

SALT LAKE COUNTY

2001 So. State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84114



Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 12, 2026

9:00 AM

Room N2-220

Recreation Bond Advisory Board

1. WELCOME

1.1 Welcome

26-623

Presenter: Chair Mayor Gettel

Informational

Attachments: None

- Each of the Board Members and staff went around the table and online to introduce themselves.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Board Members:

- Board Member Mayor Lorin Palmer – Present
- Board Member Mayor Cheri Jackson – Present
- Board Member Mayor Dustin Gettle — Present
- Board Member Mayor Tish Buroker — Present
- Robin Chalhoub, SLCo Community Services, Director – Present
- Chris Otto, Director of Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Division - Present
- Samantha Thermos, Salt Lake County ZAP Program Manager — Online
- Tyson Kyhl, Director of Salt Lake County Facility Management — Present
- Jason Malczyk, Salt Lake County Parks and Rec Advisory Board — Present
- Karen Schroyer, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Board — Present
- Bennion Gardner, Open Space Trust Fund Committee — Present
- Masha Schwankl, Community At Large — Absent
- Donald Russell, Community At Large — Absent
- James Brown, Community At Large — Absent

RBAB Staff & Guests

- Andrea Sorenson, Sr Parks Planner, Project Mgr, Parks & Rec — Online
- Bobby Sampson, SLCo Community Services Associate Director – Present
- Laura Cotter, SLCo Community Services Administrator - Present
- Lori Okino, SLCo Community Services, Fiscal Administrator - Online
- David Johnson, Senior District Attorney — Online
- Zach Franzoni, SLCo Parks and Rec Performance and Data Analyst — Present
- Lauren Duke, SLCo Council, Board Administrator - Present

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No Minutes to Approve.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Review Materials

26-624

Presenter: Robin B. Chalhoub, Community Services Department Director
(20 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Recreation Bond Presentation 06122026

- Robin Chalhoub, SLCo Community Services, Director, reviewed the purpose of the meeting, to review materials, including the parks, open space, recreation plan, maps, plans, lists, scoring criteria, the capital maintenance project list, Submittable training, and the "finish what we started" project presentations.
- Referring to the PowerPoint, Robin presented planning areas that included North, East, Southeast, Southwest, and West sections of Salt Lake County.

5.2 Review Capital Maintenance Project Lists

26-625

Presenter: Robin B. Chalhoub, Community Services Department Director
(20 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments: None

- Karen Schroyer, Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Board, asked about the Capital Maintenance list, and what the consequence was if something didn't get funded.
- Chris Otto, Director of Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Division, responded that his team, with help from facilities, created a list of deferred maintenance that was put in a priority order, with health and safety going first, as well as the age of a priority, and if it is older.
- Chris Otto continued by sharing that there is around \$160 million in total deferred maintenance that exists system-wide.

- Robin Chalhoub informed the board that the annual TRCC fund covers only around \$10 million across all Parks and Rec, arts, culture, and planetarium assets, making the bond critical for sustainability.
- Tyson Kyhl, Director of Salt Lake County Facility Management, explained the consequences of deferring maintenance range from inefficiency and "limping along" to full facility shutdowns — e.g., South Jordan Rec Center's HVAC failure left the fitness room at 80–90°F for an entire summer.
- The board raised concern about adding new facilities (e.g., ice rinks, pools) that increase long-term deferred maintenance and staffing costs.
- Tyson Kyhl noted every \$1 in construction costs \$5–\$7 over the building's lifetime.
- Chair, Mayor Gettel, asked about partnerships with other cities and municipalities when a facility is built in an area, and if they can share costs of maintenance.
- Tyson Kyhl and Robin Chalhoub provided examples of how they have parks and rec help with some local municipalities.
- It was explained to the board that the bond size was held at \$90M to match the existing taxpayer tax burden from the previous bond — no tax increase — though construction inflation of 8–10% year-over-year significantly limits purchasing power.
- The board was informed about the eligibility barrier for external applicants: state statute requires Salt Lake County to hold an ownership interest (outright, easement, fractional, or agreement) in every funded project; this disqualified or complicated the majority of the 19 external applications totaling ~\$172–192M in requests.

5.3 Review the Guidelines and Criteria for Scoring

26-626

Presenter: Laura Cotter, Salt Lake County Community Services
(10 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments: None

- Laura Cotter, SLCo Community Services Administrator, reviewed the scoring system, and how it uses a 0–5 scale across three criteria — alignment, feasibility, and fiscal impact — plus a yes/maybe/no funding recommendation; scores are a starting point for discussion, not a binding outcome, and board members should save drafts in Submittable before final submission.

5.4 Submittable Training

26-627

Presenter: Laura Cotter, Salt Lake County Community Services
(15 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Rec Bond - Scoring-Criteria 06122026

- Laura Cotter walked through Submittable navigation, including logging in under Salt Lake County team account, accessing assigned applications, opening budget worksheets, and using the X button (not back arrow) to close attachments.
- Of 19 external applications requesting ~\$172–192M, only 4 have cleared full eligibility review; 15 others are pursuing a "cure" by June 20th, primarily due to the state statute requirement for Salt Lake County to hold an ownership interest in funded properties.
- Four currently eligible external projects: Salt Lake City All Abilities Destination Playground (10-year easement), Midvale City Union Park Recreation Center (county-owned land), West Jordan Recreation Center (city donating land to county), and West Valley baseball field expansion (county-owned, city-maintained park).

5.5 Review List of Finish What We Started Projects

26-628

Presenter: Chris Otto, SLCo Parks and Recreation Director; Zach Franzoni, SLCo Parks and Rec Performance & Data Analyst
(10 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments: None

- Chris Otto, Director of Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Division, reviewed the Capital Maintenance and "Finish What We Started" dashboard slide. This included a map and graph listing the different areas within the County (West, East, Southeast, Southwest), the Project Summary, and the sum of the projected budget by planning area.
- The "Finish what we started" bucket (30%) focuses on completing undeveloped regional park land — e.g., Magna Regional Park is ~40% developed — prioritizing trees, trails, and irrigation over fixed structures to minimize future operational costs.
- Chris Otto stated that they are also currently working on using geo-fencing, as well as trail counters to gather more data about the number of people using each of the parks to help to better prioritize their lists, alongside recognizing

population density, and if there is a financial match with the communities they are serving, while referencing the masterplan.

- Parks and Rec submitted ~\$41.5M in disaggregated "finish what we started" projects, broken into smaller standalone items across all five planning areas to allow flexible, equitable distribution of funds.
- The board agreed informally to treat the high-priority "finish what we started" list (~\$27M) as pre-approved and focus Submittable scoring effort on the medium-priority (blue) items and the four external applications.

5.6 Review List of Applications

26-629

Presenter: Robin B. Chalhoub, Community Services Department Director
(20 Minutes)

Attachments: None

- The board was shown a slide that stated that there were 19 applications, there is \$172 million in requested funding, 4 of the projects are currently deemed eligible, 16 are pursuing a cure, and the deadline is June 20, 2026.
- The board was informed that three separate formal votes will be held — one per bucket (capital maintenance, finish what we started, new projects) — rather than a single final vote, to allow incremental decisions while preserving flexibility for budget balancing.
- Presenters for the four eligible external applications will be scheduled for the July 10th meeting; board members were asked to submit scores and questions by the Wednesday before the June 26th meeting, so staff can compile averages and prepare a geographic distribution map.

6. HOMEWORK

6.1 Review and Score Applications by June 24th

26-631

Attachments: None

7. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

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LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
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By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL