

The following Council Members were present:

Carlton Christensen
Nancy Saxton
Jill Remington Love

Van Turner
Dave Buhler

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Søren Simonsen

Cindy Gust-Jenson, Executive Council Director; Sam Guevara, Acting Mayor; Edwin Rutan, City Attorney; and Scott Crandall, Deputy City Recorder were present.

Councilmember Turner presided at and Councilmember Love conducted the meeting.

#4. 8:39:22 PM RE: Adopting an ordinance, resolution or motion to a proposal to amend sections of Salt Lake City Code that would designate Parley's Historic Nature Park as a permitted dog off-leash area.

Councilmember Jergenson moved and Councilmember Turner seconded to adopt a motion establishing the Parley's Historic Nature Park as an off-leash area with the following legislative intents with the understanding that modifications may be based upon the findings of the short term interim management plan and upon the long term findings of the master plan/management plan developed later:

1) accept the attached Parley's Historic Nature Park's working group's findings and recommendations including:

a) develop a master plan/management plan for the park including a time length for implementation subject to Council approval,

b) appoint a Park Advisory Board to provide stewardship for the park,

c) provide financial resources for implementation of the master plan/management plan including strong enforcement within the park,

d) recognize that the park has multiple, legitimate users,

e) develop and strengthen partnership with the County with respect to maintenance and management of the park;

2) accept the proposal from Utah Open Lands to perform a baseline assessment, including documentation of the current ecological conditions, to be completed without delay;

3) as part of the working group's recommendations, develop an interim management plan to be put in place within 30 days, in coordination with the City Council subcommittee, to identify environmentally sensitive areas that are to be closed to access during interim period nesting areas or other sensitive wildlife areas that are to be closed on a seasonal basis, while leaving other areas open for off-leash, BMX and other specific uses. This plan would have timelines for the achievement of specific goals; during the interim period. Also during the interim period the trail and abutting areas from the entrance just east of Tanner Park from the trailhead to the bridge in the park shall be designated as an on-leash area until the alternate on-leash entrance can be established;

4) develop a long term master plan/management plan, subject to Council approval. The plan would recommend long term preservation items including but not be limited to:

a) Protection of environmentally sensitive areas off main trails;

b) protection and management of stream beds;

c) identification of boundaries for a recognized BMX area; added

d) protection and preservation of wetlands;

e) planning for main "junction" areas likely to be heavily trafficked and other issues relating to the varying intensities of uses around the park;

f) enforcement of closed areas and other park rules;

g) remediation and cleanup of asphalt pieces, tar, and other debris, as identified in the master plan/management plan; mentioned different items in different sections

h) addressing ADA accessibility issues and identifying options; added

i) identification of areas that could be best protected by boardwalks;

j) identification of necessary financial resources to address the goals of the master plan/management plan;

k) evaluating opportunities to work with other government agencies including Salt Lake County, UDOT, and other federal agencies to: i) remediate environmental issues caused by previous actions of those entities; ii) find collaboration with enforcement; iii) find joint opportunities to provide financial resources.

h) Identification of potential additional parking areas and evaluation of how to manage special circumstances such as drought conditions;

5) explore opportunities to establish an additional entrance to Parley's Historic Nature Park at the northeast corner of Tanner Park added-Parleys trail that could be combined with additional sections in the western area of the park by streambed, designated as an on-leash area and, with proper engineering, an ADA access area, and

I further move that the Council express its commitment to identify additional areas within the City that can be designated or acquired as off-leash areas according to the evaluation criteria in the present City resolution.