



Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District
Board Work Session Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2009
Schefter Conference Room - Trailside Park
5715 Trailside Drive
Park City, Utah

Board Members in Attendance: Tracey Douthett, Scott McClelland, Sharon Odell, Scott Siemon, Kevin Simon, Marilyn Stinson.

Absent: Ron Perry

Staff/Employees Present: Bonnie Park, Rena Jordan, Matt Strader, Bruce Dickens

Attending Guests: None

The work session meeting of April 22, 2009 began at 6:11 pm.

Chair Odell requested that Matt Strader recap District recreation programs currently underway for the benefit of new Board members. Strader said the recreation department is in the midst of program transitions from winter to summer. Spring break camp just concluded. A spring volleyball program, and competitive and recreation soccer have just started. The Parks crew has been busy lining fields and setting up goals. Youth soccer academy, t-ball and rec. league baseball and t-ball programs are starting up soon. Summer camp registrations are being taken. The Fieldhouse is still busy with Boot Camp and general use. Sharon Odell reminded Board members that Play Magazine includes information on District facilities and programs throughout the year.

Jordan said a big District challenge is lack of field time when all sports converge at this time of year. Bruce and Matt's team meet regularly to review special event requests and how they can be accommodated. She said Triple Crown sports has made a request to add a fourth week and she has been contacted by Bob Kohler, Chamber Events Planner, to discuss Jordan's philosophy on accommodating special events at District venues.

Fieldhouse Equipment

Jordan provided copies of a PowerPoint presentation for Board members (attached). She reminded Board members that Matt Strader attended a conference for the purpose of comparing equipment. Strader provided a comparison spreadsheet reviewing equipment pieces and their costs, including freight. He noted that if leased equipment was replaced with an equivalent product, there would be an increase due to inflation. Cardio equipment is refreshed every three years; strength equipment is replaced every five years. Fieldhouse patrons have been providing feedback on equipment they would like considered. He explained the replacement of strength equipment is labor intensive. Kevin Simon asked if it made more sense to purchase rather than lease. Jordan said there are currently no funds budgeted for a purchase and lease rates are reasonable at the present time. Strader described the Nautilus Nitro Plus line as compared to the Nautilus One equipment mechanics.

Maintenance is much less with the Nautilus One. Due to their interest in the Utah market, the Nautilus discount is \$2,000 per piece, totaling a savings of \$20,000. The difference is \$629/month for the better product. This is a decision the Board will have to make. Strader has been structuring some budget reductions to make up the difference if the Board chooses the better line. McClelland questioned if patrons become accustomed to the Nautilus One line now, the District may be challenged when the time comes to fund its replacement if no future incentive discount is available. Jordan said she believes the budget has been leaned down enough to afford the higher lease payment. She believes it is a better use of funds since it benefits the patrons directly. She strongly believes the investment is a priority over other budget items, and the higher end equipment will help meet the challenge on the revenue generation side. Strader said the lead time is 12 weeks for delivery. Discussion followed on public/private competition and the added luxuries offered by private gyms not provided in this proposal. Price differences, how the equipment will fit in the space, and delivery costs were also discussed. Delivery and installation are included in the lease price. Jordan said at the next meeting the Board will need to motion approval on equipment, and select the leasing company. Strader suggested Board members look at the Nautilus website. The Board will also have the opportunity to select the best rate offered between leasing companies at the May 6th meeting.

Indoor Turf

Strader said over the years there has been a history of problems with the ProGrass artificial indoor turf and sub-base. Seam separations and inlaid lines have been repaired numerous times over the years. Sub-base issues became noticeable in spring 2008. Strader distributed a handout to Board members. He described the pattern of turf breakdown, and methods he tried to repair and restore the surface, as suggested by the manufacturer. Board members viewed slides of the current field condition, including uneven terrain and loss of grass fibers. Strader reviewed repair solutions proposed by Academy Sports Turf, including fixing the base and repairing the turf. After a site visit, the rep said he would be unable to bid on the repair of the turf because the fibers are worn and it is beyond repair. Strader described the difference between "LRS fibers" used in the original turf, vs. "XP Pro" which does not continue to deteriorate and is the more desirable product. "Intelliturf" is another supplier that has provided some quotes utilizing a slightly different system that utilizes foam padding. ProGrass proposed installation of the XP Pro fiber. Strader said both BYU and U of U have a road base subsurface: "Fieldturf" is the turf supplier at those venues and it is a higher end product. ProGrass was the low bid at the Fieldhouse. Discussion followed on strategy moving forward. Jordan said there is only a short window of opportunity to complete this project if it is to be done this summer. Strader said the ProGrass rep stated they are busy with installations in June, July and August. The replacement would take a week. Jordan said one angle pursued by Strader was to seek a warranty claim. Unless it is a warranty claim the bid process will delay the work. Jordan said more specific language with exactly what is included under the warranty should be fully addressed in the next selection. Jordan said \$110,000 is allocated in the replacement reserve. A Board decision will need to be made as to dipping into replacement funds if needed, or if the existing turf waits another year. Discussion followed on whether there is a liability risk, and Jordan stated claims against the District are reflected in general liability insurance premiums. Jordan said if the project can be completed within the budgeted amount this year, it should be done. Another recommendation is to continue to set money aside for periodic replacement of the turf over time. Jordan said at the next Board meeting staff will have more information on available options, and if there are actionable items at the time they will be placed on the agenda.

Splash Pad

Jordan said staff is still pursuing the splash pad project to make use of the \$124,000 RAP grant, in combination with the \$180,000 held in reserve by the District to fund the parking improvements at Newpark. In a previous meeting, Marc Wangsgard, Newpark representative, expressed his support of the project. Jordan and staff met with splash pad rep Diana Ross to inspect the site. It was agreed the west side of the trellis is recommended because it will not encumber future Fieldhouse expansion plans. Jordan requested Ross develop a conceptual site plan and rendering based on a \$280,000 budget. At Jordan's request, Park reminded the group of the

expectations surrounding the RAP grant allocation. The funding must be used by December 31, 2009, or be forfeited. The RAP tax committee will reconvene in 2010 for the next distribution cycle to be awarded in June, 2010. At the Board's direction, the District could move forward with a proposal and request that the RAP committee convene a special meeting. The new proposal would need to be a very strong application demonstrating why this is a much better application when compared to the Trailside splash pad application. She said Tim Douglas had expressed there was not full committee consensus on approving the Trailside splash pad because some believed the application was weak. It contained written information and some stock splash pad vendor photos, but did not specify where in the park the pad would be located. Park said one thing to investigate is whether statutorily the funds must be turned back within 18 months, or if an extension could be requested. In the short term, a stronger Fieldhouse application could be produced. Once that application is developed, the District could request that the RAP committee reconvene or, if allowed, request an extension. The Board direction needs to be whether to push it through to try and design, bid and build this summer. The alternative is to put plans in place to submit a solid 2010 application with the grant funds having been extended or awarded again, with the intent to begin next spring. Jordan said her preference is to pursue the request to reconvene the RAP committee. She believes the District may lose the funding, or Newpark may have a tenant across from the Fieldhouse that may trigger enforcement of the parking requirement. Jordan said the application for the Trailside splash pad represented that the District would match the grant funds, and the match is not funded. The Fieldhouse venue would give patrons the chance to experience a splash pad.

In concluding, Jordan said the three projects discussed tonight are centered on the Fieldhouse, but suggested in the next two work sessions Board members think about phase II programming and timing of the next bond. Park added that if the Fieldhouse turf is to be bid, timing of advertisement to plan a June bid award must be planned. Jordan added that the Tri-King Mower bid will be awarded at the May 6th meeting.

The work session concluded at 8:03 pm, at which time Board members convened an executive session to discuss personnel matters. Board members Tracey Douthett, Scott McClelland, Sharon Odell, Scott Siemon, Kevin Simon, Marilyn Stinson were present. Director Rena Jordan requested that Bonnie Park remain. Other staff were excused. Bonnie Park provided a closed meeting affidavit for Board signature (attached).

The executive session concluded at 8:22 pm, and the meeting of April 22nd was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Bonnie Park

Clerk/Board Member Approval:

