

To: Planning Commission

Date: July 8th, 2026

From: The Parks & Trails Advisory Board

Subject: Recommendation Regarding Trail Easement Dedication – Knight Partition

At its July 8, 2026 meeting, the Sandy Parks and Trails Advisory Board considered the Knight Partition land use application and discussed opportunities to preserve future park and trail connectivity associated with the proposed development.

Following discussion, the Parks Board voted to recommend that the Planning Commission require the dedication of a trail easement extending approximately 100 feet from the top of the stream bank as a condition of approval for the Knight Partition.

The Board recognizes that the 2022 Parks and Trails Master Plan does not identify Trail 43 as a near-term capital project. However, preserving a future trail corridor at the time of development is consistent with the City's long-term vision for a connected parks and trails network and helps ensure that future recreational opportunities are not foreclosed by subsequent development.

The Board also considered the alternative of requiring a park land dedication. While acquisition of additional park land supports the City's long-term recreation goals, accepting ownership would create ongoing maintenance, operational, and financial responsibilities for the City. At this time, the Board believes that a trail easement represents a more practical and fiscally responsible approach because it preserves the opportunity for future trail development without creating immediate maintenance obligations.

This recommendation is consistent with the City's adopted Parks and Trails Master Plan, the 2025–2027 City Council Goals to expand recreational opportunities and preserve future park and open space opportunities, and the authority provided in Sandy Municipal Code Chapters 17.86 and 17.100 for the dedication of land and easements during the land division process.

Accordingly, the Sandy Parks and Trails Advisory Board respectfully recommends that the Planning Commission include, as a condition of approval for the Knight Partition, the dedication of a trail easement extending approximately 100 feet from the top of the stream bank to preserve a future public trail corridor.

Sincerely,

Will Toogood, Parks and Trails Advisory Board Chair