

MINUTES OF A REGULAR ROOSEVELT ARTS, PARKS, & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

February 3, 2022 at Roosevelt City Offices

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chair Preston Kadleck.

A roll call was taken which showed the following committee members present: Chair Preston Kadleck, Vice Chair Rowdy Cloward, Phillip Bertoch, Charles Embleton, Kianna Hamblin, and Royce Porter. Secretary Daniel Mauchley participated by phone. Mayor JR Bird and Brent Fenn of Roosevelt City were also present.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2021 and of January 6, 2022 was made by Phillip Bertoch. The motion was seconded by Charles Embleton. The motion was approved unanimously in favor by committee members.

PARKS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Parks Subcommittee Chair Royce Porter reported that the subcommittee is giving away tickets to the Union High School Jazz Band Dinner/Dance on February 19th through the APR Committee Facebook page. The pickleball league continues to be well-attended and the subcommittee will be looking at organizing a spring league. Registration for boys' and girls' softball will be opening up next week. The girls' league has joined with the Cal Ripken organization which will facilitate an all-star tournament.

Royce met with the disc golf subcommittee. They are beginning to organize tournament dates. Brent Fenn reported that Sam Smith had contacted him about placing some temporary baskets on the league nights. He reminded everyone that softball usually runs Monday through Thursday until mid-June at Constitution Park. Chair Kadleck said he would follow up with Brent about locations and dates. Royce mentioned that John Nolte has offered to host the league on his property during the spring until softball is completed at the park.

Phillip Bertoch asked if it has been possible to track the usage of the ice rink. Brent indicated it has not been. They have noticed that weekends are busier, but the rink is not overly crowded most of the time. Cameras will be placed at the rink next year due to some vandalism including bikes and scooters being used on the ice and grass getting tracked on. They have had about 5 gliders available for use that have been abused by some younger residents. The Recreation Department has had to encourage them to behave appropriately on the ice and in other cases has had to ask them to leave the rink. Brent thinks use is not greater because many do not have their own skates. Mayor Bird suggested that an ice skates drive could be hosted in the

community to donate unneeded skates that could be kept up at the rink for people to borrow. He said he had recent contact with someone from the hockey leagues that has a trailer of used skates where residents can borrow or swap skates from the collection. A closet at the Roosevelt City offices may even be available for that purpose. Phillip agreed that would be better than just having skates available near the ice rink as there is already an issue of damage on the rink occurring. He also suggested that the ice rink could use greater promotion. Mayor Bird has also noticed in conversations with residents that many are still unaware that we have the ice rink. The newspaper and social media have been utilized in the effort so far. Phillip suggested an insert in both the November and December utility bills before and as the ice rink is opening. Brent added that that same reminder could be sent home with the Jr. Jazz teams. Phillip thinks the school district can help send those flyers out as well, especially in the elementary schools. Mayor Bird can follow up about the skate exchange trailer contact ahead of next season as well. We can also look into giving away a coupon to purchase skates. Royce suggested that these reminders need to be included in the October APR Committee agenda.

Chair Kadleck said he is starting to contact some community members about serving on a Winterfest Committee for 2023; especially since the APR Committee is so busy with other events throughout the rest of the year. Mayor Bird suggested that making preparations now would be ideal as the busy holiday season, which is right before Winterfest, makes things difficult. Doug Ogden, Mark Winterton, and Kim Hales were heavily involved in the past when the Uintah Basin Arts Council was involved. Doug is great for the cross-country skiing event. Roosevelt City will take the fireworks. The Prevention Advisory Coalition, Family Support Center, Children's Justice Center, Friends Against Family Violence, Moon Lake Electric, Uintah Basin Medical Center, and Strata Networks are all organizations suggested by the committee that may contribute to and help host Winterfest events. Robin Hatch has overseen the sledding event in the past. PAC also helped with the family bingo night this Winterfest weekend, with about 40 attending. We can ask them what events those organizations would be interested in hosting, including new ideas they would like to try. We could plan for art, yoga, and dance events, especially when winters are warm like the past two have been. The Thompson House of Hope may be able to help with an art class. 100 or so attended the New Year's Eve event with hot chocolate at the ice rink. Mayor Bird and Chair Kadleck took some assignments to contact these suggested organizations.

