impetus for modifying the Board's bylaws. Ms. Finch replied that she agreed with everything Ms. Binnebose stated.

Mr. Scrivner asked for more background on the past-existing Bylaws Subcommittee, which Ms. Cannon and other members provided. Discussion continued among the Board about the various definitions, memberships, and purposes of working groups, ad-hoc committees, and subcommittees.

<p>Mr. Wiley asked how to get on a subcommittee. Ms. Binnebose and Ms. Finch explained that any new Board member not currently serving on a subcommittee can reach out to the following members to get involved in their committee of choice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trails Subcommittee: Jenny Hewson, Phil Carroll, CJ Whittaker</li> <li>• Communications Subcommittee: Brianna Binnebose, Melanie Pehrson, Clayton Scrivner</li> <li>• 501(c)(3) Subcommittee: Samantha Finch</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Finch mentioned that the 501(c)(3) Subcommittee is ready to provide a report to the Board. Ms. Finch and Ms. Cannon mentioned that, like the disbanded Bylaws Subcommittee, that 501(c)(3) Subcommittee has not been a standing subcommittee.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon mentioned that if all the current, active subcommittees do a write up of those items on page 5 of the PNUT Board Bylaws, Department staff can post them to the PNUT Board webpage and then send them to new Board members.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose noted the time and the remaining agenda items, moving onward in the agenda. Before she did so, she thanked Ms. Pehrson for working very hard on the Glendale Regional Park letter of support and Ms. Cannon for attending the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) regarding the Glendale Regional Park Plan.</p>	
<p>Review process for upcoming board chair and vice chair elections</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose explained that by December 2022, the PNUT Board will be accepting nominations for PNUT Board chair and vice chair; self-nominations are also welcome. She added that the Board's December meeting is when the Board will begin reviewing and formally accepting the nominations. Ms. Binnebose said that the January 2023 meeting will be the actual election. She mentioned that the Powers and Duties of Officers section of the Bylaws reflect the roles and responsibilities of the chair and vice chair positions. Lastly, Ms. Binnebose mentioned that one can submit their nomination by sending it via email to herself and Department staff member Luke Allen, whereupon they will confirm that the nominee accepts the nomination. The actual voting will take place during an in-person meeting in January, though members can also participate virtually.</p>	5 mins
<p>Discuss letter of support for Glendale Regional Park Plan – Action Item</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose turned the time over to Ms. Pehrson, who mentioned that she had just sent out another updated version of the PNUT Board's letter of support for the Glendale Regional Park Plan. Ms. Cannon asked if someone could share their screen so all members could view the final version of the letter. Mr. Allen shared his screen displaying the letter with the board.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose pointed out that the TAB had shared its letter of support with the PNUT Board; Ms. Pehrson had then incorporated those recommendations that the TAB's letter of support had included in the PNUT's letter of support.</p>	10 mins



<p>Ms. Cannon confirmed that TAB would also be incorporating PNUT's recommendations in its letter of support as well; Ms. Pehrson confirmed this.</p> <p>Ms. Pehrson presented the letter to the PNUT Board, explaining its format and purpose.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll made a motion to accept the letter of support pertaining to Glendale Regional Park Plan and submit it to City Council.</p> <p>Board members continued to review the letter. Mr. Scrivner asked what the due date was for the letter.</p> <p>Katherine Maus, Public Lands Planner, stated that the due date is prior to the December 9 public hearing with the Planning Commission. She thanked all the members for their help and collaboration on the letter of support.</p> <p>The Board completed its editing and review and thanked Ms. Pehrson for her work on the letter.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon seconded the motion made by Mr. Carroll, pending everyone was good with name spellings and final edits. The PNUT Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.</p>	
<p>Determine date and topics for January board retreat</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose asked Mr. Allen to provide the group with potential dates and times for the Board's retreat, based on the Doodle poll results. Mr. Allen stated that the date that seems to work with the most people is the same day as the group's January 2023 meeting, either starting a little earlier or going a little later time-wise on that day. The one member whose schedule that did not work for was Ms. Benally; Ms. Benally replied that she may be able to attend the retreat on January 5, 2023, if she no longer has a conflict.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose announced that the group will tentatively plan on holding its retreat on January 5, 2023, from 5pm – 9pm, pending they hear from Ms. Benally that it works for her schedule.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose encouraged members to email her their proposals for the January retreat agenda, and acknowledged that the group has some topics for discussion already.</p> <p>Mr. Carroll shared that he would like to see the board formalize their CIP process on that retreat agenda.</p> <p>Ms. Cannon inquired about the GO Bond and whether the group would have anything to discuss pertaining to it at the retreat; Ms. Riker replied that the Department would keep in communication with the board regarding anything further they needed to discuss, but that it would mainly be logistical items at that point.</p>	10 mins

