

Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 9, 2024

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Board Room – Trailside Park 5715 Trailside Drive Park City, Utah Virtual Meeting via Zoom Meeting ID: 870 3315 9879

**Board Members in Attendance:** Nate Brown, Ryan Bruce, Ben Castro, Brandi Connolly, Larry Moffitt, Amanda Singer, and Carrie Westberg. Board members participated electronically via Zoom or at the anchor location.

5 Absent: None.

**Staff Present:** Lily Chirico, Steve Good, Phares Gines, Brian Kadziel, Justine Kadziel, David Paskoski, Brad Rogers, and Matt Wagoner. Staff participated electronically via Zoom or at the anchor location.

**Attending Guests:** Ethan Adams, Jimmy Howe, and Sean Maher from RRC Associates, Heinrich Dieters and Logan Jones from Park City Municipal, Joanne Calvori, and Michael Watson.

# CALL TO ORDER AND PUBLIC INPUT

The meeting of May 9, 2024, was called to order by Chair Connolly at 6:00pm.

Chair Connolly reminded attendees that because the e-bike survey is on the agenda, there will not be public input on the topic. A public hearing on the subject is scheduled for the June meeting.

There was no public input given.

Chair Connolly closed public input at 6:01pm.

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 4/11/2024

Board members received draft minutes from the 4/11/2024 Board meeting in their Board packet prior to the meeting. This agenda item was moved up to ensure a timely start to the e-bike survey results presentation.

Brown noted he was listed as an attendee but was not present at the meeting. The minutes were revised to reflect his absence before being signed.

- 34 **MOTION:** To approve the Board meeting minutes from April 11, 2024.
- 35 [WESTBERG/SINGER] All in favor: Bruce, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed:
- 36 None. Abstain: Brown, Castro. Absent: None. Motion carries.

- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MONTH'S
- 39 EXPENDITURES
- 40 Board members received the prior month's expenditures in their Board packet prior to the
- 41 meeting. This agenda item was moved up to ensure a timely start to the e-bike survey results
- 42 presentation.

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With a Mechanic now on staff, Chair Connolly asked why there was a service charged to a third party for vehicle maintenance. Wagoner explained it was possible the Mechanic didn't have the correct parts as they are still creating an inventory, or it could have been a holdover for previous services.

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- MOTION: To approve the prior month's expenditures. [CASTRO/MOFFIT] All in favor:
- 50 Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None.
- 51 Absent: None. Motion carries.

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- REVIEW OF 1ST QUARTER 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT
- Board members received a copy of the 1st quarter 2024 financial report in their Board packet prior to the meeting. This agenda item was moved up to ensure a timely start to the e-bike survey results presentation.

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Rogers shared there was nothing notable to discuss, however there are some underspent areas due to project or invoice delays.

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Singer asked about a lack of revenue for annual pass sales at The Fieldhouse. B. Kadziel clarified that the line item is no longer used and should be removed, and revenue is listed on other lines.

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Bruce asked about outreach efforts relating to the scholarship fund. B. Kadziel said that expenses include the use of translators and equipment at various registration events held throughout the year in partnership with the Park City Education Foundation and Youth United program. He shared the District received a \$15,000 grant from the Park City Education Foundation to help these efforts.

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Chair Connolly expressed interest in seeing year over year comparison data in addition to the quarterly reports.

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Castro asked about ongoing payments to SE Group. Wagoner and Rogers noted there are still pending invoices, and they will investigate it.

- DISCUSSION OF THE 2024 COMMUNITY E-BIKE SURVEY RESULTS PRESENTED
- 77 BY RRC ASSOCIATES

Board members received a copy of the presentation and survey results gathered by RRC Associates in their Board packet prior to the meeting. This agenda item was moved to begin at the planned time of 6:15pm.

Ethan Adams, Jimmy Howe, and Sean Maher from RRC Associates presented an overview of the findings from an e-bike survey conducted earlier this year in conjunction with Park City Municipal. Methodology included a statistically valid survey and an open link survey. The survey garnered 2,228 responses and explored feelings towards e-bike use on both single-track trails and pathways.

 General insights from the survey regarding e-bike use on pathways included high e-bike ownership and familiarity, approval of using e-bikes on pathways, concerns around safety, and support for speed limits. With each topic, Maher explained any differences in the findings between respondents from within the District versus within Park City limits.

Maher then presented findings regarding e-bike use on single-track trails. He reported a low number of respondents who have ridden an e-bike on single-track trails and support for the current Park City Municipal ordinance. The current Park City Municipal ordinance allows individuals over 65 years old or with a mobility disability to ride class 1 e-bikes on single-track trails. In addition, there was some consensus that ages 55 and older should be allowed to ride e-bikes on single-track trails. Like e-bike use on pathways, respondents felt e-bikes on single-track trails pose some safety concerns.