Phillip suggested a weekly couples dance course beginning in January and leading up to the UHS Jazz Dinner/Dance event around Valentine's Day. He suggested Michael and Brit Hawley could be instructors for the course. Mayor Bird wondered whether any of the couples from the Uintah County Golden Age Center, who participate in Jazz dances regularly, may be willing to come and teach as well. Phillip says he knows one of those couples who comes to the UHS dinner/dance event that dances really well and will try to ask them about the idea. Sarah Garcia is also teaching social dance at UHS and may be an option.

An idea to have a fall event/truck-or-treat at the Nature Park next year was suggested. There would be less traffic and mess on Main Street where the event has been held in past years.

There was a question of whether the Main Street vendors would be willing to move that event to the Nature Park. Mayor Bird said he would contact LaRee Hurley, who has run the Main Street event, about what she thinks of that change of venue. We do not want to trample on their event. Daniel Mauchley mentioned that the event in the past has been marketed to the businesses as an opportunity for them to promote their business on their doorstep, to pass out coupons, etc.

ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT & DISCUSSION

Kianna Hamblin reported that the subcommittee was working on contracting bands for the 4th of July. Mayor Bird suggested Steve Evans from Evans Broadcasting as a contact to help with this since he has hosted performers in the Basin in the past and may be willing to pitch in on the costs if they are given advertising rights at the concert. A sound manager has been secured for \$1,800. Brent again suggested Kennadi Dodds, a Cache Valley performer who participated in *America's Got Talent*. The subcommittee is also looking for local opening acts. Jack Staker's band, Ryan Lundstrum's band named "Two Weeks Notice," and Barnyard Hippies were suggested. Also, instead of the Red Mud Run, there could be a Fun Run, a Midnight Run, or a 5k.

The subcommittee is exploring the idea of a pops orchestra in the summer.

Costs for Lamb of God instrumentalists will be presented for approval at March's APR Committee meeting.

Mayor Bird mentioned Deb Richards was interested in a holiday lights competition with prizes in Roosevelt similar to what Ballard has done. She was also willing to serve on a subcommittee. She has applied to be on the APR Committee, but the appointments will not be made until March.

Chair Kadleck encouraged committee members to take photos of the winners of the monthly giveaways. Royce confirmed that those posts are among the best performing on our APR Facebook page.

APR COMMITTEE ROTATION & APPOINTMENTS

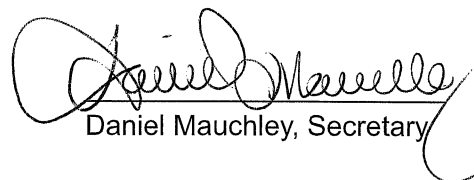
Vice Chair Rowdy Cloward is stepping down in March as he has been elected to the Roosevelt City Council. He will instead be the council's liaison to the APR Committee. Royce Porter would like to step down as Parks Subcommittee Chair and instead serve as the Social Media Manager for the committee. In that case Royce would need to work with Sunshine Bellon from Roosevelt City. Sunshine also needs to be given admin rights to the APR's Facebook page. A few others have also expressed changes in their ability to be present and Mayor Bird will address those appointments. The city will be advertising the openings beginning next week, but Mayor Bird would appreciate the committee's help in recruiting interested individuals to apply. A submitted letter of interest is acceptable. Chair Kadleck asked that all those who are leaving the

committee to come and have a photo taken and to be thanked and recognized for their contributions on the committee.

Phillip Bertoch motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted unanimously in favor by committee members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Minutes approved on 03/03/2022.


Daniel Mauchley, Secretary