The group began discussing potential locations for the January retreat, including the Tracy Aviary and the Memorial House.	
<b>6 – Confirmation of Next Meeting, Board Comments &amp; Future Agenda Items</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<p>Board subcommittee updates as needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trails subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Mr. Whittaker stated that Trails did not meet over the past month so they do not have an update for the board at this time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication subcommittee</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Binnebose stated that, aside from the Glendale Regional Park letter of support and the CIP ranking process, the subcommittee received an overview of another potential agenda item and subcommittee topic from Public Lands Community Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator Van Hoover. Mr. Hoover is trying to establish a criteria for partnership with parks to help with the maintenance of community-based assets, which may be directly related to the scope of work under the 501(c)(3) Subcommittee.</p> <p>Mr. Allen added that once Mr. Hoover has established a tiered strategy for partnership development over the winter, he will report back on that to the PNUT Board and Communication Subcommittee, who will also report this to the 501(c)(3) Subcommittee.</p> <p>Mr. Wiley asked what the goals was; Mr. Allen explained that there are many organizations that wish to partner with the Public Lands Department, and since the nature of each partnership is unique, the Department is trying to develop certain criteria and strategies so when someone approaches it for a partnership, the Department has certain buckets it can place those partnerships in to streamline the process. Mr. Allen referenced the City of Austin, Texas, as a good example of this: Austin has some partnerships that are deemed “operational partnerships” where the partner manages the space, akin to how Friends of Gilgal Gardens manages the Gilgal Gardens space for the City of Salt Lake. Mr. Allen explained that the City of Austin has a couple other tiers, but it’s mostly to streamline the partnerships process so the Department can make it more scalable and handle more partnerships rather than trying to handle one-hundred unique agreements with one-hundred unique partnerships, which is not sustainable for the Department to keep doing.</p> <p>Mr. Wiley asked if any of the Department’s current partnerships are recreational; Mr. Allen replied that yes, they could be, but he wasn’t aware of any now. He expects that this type of partnership would lend itself well to a programming/recreational partnership where the partner is running their activities in one of the City’s spaces.</p>	
<p>Board comment and question period</p> <p>Mr. Wiley stated that he had the opportunity to visit the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) and stated that one of the things he would love is to figure out he can bring in more recreation from a Salt Lake City perspective, specifically in terms of economic</p>	

<p>access for those in District 1, where the RAC is also located. Ms. Riker replied that she would love to connect Mr. Wiley with Chris Laughlin, the RAC Director. She stated that what Mr. Wiley had just described has always been on of Mr. Laughlin's and her goals, to increase community involvement at that site. Mr. Wiley would really like to add baseball fields, and wondered if looping in Mr. Van Hoover in his quest to develop partnership strategies and criteria and communicate that to the 501(C)(3) Subcommittee, would be a good fit for the conversation. Ms. Riker agreed that this would be an area of relevance for Mr. Hoover's work.</p> <p>Mr. Wiley encouraged everyone to check the RAC out when they have a chance.</p> <p>Ms. Riker added that Department staff had brought to the meeting more educational yard signs with the GO Bond webpage link on them, free for members' taking.</p> <p>Ms. Binnebose thanked Ms. Riker and the Department for all the work they'd done with the GO Bond on public education materials, community outreach, consultant work, and other city partnerships.</p>	
Next meeting: December 1, 2022	
<p>Request for future agenda items</p> <p>Discuss and vote on location and agenda items for the board's January retreat.</p> <p>Receive an update on partnership development strategy and criteria from Mr. Van Hoover.</p>	
<b>7 – Adjourn</b>	<b>7:15 PM</b>
Ms. Finch motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Pehrson seconded the motion. The PNUT Board voted unanimously to adjourn the November meeting.	





## **Staff Responses to Public Comments from the November 3, 2022 PNUT Board Meeting**

### **Ned Skanchy**

Ned joined the public comment portion from online. He introduced himself and thanked the Board for their service and expressed his enjoyment of living in Salt Lake City with access to such close recreational amenities. Ned continued that he helps coach the East High Mountain Bike Team, is an avid trail runner, hiker, and skier.