Overall, Maher concluded that sentiments were more positive towards e-bike use on pathways in comparison to e-bike use on single-track trails.

Respondents supported additional resources towards policy enforcement, with desires for more signage followed by increased Ranger presence. There was also strong consensus surrounding bike rental shops aiding in e-bike policy education.

Castro asked if the public was willing to pay to fund further enforcement on trails. Maher said the survey did not ask about additional taxes or fees.

Singer wondered if they ran cross tabs on the responses of e-bike owners vs non e-bike owners.

Maher said they are currently working on it as Park City and the City Council are also interested in this data. Adams believes they can share this data within a week.

Bruce asked to define a statistically valid survey. Adams explained that it is taking measures to ensure you are surveying who you are surveying, and on the specific topic. This survey used mail methodologies so RRC could look at demographics of the sample compared to the census and required passwords to access the survey. The survey had a margin of error of +- 3.4% with a 95% confidence interval. Maher added that for the District's population, they would aim for 380-400 responses from residents, and they received 743.

122 Chair Connolly questioned if there was anything in the comments about certain classes of e-bikes 123 on the pathways. RRC Associates staff did not notice specific classes being mentioned but noted 124 several comments regarding speed.

Castro inquired about the Summit County bike share program and the speed of those e-bikes.

Howe said the survey did not mention these and there were no related comments.

Chair Connolly clarified that two key takeaways included support for speed limits on pathways and support for allowing e-bikes on single-track trail for those with mobility issues or ages 65 and older.

Chair Connolly noted Park City's current policy allows e-bikes on single-track trails for riders who have a mobility issue or are over the age of 65. Summit County currently does not have any policy surrounding e-bike use. Heinrich Dieters from Park City Municipal added that staff have not determined how the City will proceed.

Moffitt noted that speed regulations should be applicable to all bikes, not just e-bikes. Moffitt felt that a speed limit of 15mph is reasonable to accommodate commuters. Lastly, he added, if possible, he wants the District's regulations to align with Park City's.

Singer feels that speed limits should reflect the nature of the pathway, as some trails, while paved, have more turns or limited sightlines than others.

Discussion followed on the use of classified and unclassified e-bikes, particularly by teens under the age of 14, which is not allowed under Utah law. Castro also echoed wanting to align with any regulations placed within City limits.

Bruce asked about a program that has designated an area in Park City where e-bikes are allowed with no restrictions. Deiters said it is a new area where the trails are sequestered and specifically designed for e-bike use. Bruce is intrigued by creating a trail area with no e-bike restrictions. Bruce then asked Staff if there was any evidence that supports the claim that e-bikes damage trails at a faster rate. Paskoski noted e-bikes may bring less experienced riders further into the backcountry which could pose an issue but has not explored whether more damage is done.

Discussion with Staff and Board members followed on specific language surrounding current County e-bike policies. Wagoner explained that under current legislation the District can create its own regulations. Summit County does not have any current regulations surrounding e-bikes.

Bruce asked if signage would need to be purchased, and what the cost would be, should the District pursue speed limits on pathways. Chair Connolly encouraged staff to investigate speed signage that is enforceable. Wagoner has reached out to the Sherriff's office for their input.

Dieters believes it is a great opportunity to alleviate confusion and create clarity on e-bike policies for trail users. Chair Connolly agreed that clarity and safety concerns are a priority.

Brown said he envisions enforcement of any regulations focusing on education rather than ticketing.

- Further discussions and a public hearing are scheduled at the June 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Chair Connolly asked for a Staff report with suggested regulations regarding age and speed restrictions.
- 172 She also encouraged Staff to submit their suggested regulations to Dave Thomas, Chief Civil
- 173 Deputy for Summit County, prior to the meeting. Lastly, she asked Staff to consider what
- education and enforcement would look like from a Ranger's perspective, and to bring that
- information to County Council before the June meeting.

### DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ANNUAL SERVICES CONTRACTS

Board members received a staff report from David Paskoski in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

Paskoski said there are four service contracts up for approval which include asphalt trail replacement, asphalt crack seal and seal coat, road base overlay on Wasatch Trail, and trails dog waste station services. Paskoski reviewed the service, price, location, contract length, and proposed servicer of each contract. Paskoski noted the proposed contract terms for trails dog waste station services and crack seal and seal coat are each 4 years, renewed annually.

Westberg asked if Daisy Dooz will serve Run-A-Muk as well, which Paskoski confirmed.

Chair Connolly asked if there are any penalties outlined in the contracts if the services are not completed as described and suggested adding accountability clauses in all contracts. Wagoner explained they have expanded the scope of work to create clear expectations, and added it's a reasoning behind renewing contracts annually, even if they are awarded for several years. Paskoski added that Daisy Dooz has previously done an exceptional job.

