SALT LAKE COUNTY

2001 So. State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 26, 2026

9:00 AM

Room N1-120

Recreation Bond Advisory Board

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

RBAB Staff & Guests

o Robert Sampson, SLCo Community Services Associate Director – Present
o Laura Cotter, SLCo Community Services Secretary - Present
o Lori Okino, SLCo Community Services, Fiscal Administrator - Online
o Helen Schroeder, Civil District Attorney - Present
o David Johnson, Senior District Attorney — Online
o Zach Franzoni, SLCo Parks and Rec Performance and Data Analyst —Present
o Andrea Sorensen, Sr. Parks Planner Project Mgr - Present
o Lauren Duke, SLCo Communication Administrator - Present

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Welcome 26-665

Presenter: Chair Mayor Gettel
(Less than 5 Minutes)

Informational

- Chair Mayor Dustin Gettel began the meeting. He had the Parks and Recreation department introduce themselves, which included Chris Otto, Director of Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Division, Tyson Kyhl, Director of Salt Lake County Facility Management, Zach Franzoni, SLCo Parks and Rec Performance and Data Analyst, and Helen Schroeder, the Civil District Attorney.

3.2 Approval of Capital Maintenance List 26-666

Presenter: Chair Mayor Gettel
(20 Minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments: None

- Zach Franzoni explained the Capital Maintenance List, and how it was $38M (42.3% of bond), slightly exceeding the 40% allocation target of ~$36M.
- A geographic distribution map of capital maintenance projects was requested but could not be displayed during the meeting, with a plan to email it separately.
- The Southwest and Southeast regions were noted as underrepresented in the capital maintenance bucket but expected to be more represented in subsequent funding buckets.
- The board discussed the different items in each of the buckets, and agreed to reconcile overages across all three buckets later.
- The board was then informed that two additional projects were on the high priority list and an additional considerations list. It was suggested that if there was enough flexibility to adjust totals and get close to the $36 million mark.
- the additional projects were Cottonwood Heights and Kearns pools, and if these existing pools needed full replacement, or if they were seen as Capital Maintenance, not new projects.
- The board agreed to tentatively approve the capital maintenance list with the understanding that minor revisions and cross-bucket adjustments could be made later once all three buckets are reviewed.
- Tyson Kyhl, made a motion to tentatively approved the Capital Maintenance list, and Mayor Cheri Jackson seconded. This was approved unanimously.
- Chair Mayor Dustin Gettel then asked if there were any objections to moving agenda item 3.4 before agenda item 3.3. This was to provide an update on the cured applications.

3.3 Discussion and Approval on the Finish What We Start Projects 26-667

Presenter: Chair Mayor Gettel; Robin B. Chalhoub, Community Services Department Director; Zach Franzoni, SLCo Parks and Recreation Performance and Data Analyst
(20 Minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments:
1. 2026 Rec Bond Presentation - 6.26.26
2. Copy of Recreation Bond Project Proposals in Submittable
3. 2026 Rec Bond Map

- Chair Mayor Dustin Gettel, opened up the discussion about Finish What We Started and if there were any questions, such as whether new external projects should not be considered new, and actually capital maintenance.
- Zach Franzoni and Andrea Sorensen, Sr. Parks Planner Project Mgr., agreed to evaluate new external projects against their masterplan criteria — assessing regional function, service gaps, and eligibility.
- Zach Franzoni and Andrea Sorensen then presented all Finish What We Started projects by location, including aerial views and masterplan context; key concerns raised included Holiday Lions area consuming ~$9M (one-fourth of the $36M bucket), the Dimple Dell Trailhead's residential location and parking lot viability, and the Valley Regional Park interior drive bisecting the park.
- Scoring review revealed the Valley Regional Park large heated restroom and interior drive received the lowest collective scores and were voted off the list unanimously; the medium restroom and road to Wardle Fields were retained.
- The Wardle Fields parking lot was approved at 50% funding unanimously.
- The Wardle Fields dog park area was approved for inclusion, while the pavilion received more nay votes and was removed.
- Dimple Dell Trailhead retained at 50% after a close vote (6 ayes, 3 nays); Dimple Dell maintenance building kept on the list with one opposition.
- The Dimple Dell medium restroom and the Holiday Lions trailhead area were voted on and did not achieve majority support for inclusion.
- The Big Cottonwood Park Hillview area access project was approved at a 50% funding recommendation, leaving the total approximately $313,000 over budget.
- Butterfield Canyon Trailhead Phase 2 was specifically identified as a project that appeared to be a continuation of existing work rather than a genuinely new project, making its placement in the new bucket questionable.