Ned stated that, while he understands the Trails Plan is currently on pause, he wanted to voice his support of it. Ned explained that he'd like to see the Plan taken off pause and bring more trails to Salt Lake City residents. Ned stated that mountain biking is probably the fastest growing sport right now in Salt Lake City, particularly amongst youth. Ned explained that mountain biking is a particularly good sport for getting youth off their phones and engaging with nature. He went on to address user conflict that has placed the Trails Plan on hold; he hopes that when we're talking about Dry Creek specifically, we can encourage some action there so there can be a trail for running and hiking, and a trail for biking. Ned stated that when he's out hiking or running, he doesn't like to be interrupted by bikers; when he's out biking, he doesn't like to interrupt hikers and runners on the trail. Ned ultimately wants to voice support for continued development of a trails plan for all SLC residents.

### *Staff Response:*

*Public Lands acknowledges and appreciates this comment from Ned. We have been making great strides during the pause between Phase I and II with ecological research, trail alignment design, and planning with stakeholders and partners to improve upon the goals of the Trails Plan and continue implementation as soon as possible.*

### **Anne Cannon**

Anne joined the public comment portion in-person and introduced herself to the PNUT Board. She explained that she was following up from her comments during the October PNUT meeting regarding Wasatch Hollow Park and Preserve. Anne went on to say that residents living near the preserve have formed a committee of concerned volunteers to address the issue of challenges faced with off-leash dogs in the park area. Anne stated that she and the volunteers would like to invite PNUT Board member CJ Whittaker, who represents District 6, to join them in helping find resolutions to diversity of use for Wasatch Hollow Park in ways that will be balanced between non-dog owners and dog owners who want

their dogs off-leash. She reiterated that they are concerned mainly about the park portion. Anne also added that the volunteer committee is interested in engaging with some planners or folks who could help them with the ideas that they're considering, and the survey brought up about possibilities with the park. Further, when the committee is ready to submit the CIP – which they have applied for – the application would have more meaningful direction for what they would like to see happen in their community. Anne ended her public comment by saying that ultimately, the committee would like to see the Wasatch Hollow Park and Preserve be rebuilt for the enjoyment of the total community; as of right now, to access the Preserve, folks must pass through the dog park area, which is one of the challenges. She thanked the Board from their time and looked forward to addressing the challenges together.

**Staff Response:**

*Public Lands staff is continuing to collaborate closely with the Wasatch Hollow Community Council (WHCC) working group on Off-Leash Dogs. In the coming weeks, staff will be meeting on site with members of the working group to discuss ideas for various portions of the park. Following this meeting, WHCC intends to submit additional details on projects throughout the park in the constituent CIP process.*

## Draft FY 2023-23 Budget Initiatives

### Inflationary & Contractual Increases

#### Background:

Each year the Public Lands Department has operational expense increases related to inflationary and other contractual price increases. This budget initiative addresses cost increases to multiple expense categories related to utilities, fleet fuel and maintenance, operational contracts, and supplies. If these cost increases are not fully funded this would essentially be a budget reduction to the department and respective programs.

#### Cost

Utility Cost Increase	\$139,500
Fleet Maint. & Fuel Cost Increase	\$26,000
Inflationary & Contractual Cost Increase	\$188,500
Total Ongoing Cost	\$354,000- \$360,000

### New Properties & Amenities | Parks + Trails & Natural Lands Divisions

#### Background:

Each year SLC Public Lands acquires new property and or amenities through the City's CIP process. Budgeting for ongoing maintenance (supplies and staff) of these facilities is requested once the Division understands the date the project will be turned over to that Division for management. This year we have multiple sites that will need various amounts of funding and staffing to steward the new amenities, as well as several semi-administrative positions to activate new facilities, support communications and engagement and maintain critical assets including signage.

#### New Properties:

- Cornell & North Riverside Natural Area
- Mountain View Corridor Trail (Parks)
- Foothill Trailhead
- Glendale Park
- Fisher Mansion Grounds
- Kilyon Canyon Property
- Allen Park

#### Expanded Restoration Area

- 100 South Islands (parks)
- 9Lie Urban Orchard (parks + T&NL)
- Fairmont Park Springs
- Folsom Trail (Parks)
- Three Creeks Wetlands



## Staff Needs

Cornell & North Riverside Natural Area
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sr Natural Resource Technician .66 FTE</li><li>• Seasonal Staff</li><li>• Contractual Vegetation Management Services</li></ul>
Mountain View Corridor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sr Natural Resource Technician .33 FTE</li><li>• Seasonal Staff</li></ul>
Fairmont Park Springs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sr. Groundskeeper .33 FTE</li><li>• Seasonal Staff</li></ul>
Three Creeks Wetlands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sr. Groundskeeper .33 FTE</li><li>• Seasonal Staff</li></ul>
Folsom Trail
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sr. Groundskeeper .33 FTE</li><li>• Seasonal Staff</li></ul>
9 Line Urban Orchard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seasonal Staff</li><li>• Community Partner</li></ul>
100 South Islands (Parks)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seasonal Staff</li></ul>