 Discussion followed on the amount of dog waste bags that are being replaced. The District replaces 1,500 dog waste bags every other day at Run-A-Muk, and 300 bags every other day on average at other locations. Castro would like to see data comparing visitor numbers from the trail counters to the amount of dog waste bags used to discuss the popularity of various trails. Wagoner noted it would be an interesting data point and could be useful.

Chair Connolly asked if Staff have looked into compostable dog waste bags or other eco-friendly solutions. Gines said he has researched this subject and will share his findings later with the Trails Committee.

Regarding the crack seal and seal coat contract, Chair Connolly asked if they would repair any sections of trail where further maintenance is needed. Paskoski said they will still do the crack seal and seal coat, however they will mark it for potential replacement in the future.

Chair Connolly applauded staff efforts for getting multi-year contracts.

MOTION: To approve annual service contract amounts as summarized in the above staff report and allow the District Director to execute the required documents. The summary is as follows:

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- 214 Contracting, and \$49,465.92 annually to Daizy Dooz. [MOFFIT/BRUCE] All in favor: Brown,
- Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: 215
- 216 None. Motion carries.

# DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO DISTRICT POLICIES

- 219 Wagoner shared they are revising the policy review schedule to ensure enough time to review 220 edits with County Council and the Board. Bruce and Rogers added that some revisions are being postponed due to the ongoing audit. Rogers anticipates having revisions for the Board to review 221
- 222 and possibly approve at the June Board meeting.

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Chair Connolly added that the auditor is going to make language suggestions to the policy, and it makes sense to wait for their feedback.

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## **DISCUSSION OF 2024 GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Board members received a staff report from Matt Wagoner in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

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Wagoner shared that staff have begun creating a grant schedule, and noted the document shared in the staff report is a draft. Wagoner highlighted the variability of the District's grant funding over the past five years, with 2021 being the highest receiving year. Wagoner then shared several new grants the District has applied for, the intended projects, and their statuses.

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Wagoner noted consistent success with the RAP tax grant but is working to broaden the grant applications to create a more consistent flow of grant funding.

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- 239 Westberg asked about the Restaurant Tax Grant, which the District did not receive in 2024.
- 240 Wagoner explained the District had applied for funding for Fieldhouse equipment and a
- matching grant for half of the cost of the Matt Knoop Park Turf replacement project. The turf 241 242 project was not awarded due to an application technicality.

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Brown appreciated seeing timelines and layouts of grant applications. Castro also appreciated the document and noted how important metrics and data are when applying for grant funding.

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Chair Connolly said that grant funding is vital to remove some financial burdens from taxpayers and wondered about professional workshops in grant writing to improve the District's applications.

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- staff to plan and prepare in advance to discuss, review, and submit a strong application. 254

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256 While the District didn't receive all the grants it requested, Bruce applauded staff for applying.

Brown would like to see projects that were funded by grants completed before taking on anything new.

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# **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Board members received the monthly update from District Superintendent, Matt Wagoner in their Board packet prior to the meeting.

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Wagoner noted the unpredictability of the weather this month and how that has shifted typical spring operations.

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Wagoner commended Steve Good's supervision on the Matt Knoop Park turf field replacement project. The project is nearing completion and contractors are currently working on adding the infill.

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Other updates included the hiring of seasonal employees, the completion of the Willow Creek Park courts shade project, and Run-A-Muk opening after its annual spring closure. Wagoner noted fencing repairs are ongoing as well at Run-A-Muk.

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Chair Connolly asked about potential meetings with the Planning Commission regarding the Run-A-Muk trailhead improvements. Wagoner said they are on the Planning Commission's meeting agenda for the following week.

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Singer asked about progress on the Silver Creek development, and Wagoner said the District recently received an update from SE Group. After staff are able to meet with the Planning Commission to discuss the permitting at Run-A-Muk, another meeting will be scheduled, and the focus will shift to Silver Creek.

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Singer then asked if the District has data on recreation scholarship recipients. B. Kadziel explained that students in the Park City School District who receive a free or reduced lunch are eligible for Basin Recreation's scholarships. The District does not ask for further information on scholarship applications, however it does track which camps and programs the scholarship recipients attend. B. Connolly suggested working with Youth United, who helps to fund the scholarships, to view any demographic data the District may be interested in. The District has considered changing its scholarship fund policy to a sliding pay scale based on self-reported income.

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Chair Connolly asked if any of the Recreation Coordinators are bilingual English and Spanish speakers. B. Kadziel shared one staff member has some knowledge, but none are fluent. Chair Connolly suggested making Spanish speaking a requirement or preferred skill for the next Recreation department hire. B. Kadziel noted they have begun looking for dual Spanish and English-speaking employees on recent Front Desk and part-time hires. This has also been a focus of the Equity Advancement cohort with Park City Community Foundation, which staff are participating in.

