

BARKER PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2024

The North Ogden Barker Park Committee convened on February 28, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Ogden City Office at 505 East 2600 North.

Notice of time, place, and agenda of the meeting was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on February 22, 2024.

Notice of the annual meeting schedule was posted on the bulletin board at the municipal office and posted to the Utah State Website on December 13, 2023.

Note: The time stamps indicated in blue correspond with the recording of this meeting, which can be located on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCriqbePBxTucXEzRr6fclhQ/videos>

or by requesting a copy of the audio file from the North Ogden City Recorder.

Committee:

Jay D Dalpias	Chairman	
Blake Cevering	Committee Member	excused
Scott Barker	Committee Member	excused
Rod Barker	Committee Member	
Sarah Lansing	Committee Member	

Staff:

Jon Call	City Manager/Attorney
Chris Pulver	City Council Member

Visitors:

Peggy Barker
Jeff Johnson

Chairman Dalpias called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Committee Member Rod Barker offered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION TO CONSIDER THE JANUARY 24, 2024, BARKER PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Committee Member Rod Barker moved to approve the January 24, 2024 Barker Park Committee meeting minutes. Committee Member Sarah Lansing seconded the motion. All in attendance voted in favor.

The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA

2. PRESENTATION ON BUILD BARKER PARK 501(C)(3)

0:02:55 Mr. Grant Protzman provided a historical overview of the Build Barker Park 501(c)(3) program. Mr. Protzman highlighted the challenges faced after the completion of phase one, citing City fund limitations and the need for private funds. He outlined the contributions of the Build Barker Park team, showcasing the support received from volunteers and local businesses.

The presentation focused on the proposed Phase 2A of the project, emphasizing an entryway, chicken coop trail, orchard, and flower gardens. Mr. Protzman discussed the educational aspects, including a teaching station, and highlighted the significance of replicating historical elements. The goals included making the area accessible, preserving cultural heritage, and creating an engaging environment for citizens.

Mr. Protzman detailed the physical improvements, planning, and research carried out, along with the proposed funding strategy. Fundraising efforts involve approaching local businesses, volunteers, and potential large donors. He then outlined the strategy for recognizing volunteers and local businesses through legacy signs, showcasing their contributions.

Committee Member Rod Barker inquired about the definition of a 501(c)(3) and Chairman Dalpiaz explained that it is a nonprofit organization with tax advantages, focusing on donations and volunteer hours. Mr. Protzman elaborated on the project, mentioning the 501(c)(3)'s goal is to give credit to companies and individuals for donations and volunteer work, helping with fundraising for the Barker Park project.

Mr. Barker asked about the size of the nonprofit organization, and Mr. Protzman clarified that there are seven committee members, including the Mayor and individuals with legal and financial expertise. The discussion touched on potential costs, estimated around \$3 million, and the hope for City support, possibly in the form of engineering assistance.

Questions were raised about the committee's decision-making authority, with Chairman Dalpiaz explaining that major decisions require approval from the Committee and City Council. The conversation also addressed the role of the Committee in facilitating City collaboration and support for the project.

Jeff Johnson, Pleasant View resident married to Lisa Barker, shared insights about 501(c)(3) organizations, emphasizing their benefits for fundraising and grant-seeking. Mr. Protzman invited Mr. Johnson to join the team, acknowledging the need for expertise in navigating grant applications.

Discussion continued focusing on potential costs, City involvement, and collaboration on specific projects like the orchard and flower gardens. The possibility of advertising in the Connection Magazine and using City funds for promotional purposes was considered.

Concerns were raised about the inclusion of pickleball courts in the conceptual drawings, with clarification that their installation depends on 100% donations. Rod Barker asked for clarification on the number of picnic tables and benches. Grant Protzman confirmed there were 30 picnic tables and 45 benches for both locations. Rod raised a question about prioritizing finishing Chicken Coop Hill over the island, emphasizing family-friendliness.

Mr. Protzman discussed plans for the west parking lot with 44 spaces, aiming to have it engineered and leveled for the Chicken Coop Trail entryway. Sarah Lansing sought details on the accessible trail, which Mr. Protzman explained would initially be gravel, which would be potentially challenging for wheelchairs. Engineering considerations were highlighted to ensure accessibility. Jon Call emphasized the need for engineering discussions before any trail implementation.

Grant Protzman expressed the 501(c)(3)'s intention is to work closely with City agencies, Public Safety, and Public Works throughout the project. The discussion concluded with considerations for immediate actions, including focusing on Chicken Coop Hill for this summer, contingent on conceptual approval. The discussion extended to future plans for presenting the concept to the City Council, potential budget allocations, and timelines for project execution.

3. REVIEW PARKING LOT RENDERING

1:07:00 The Committee reviewed and discussed a parking lot rendering from 2016, which had been provided by the initial Barker Park Committee. Scott Hess, Community and Economic Development Director, recommended sticking to the existing concept due to potential challenges in changing the code for alternative parking layouts. Mr. Protzman explained the benefits of the current concept, allowing flexibility and proximity to different park areas.

Jay D Dalpias acknowledged the input of absent Committee Members, Council Member Blake Covering and Scott Barker. Their discussion considered the challenges of changing the parking design and the potential benefits for events at the existing amphitheater.

Committee Member Lansing expressed the importance of considering the overall vision and family-friendly aspects of Barker Park. Committee Member Barker supported the chosen direction, emphasizing the ample space for additional features like covered Ramadas, Native American gardens, and a splash pad.

(See Attachment - Option 4 Barker Park)

4. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS

There were no further comments.

5. ADJOURNMENT

1:25:20 Committee Member Rod Barker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Dalpias seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Jay D Dalpias, Chairman

Joyce Pierson, Deputy City Recorder

Date Approved