

MINUTES OF THE AQUATIC ACTIVITY CENTER EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF SPRINGVILLE, UTAH
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET
JANUARY 13, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Wilford Clyde, Mayor; Chris Creer, Councilmember and Chris Sorensen, Councilmember

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathryn Wheeler, Lesa Hyer, Mark Brewer, Alan Bird, Julie Park, Lorinne Morris, Colleen Tingey, Marcie Harris, Mike Stansfield, and Jose Inclan. Excused: Devin Bird, Jack Daybell, Jane Thorpe and Ben Jolley

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

John Penrod, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney; Bruce Riddle, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director; Kim Rayburn, City Recorder; Alex Roylance, Building and Grounds Director and Meredith Jones, Pool Manager.

1. Discussion of the Purpose and Objectives of the Aquatic Activity Center Exploratory Committee.

Mayor Clyde welcomed everyone to the first Aquatic Activity Center Exploratory Committee meeting. He asked everyone in attendance for introductions and to tell something about themselves and where they live in the City.

Mayor Clyde reviewed previous proposals for a recreation center, noting there was a bond election in 2011 and it did not pass. He explained what the City is looking at now is a pool that is “worn out” and is very expensive to maintain. He noted the pool has served the community well, at this time there needs to be a discussion on what the City can afford, what should be done with the existing pool and what type facility if any would the community like to see.

2. Election of a Chair and Adoption of the Rules of Conduct of Business

John Penrod, Assistant City Administrator/City Attorney explained to the Committee open meetings law and parliamentary procedure. He noted the Committee would need to elect a Chair to oversee the meetings and a Secretary to complete agenda’s and minutes. He turned the time over to the Committee for nominations.

Kathryn Crandall nominated Mark Brewer as the Committee chair, all in attendance voted in favor. Lorraine Morris volunteered to be Secretary and all in attendance voted in favor.

3. Discussion of Aquatic Activity Center need, budget, location, financing, timeline and other related issues.

Discussion was raised on the importance of educating citizens on the process. Mike Stansfield commented the bottom line is important and preventing misinformation.

Attorney Penrod noted there have been discussions with Mapleton and Spanish Fork city's about a combined Aquatic Center, but there has not been much success. The question was asked about county funding. Attorney Penrod explained the demographic north of Utah County is different and is not sure what the possibilities would be in Utah County. He explained it may be possible to see if there are any grants available.

Nebo School District participation was discussed and it was noted it may depend on the size of the pool and that it would need to be indoors.

It was expressed the need to educate those on fixed incomes and how it will affect them. Also, finding property where the complex could grow. Start with a pool and have the option to expand.

The question was asked about what bonds the City currently owes. Mayor Clyde asked that a summary be given at the next meeting.

Mayor Clyde asked the committee to provide recommendations to the City Council and review is this the right time for a 2015 bond election? He noted the importance of getting information out to the citizens in time and the details of how much it will directly affect residents.

Attorney Penrod explained the City has an architect on board that is reviewing at least ten locations and asked the Committee for suggestions of other sites. The old Suntana Raceway property was mentioned. Attorney Penrod replied the property is a possible site for a future interchange with Mountainlands and will not be available.

Colleen Tingey made note that other communities attend swim meets at the pool and while looking at locations to consider access on and off the freeway and to local businesses.

A consensus of the Committee were in favor of the old Westside Elementary, noting it was a center part of town. However they would like to see what the Architect has to say.

Attorney Penrod asked the Committee to email him with any other property suggestions. Staff will look into creating a survey for citizens asking them how they would feel about a new pool and explain the Aquatic Center concept.

Mayor Clyde asked staff to bring to the next meeting; budget amount for facility and for the Committee to discuss the type of facility they would recommend a location and when they would like to see it built. Noting if it goes to a bond election in 2015 the facility will open approximately two years later. Committee members asked for a timeline for the 2015 election.

Attorney Penrod asked the Committee how often they would like to meet and to decide a time. By consensus the Committee set a schedule of the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and to keep the meeting to one hour. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Multi-Purpose room.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.