

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 13, 2021

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 2:45 p.m. on April 13, 2021, in room 306 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Notice of this meeting was given under the requirements of UCA § 52-4-202.

ATTENDEES Davis County Commissioners in attendance: Bob J Stevenson, Chair; Randy B. Elliott, Vice-Chair; and Lorene Miner Kamalu.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Kent Andersen, Community and Economic Development Director; Jessica Merrill, Tourism Division Director; Chris Bone, Human Resources Director; Janet Hanson, Commission Office; and Shauna Brady, Commission Office.

Members of the public in attendance: Todd Meyers, South Davis Recreation District (SDRD) Board Member; Marti Money, SDRD Board Member; and Tif Miller, SDRD Executive Director.

Members of the public in attendance via Zoom: Bret Millburn, SDRD Board Member; and Len Arave, North Salt Lake City Mayor.

AGENDA AS POSTED **2:45 p.m. South Davis Recreation District Executive Director, Tif Miller Presenting: Update on Proposed Expansion of the South Davis Recreation District and New Facility**

3:15 p.m. Closed Session—Motion to adjourn to closed session, if necessary, for reasons permitted under UCA 52-4-205

DISCLAIMER The meeting was an open dialogue. Critical points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. The reader may refer to the audio recording and the publicly distributed materials for further clarification of content. Timestamps have been noted in the minutes to aid in locating points of discussion in the audio record. The audio recording for this meeting is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County (DC) Clerk/Auditor's office.

The meeting commenced at 2:45 p.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION **Update on Proposed Expansion of the South Davis Recreation District and New Facility—Presented by Tif Miller, Executive Director, South Davis Recreation District**

Tif Miller, Executive Director SDRD, gave some background on creating the master plan for the proposed expansion of the South Davis Recreation District and new facility. The SDRD has been open for 12 years now and serves about 1800-2300 people daily, absent the pandemic. The facility is at capacity and will not be able to accommodate the county's population growth. They want to expand now while the land is available. The facility is showing signs of excessive wear and requires upgrades. The proposed master plan ensures the SDRD can continue to effectively serve the sports and recreation needs of the area for the next 20 years.

First, a steering committee was formed consisting of board members, community members, staff, and a representative from the school district. Community engagement has been a critical part of this planning process. Next, they sent out an online survey to understand the community's perspective. The aquatic community was very vocal about what they hope to see in this process as they utilize the facility on a large scale. The Jr. Jazz program is the largest in the state, and they need more space to host that program. They currently use many of the school facilities for programming but want to add to that for increased access.

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Based on the existing program engagement and the trends in recreation, they have identified improvements that will increase recreation opportunities and add value to the SDRD. They are:

An additional outdoor leisure pool

Additional pool access through the construction of a 50-meter pool

Additional group fitness studio space

Expand the open cardio and weight areas

Additional indoor court space

Expand programming to include an introduction to outdoor sport and fitness programs and skills

An additional satellite facility in the southwest part of the county

Tif explained what the addition of a new rec center would like. The center would ideally be located in the southwest part of the county and include an outdoor seasonal pool, gymnasium, multi-sport court, and cardio and weight areas. They would likely bond for the new rec center and the 50-meter pool in the existing facility. Since all of the ideas came from the community survey and were the amenities the public wanted to see, they plan to reach out to the community to see if they would support bonding which will mean a tax increase. They are trying to form an advocacy group for community outreach and promotion of the project.

The current challenges are costs, land availability, and COVID-19. The cost of the new recreation center would be nearly \$24 million. The new bond impact for an average homeowner will increase \$32 per year for the first three years until the existing bond expires and an increase of \$28 annually or \$2.33 monthly after that. The total tax impact would be \$6.33 monthly or \$76 annually over a 25-year bond. The plan is to put it on the ballot this fall.

The SDRC would like to work with the County and the School District to see if there are ways to help each other, whether monetarily. Jessica Merrill said that the Tourism Department plans to update the Commission regularly on projects in the works to identify areas in which the County can help offset costs by using Tourism Funds for some of them where possible.

(See Attachment A)

Closed Session

Commissioner Elliott moved to closed session for reasons permitted under UCA §52-4-205(1)(a). Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED

The Commissioners reconvened to the open meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

MATERIALS PRESENTED

All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:

A1-A17 SDRD Summarized Master Plan

Minutes prepared by:

Shairise Bills

Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: 05/04/2021

/s/ Curtis Koch

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Davis County Clerk/Auditor

/s/ Bob J Stevenson

Bob J Stevenson

Commission Chair