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Brown was excited to see the District's participation in the Elektron Solar farm in Tooele County, along with several other local organizations. The District's purchase of renewable

energy certificates get Basin Recreation near to net-100% renewable electrical energy for government operations and will help fill in the renewable energy "gap" between the District's total usage and what is produced via rooftop solar.

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#### DISTRICT COMMITTEE UPDATES

Chair Connolly requested Board Committee updates from the following:

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#### STANDING COMMITTEES

Audit & Policy Review: Brown shared they discussed the changing policy review timeline and ongoing audit.

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District Director Liaison: Bruce thanked Wagoner for stepping in for Director Jones while she was out of the office. The committee discussed transparency and adding more details to future Board meeting agendas.

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Parks & Facilities: Moffitt shared they discussed completed and upcoming summer projects including a drinking fountain and new shade structure at Willow Creek Park, the opening date of the Willow Creek Park Pond, ongoing turf replacement project at Matt Knoop Park, opening the District's grass fields, opening of The Fieldhouse Splash Pad, and future stair tread replacement project at The Fieldhouse. The committee also discussed complaints about the colors and obstructing views of the new Willow Creek Park playground, which Director Jones is handling. Chair Connolly noticed some of the landscape fabric is showing around the pond, and Good shared they plan to mediate that next week before opening. Staff and Board members also discussed that the Willow Creek Park Pond liner replacement project is paused indefinitely. The District has returned the grant funding for the project because they have exceeded the timeline.

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Personnel: Bruce shared they reinforced the nepotism disclosure to the Board from the District Director, which will be discussed during closed session later that evening. They also discussed considerations around various position levels and what qualifies a position to be a supervisor versus associate manager, etc., and a potential review of all staff job titles to be more in line with local and national positions.

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**Recreation:** Brown shared they discussed weather issues and Fieldhouse front desk project updates. B. Kadziel shared that Wagoner is working with architects, electricians, Fieldhouse staff, and other variables that have potential to slow the permitting process. B. Kadziel noted they are working to minimize disruptions to facility patrons and program participants. The permitting process is estimated to take a minimum of 6-8 weeks before the District can begin the procurement process for a Contractor. Staff and Board members also discussed the stair tread replacement project. Lastly, B. Kadziel and Brown discussed summer camp registration processes. Unlike Park City Municipal, the District does not provide early registration for residents. B. Kadziel noted that the Recreation department has reviewed registrations and 93% of all summer camp and summer program participants were residents of Summit County. Staff and Board members do not feel the need to change protocols but will continue to monitor the data.

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348 Strategic Planning & Interlocal Agreements: Castro shared that with the leadership of J. 349

Kadziel, they continue to revamp the Interlocal Agreement for Joint Use of Facilities for

- Recreation. J. Kadziel has regularly scheduled meetings with PCMC and PCSD to revise the
- agreement. The committee also has a meeting scheduled with the Planning Commission to
- 352 discuss future development in the Silver Creek area and the Run-A-Muk trailhead improvement
- 353 project. Chair Connolly added she would like to see staff review the 10-Year Strategic Plan and
- 5-Year Trails Plan and share their implementation strategy and performance indicators with the
- 355 Board.

357 Trails & Open Space: did not meet.

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### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS

- Bruce said he appreciated the alerts he received regarding the recent Fieldhouse Pool closure. B.
- 361 Kadziel clarified that this type of closure does not happen often, and the notifications were
- 362 created through the updated Mindbody software. While valuable, B. Kadziel noted staff wants to
- send notifications only when necessary, so patrons don't opt-out.

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Moffitt hopes the District is able to clarify e-bike regulations as we head into summer.

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Chair Connolly thanked staff for their hard work throughout the changing seasons and inclement weather.

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- **CLOSED SESSION: PERSONNEL**
- At 8:35pm, Chair Connolly called for a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

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374 A closed meeting affidavit was signed for the discussion of personnel.

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- Board members in attendance included: Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer,
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379 Staff members in attendance included: Brad Rogers and Matt Wagoner.

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- 381 **MOTION:** To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.
- [SINGER/BROWN] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg.
- 383 Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carries.

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At 9:04pm, Chair Connolly called for a motion to close the executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

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- 388 **MOTION:** To close the executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel.
- 389 [BRUCE/SINGER] All in favor: Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg.
- 390 Opposed: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carries.

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392 At 9:05pm, Chair Connolly called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

- MOTION: To adjourn the meeting of May 9, 2024. [WESTBERG/CASTRO] All in favor:
   Brown, Bruce, Castro, Connolly, Moffitt, Singer, Westberg. Opposed: None. Abstain: None.
   Absent: None. Motion carries.
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   424 Absent: None. Motion carries.
- 426 Minutes prepared by Lily Chirico
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  428 Clerk/Board Member Approval: