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7.1 INTRODUCTION

Roosevelt City recognizes that added attention is needed on parks and recreation in the community. Parks and recreation facilities and services are necessary to enhance the health and well-being of Roosevelt residents. Roosevelt also sees the identification and preservation of open space as part of the scope and objectives of parks and recreation.

7.2 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

It is the objective of the City to prepare and adopt a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, to act as an appendix to this chapter. The focus of the master plan will be to assess current parks and recreation facilities, perform a needs analysis for parks and recreation facilities, create an open space inventory, plan a system of recreational trails, and develop implementation goals. The end goal of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is to create an official document that can act as a guideline for the enhancement of the quality of life of Roosevelt residents through the improvement of community parks and recreation facilities and the preservation of open space.

7.3 PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

The two areas of emphasis for Roosevelt parks and recreation facilities are:

1. Enhance existing parks and recreation facilities, and
2. Establish potential sites for future parks and recreation facilities.

To enhance existing parks and recreation facilities, the City will determine where improvements can be made. These improvements may include, adding additional grass and trees, constructing covered pavilions, installing hardscape surfaces, and repainting the exterior of the facilities, as well as providing additional parking and restrooms as needed.

The following are city parks and recreation facilities in Roosevelt (see Exhibit 9, Parks and Trails Map).

Old City Park

Located in the heart of town at 90 W Lagoon Street, this 8 acre facility is the main, historic city park for the central city area. Amenities include large grassy areas, a play-ground, a pavilion, two baseball diamonds, a batting cage, an outdoor basketball court and public restrooms.

Constitution Park

Located at 792 West 300 South, this 35 acre community park includes pavilions, a play-ground, a one-mile walking path, a skate park, a soccer field, an outdoor amphitheater, two horseshoe pits, sand volleyball pits, five baseball diamonds, and public restrooms.

Constitution Park has become the favored location for community special events, including U.B.I.C. (Uintah Basin in Celebration) and the 4th of July.

Old Mill Park

Located at 278 East 100 North, this is the newest park in Roosevelt, providing a tranquil gathering spot in the

downtown area. The park features a city center clock, a small stage and pavilions with numerous trees. A public restroom is not yet available, but planned.

Roosevelt City Golf Course

Located at 1155 Club House Drive, this 18-hole course sits on 150 acres of land overlooking the Roosevelt community, with panoramic views of the Uinta Mountains. The front nine holes were designed by Joe Williams and opened in 1974. The back nine holes opened in 1994, and were designed by Gordie Harmston and built by a committee of local enthusiasts. The course has a PGA pro on staff. An objective of the City is to maintain and improve the course where possible.

City Swimming Pool

Located at 90 W Lagoon Street in the City Park, the Roosevelt City Swimming Pool has served the community for many years. The City plans to construct a new swimming pool, which ideally would offer indoor and outdoor facilities to provide and maximize year-round use.

Crossroads Community Center

is located at 50 E 200 South, adjacent to Roosevelt City Hall. With a large assembly hall, kitchen facilities and meeting rooms, this new facility serves many functions and programs, including community special events, senior citizen programs, and local business meetings.

Future Parks and Facilities are anticipated in several areas throughout the City, including new parks in the northeast and southeast areas of town. Other anticipated facilities and improvements include:

1. An indoor recreation facility,
2. A city museum,
3. Increased professional services at facilities, and
4. Additional parking at parks, where needed.

As recreation needs are assessed, the desirability of locating new facilities in various areas of the city not currently well served should be considered.

Regional Participation

In preparing for future recreational facility needs, the City should look into opportunities to create regional participation in both the uses and cost-sharing. Currently, the City bears the burden of paying for some services used by many not within its boundaries. Opportunities involving the participation of Duchesne County and other regional communities should be explored, including 1) The creation of a regional recreation district that would allow tax monies to be returned to Roosevelt, and/or 2) a county-wide referendum to fund and build regional recreation facilities.

EXHIBIT 9, PARKS AND TRAILS MAP

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7.4 RECREATIONAL TRAILS

The quality of life in a community is enhanced when it has a system of recreational trails and facilities. A trails system is also an asset to the city transportation network. Increased walking and bicycling due to the creation of trails will lead to a cleaner environment and a healthier population. Many local trips that Roosevelt residents currently make in their cars might be made on foot or by bicycle if they could be done on established safe trail corridors. Where practical, bicycle and pedestrian paths in Roosevelt should 1) be separated from vehicular traffic, 2) be constructed with separated bike and pedestrian lanes, and 3) provide connection between parks and open spaces.

It is the desire of many residents and an objective of the City to develop a multi-use recreational trails system surrounding and within the community, connecting various areas and parks in town. Initial priorities for developing this system include:

1. Prepare a trails system plan as a subset of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan,
2. Acquire necessary rights-of-way or property to construct a path along the gulch through the community and along other corridors as shown on Exhibit 9, Parks and Trails Map,

3. Create bike paths city-wide along existing main roadways as streets are improved, and
4. Expand the Constitution Park walking path, including the installation of pathway lighting.

7.5 OPEN SPACES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

As in most Utah communities, the history and character of Roosevelt is closely tied to the surrounding landscape. Today, these surroundings continue to play an important role in defining the character of Roosevelt.

Open spaces such as parks, playgrounds, and natural areas strengthen the connection between citizens and their community by helping to define the area they perceive as home. In addition, open space contributes to the vitality of Roosevelt by sustaining the regional ecosystem, supporting local economy, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation and learning, and offering visual relief from urban landscapes. The preservation of open space contributes to the high quality of life in Roosevelt.

Many enjoy the opportunities for regional outdoor recreation that is easily accessible to Roosevelt residents, including camping fishing, hunting, golfing, four-wheeling, and many other outdoor activities.

7.6 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Special events are important to Roosevelt residents, and many indicated in the public survey (See Appendix “A”) that more scheduled events would be desirable. Some of the events currently held include:

U.B.I.C. (Uintah Basin In Celebration): Each year the City of Roosevelt is host to this three day celebration held the last week of July and 1st of August. The event includes a parade along Main Street, golf and softball tournaments, swimming competitions, running/walking events, craft shows, food courts, pageants, live concerts and children's activities, pet shows

and a fireworks display. Main events are held at Constitution Park.

4th of July: An evening program with a fireworks display is held at the Constitution Park amphitheatre.

The Holly Fair and the Enchanted Forest are Christmas events sponsored by the Chamber including a craft fair and Christmas tree displays with booths by crafters and community businesses.

GOALS

Goals	Strategies	Actions	Timing	Agency
1. Provide for <u>parks and recreation facilities and services</u> to enhance residents' quality of life.	A. Establish a plan for the development and improvement of parks and recreation facilities and services.	i. Prepare, adopt and implement a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	0-5 years	City Council, City Admin., Parks and Recreation
		ii. Promote the participation of a citizens committee to assist in the planning.	0-5 years	City Council, City Admin., Parks and Recreation
	B. Provide parks that are well dispersed throughout the city.	i. Target areas in need of parks and follow recommendations of the Master Plan.	0-20 years	City Council, City Admin., Parks and Recreation
		ii. Purchase / acquire properties for the development of future parks.	0-10 years	City Council, City Admin.,
	C. Develop methods to gain regional support for recreational facilities.	i. Explore the creation of a regional recreation district.	0-2 years	City Council, City Admin.,
		ii. Establish a county-wide referendum to build regional recreational facilities.	0-2 years	City Council, City Admin.,
	D. Encourage the development of additional recreational facilities.	i. Develop plans and procure funding for a new indoor/outdoor swimming pool.	0-5 years	City Council, City Admin., Parks and Recreation

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		ii. Develop plans for an indoor recreation center.	0-5 years	City Admin., Parks and Recreation
		iii. Create and update a priority list for the development of other needed facilities.	0-20 years	City Admin., Parks and Recreation

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2. Develop a <u>system of recreational trails</u> throughout the city.	A. Prepare a Trails System Plan as part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	i. Acquire property and easements to develop future trails.	0-10 years	City Admin., Parks and Recreation
		ii. Pursue funding opportunities to develop trails.	0-10 years	City Admin., Parks and Recreation
3. Promote special events to enhance residents' quality of life.	A. Support and encourage community events and activities.	i. Offer assistance and support to the continuance and improvement of the annual U.B.I.C, 4 th of July, Holly Fair and the Enchanted Forest events.	0-20 years	City Council, City Admin., Parks and Recreation
		B. Assess needs for and sponsor additional community events and celebrations.		
			i. Establish a volunteer community events board.	0-2 years
		ii. Review options and abilities to sponsor new events, celebrations, outdoor concerts, etc.	0-2 years	City Council, City Admin.