## Cost

Seasonal Staff	\$137,537
Materials	\$19,950
One-time Cost	\$119,086
<b>Total Cost for New Properties and Expanded Restoration</b>	<b>\$503,473</b>

## Park Maintenance Staff Seasonal to Fulltime Conversion

### Background:

Parks require continuous maintenance year-round. During winter times, full-time staff are busy clearing snow from sidewalks and trails and removing fallen tree branches when heavy wet snows come in the spring. Full-time staff would offer a reliable and consistent workforce where orientation training is only required once. This is the first of a three-year phased approach to increase full-time park maintenance staff.

**How it relates to the Reimagine Nature Master Plan:**

Protect: Action 2.1 A Provide additional maintenance, activation and improvement resources to west-side parks in order to promote a similar degree of attractiveness and usability compared to east-side parks (equity, not equality). Secure maintenance funding for Jordan River Parkway to make it equivalent to other regionally-significant assets such as Liberty Park.

**How it relates to the Mayor's Plan:** We will support our employees' physical, mental, and economic well-being and prioritize our workforce to recruit and retain the best public servants.

**Staff Needs:**

- 8 Park Maintenance Techs (grade 19)

**Cost**

Total One-time costs for equipment	\$520,000
Total Ongoing Costs (Includes staff and materials)	\$640,400-\$721,000
<b>Total Department Request</b>	<b>\$1,160,400</b>

**Foothills Trail Maintenance Expansion Program****Background:**

In 2020 Salt Lake City Public Lands initiated the Foothills Trail System Plan in the 6000 acres of open space designated as the Foothills Natural Area. While construction of trails may be funded through CIP funding and grants, the long-term care for the open space ecology and recreational amenities requires proactive and responsive maintenance.

Long-term care includes weed removal, native planting, trail corridor maintenance, trailhead and access maintenance, wayfinding and interpretive signage installation and maintenance, minor trail construction. The current program operates under requests of Recreational Trail Manager using Trails & Natural Lands' maintenance funds and equipment.

**How it relates to Reimagine Nature Master Plan:**

Connect: Action 1.1B, Action 1.2 D, Action 2.3 B - Protect Action 1.1E

**Staff Needs:**

- One FTE Senior Natural Resources Technician (Grade 19)
- Two FTE Natural Resource Technicians (Grade 16)
- Four seasonal staff at scheduled locations with increased weed and trail maintenance

**Cost**

Total One-time Equipment Cost	\$172,500
Total Ongoing Cost (includes staff and materials)	\$271,300- \$307,000
<b>Total Department Request</b>	<b>\$443,800</b>

**Trails and Natural Lands Maintenance Enhancement****Background:**

This budget initiative will help support the Public Lands Department in its efforts to improve the ecological health and resiliency of public green spaces, and provide a dedicated budget for biodiversity and habitat enhancement. Currently the Natural Lands team has two full-time field staff who oversee a seasonal team of eight technicians in managing almost 2,000 acres of open space properties.

**How it Relates to the Mayor's Plan:**

- Our Community: Inclusive, Equitable Opportunities, Safe and Affordable Neighborhoods
- Our Environment: We will lead the way on resilience and stewardship, protecting our natural systems while addressing social inequities, advancing development, and addressing climate change.

**How it Relates to Reimagine Nature Master Plan:**

- Sustain: 1.1E, 1.2E, 2.2C, 2.2E, 2.3B
- Protect: 1.1E, 1.2A

**Staff Needs:**

- One FTE Restoration Ecologist (Grade 24)
- One FTE Senior Natural Resources Technician (Grade 16)
- Two Seasonal Natural Resources Technicians (Grade 12)

**Cost**

Total One-time cost for Equipment	\$147,500
Total Ongoing Cost (includes staff and materials)	\$194,100-\$219,000
<b>Total Department Request</b>	<b>\$341,600</b>

**Parks Events / Afterhours Crew****Background:**

General Park operations, mowing, irrigation repairs, trash removal and restroom cleaning happen between 6:00 am and 3:00 pm when the park is not active, and these activities do not disrupt visitor use. However, because visitor use happens primarily between 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm, and on weekends a second crew to manage visitor use such as garbage removal and restroom cleaning could result in a cleaner, safer park and deter criminal activity.



**How it Relates to Reimagine Nature Master Plan:**

Protect: Action 2.1 A Provide additional maintenance, activation and improvement resources to west-side parks in order to promote a similar degree of attractiveness and usability compared to east-side parks (equity, not equality).

**How it Relates to the Mayor's Plan:**

Our Community: Inclusive, Equitable Opportunities, Safe and Affordable Neighborhoods

**Staff Needs:**

- One Lead Parks Maintenance Technician (formerly Groundskeeper) Grade 21
- Five Parks Maintenance Technician II (Formerly Sr. Parks Groundskeeper) Grade 19

**Cost**

Total One-Time for Equipment	\$197,500
Total Ongoing Cost (staff and materials)	\$461,300 - \$534,000
<b>Total Department Request</b>	<b>\$658,800</b>

**Public Way Beautification (formerly Weed Abatement)****Background:**

In 2012 Salt Lake City Public Lands was assigned the weed abatement program, and transferred to PL from Sanitation. The program provided weed removal, mowing and spraying of herbicides in right of ways, alleys, medians and undeveloped City properties. There are no weed abatement funds in the PL budget for this program. Since 2016 PL has requested funding for this program annually. Currently, the program operates on a complaint basis using Park's maintenance funds to hire two seasonal staff.

**How it Relates to Reimagine Nature Master Plan:**

Welcome: Action 2.2 E utilized the Project for Public Spaces model and Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) standards for thinking about the factors that influence active and safe public spaces.

**Staff Needs:**

*The weed abatement program will operate year-round*

- Two FTE Park Maintenance Tech (formerly Sr. Groundskeeper) (Grade 19) dedicated to weed abatement throughout the City on scheduled abatement program (District 5).
- Six seasonal staff at scheduled locations with increased mowing.

**Cost**

Total One-time Cost for Equipment	\$290,000
Total Ongoing Cost (staff and materials)	\$288,400- \$327,000
<b>Total Department Request</b>	<b>\$578,400</b>

**Public Lands Tree Maintenance****Background:**

Over the last 5 years the City's urban forest has benefited from increased focus and funding to plant more new trees and better preserve and maintain older trees. However, high service request demand and substantial backlogs for tree removal and pruning work have necessitated the vast majority of the

Urban Forestry Division's tree maintenance resources to be directed toward servicing of neighborhood street trees. As a result, capacity for maintenance pruning of park, golf course, and other public lands property trees is lacking.

The additional arborist crew could provide the staffing and equipment capacity to prune between 1,000 and 1,500 public lands property trees annually. The new equipment will also provide additional capability the UF Fleet does not currently have. Overtime the increased maintenance will improve the health and safety of trees growing in the city's parks, golf courses, and other public lands.

**Staff Needs:**

- Two FTE Arborists(1 Grade 19 and 1 Grade 21), constituting one tree pruning crew

**Cost**

Total One-Time Cost for Equipment	\$457,500
Total Ongoing Cost	\$181,700- \$203,000
<b>Total Department Request</b>	<b>\$639,200</b>

**Additional Planning Team Capacity (3 Planners)**

**Background:**

The Public Lands Department's Planning Team (3 FTEs) is tasked with funding applications, project engagement and development, cross-departmental coordination, and project implementation tasks required to deliver public lands projects. These additional full-time planners are required to better manage the existing project backlog of approximately 100 projects. The current ratio of projects per planner leads to project delivery delays and, therefore, budget overruns and missing opportunities to meet community expectations. In addition, greater demands on our public lands system, higher standards for public involvement, more opportunities to collaborate with external partners, and dramatic increases in capital funding mean that planning and project management needs far outstrip this team's current capacity.

**How it Relates to Reimagine Nature:**

- Strategy G-1: Be proactive and strategic about growth of the Public Lands System
- Action 1.1 A Increase staffing to meet capacity demands of planning & projects team, achieve reasonable project loads for Public Lands PMs, and free up capacity for the many policy and programmatic planning documents recommended as action items.

**Staff Needs:**

- Three FTE Public Lands Planners (grade 28)

**Cost**

Total One-Time Cost for Equipment	\$52,500
Total Ongoing Cost	\$319,641- \$374,000
<b>Total Department Request</b>	<b>\$372,141</b>



# Public Lands

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Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry and Trails Board

## 2023 Meeting Schedule

January 5, 2023

February 2, 2023

March 2, 2023

April 6, 2023

May 4, 2023

June 1, 2023

July 6, 2023

August 3, 2023

September 7, 2023

October 5, 2023

November 2, 2023

December 7, 2023

Meetings start at 5:00pm.

## Location

Public Lands Building

1965 West 500 South, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Parks Training Room

Meetings may also be held electronically.

**\*\*Meeting date is not confirmed until meeting notice is provided\*\***