- Herriman Southwest Athletic Complex was also flagged as an unusual addition to the new projects list, with board members noting it felt inconsistent with the other projects being evaluated.
- Existing pools in Cottonwood Heights and Kearns were raised as examples of projects that, due to age and deterioration, more closely resembled capital maintenance needs than new projects.
- Concern was expressed that if projects were reclassified after the Finish What We Started list had already been approved up to the dollar amount, those projects could effectively be eliminated from consideration.
- The board agreed to keep the new projects where they currently are and factor the classification concerns into individual scoring rather than formally reclassifying projects at this stage.
- Board members were encouraged to adjust their scores in the Submittable system after the meeting based on discussions and presentations, as scores remained open and editable.
- The bond percentage breakdown column in the distributed spreadsheet was clarified, with an example showing that West Valley Parks was requesting 42% of a $3 million ask from a $7 million total project cost.
- The board discussed shifting some Finish What We Started funds to New Projects to address service gaps in underserved growth areas (Southwest), but staff cautioned against substantial reallocation given council's intent to address deferred promises.
- The Board proposed a post-process debrief to document lessons learned — including scoring criteria clarity, project sizing guidance, and bucket classification rules — to inform the next recreation bond cycle
- The Finish What We Started list was tentatively approved by a motion made by Mayor Cheri Jackson. Mayor Dustin Gettel seconded the motion, and no one opposed this.
- The board landed approximately $313K over the $36M cap and agreed to reconcile the overage during final approval alongside the other two buckets.

3.4 Discussion About the New Projects Requests, Scores and Presentation Schedule 26-668

Presenter: Chair Mayor Gettel; Laura Cotter, SLCo Community Services Secretary; Robin Chalhoub, SLCo Community Services, Director
(20 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments:
1. Copy of Recreation Bond Project Proposals in Submittable

- Fourteen applications had previously been rejected but given an opportunity to cure eligibility errors, and an update was provided on the status of those applications.
- The board was then made aware that five of the applicants chose not to cure their application, which included Sandy City's two applications, the City of Holladay, Millcreek, and the SLC Climber Alliance.
- Laura Cotter, SLCo Community Services Secretary, explained to the board the updates made to the Submittable software being used, as well as informing them of the new projects that had been cured that had recently been sent out to them via email in a new spreadsheet.
- Laura Cotter informed the board that there were a total of 12 new projects in the new bucket.
- Robin Chalhoub listed the applicants that had been cured, including one of the Herriman Park projects, Oquirrh Park, Cottonwood Heights Park and Recreation Service, both projects listed for Bingham Creek Park, with two projects still under review from the Sugar House Park Authority and one other remained under review with a deadline of the 19th.
- Butterfield Canyon Trailhead Phase 2 and Herriman Southwest Athletic Complex were flagged as potentially misclassified — board felt both belonged in Finish What We Started or Capital Maintenance rather than New Projects.
- A question was raised about the Salt Lake City All Abilities Park arrangement, where the county would own the facility during the life of the bond before returning it to Salt Lake City, and whether this was a standard practice.
- It was confirmed that this ownership structure had occurred in the past, with the county maintaining ownership and operational responsibility during the bond period, after which discussions about long-term ownership would take place.
- The board discussed logistics for inviting external applicants to present their new projects, with a decision needed on whether to invite all applicants or only a subset.
- A consensus was reached to invite all applicants to present, with the rationale that presentations could change board members' minds and that applicants had already invested significant effort in their submissions.
- Robin Chalhoub informed the board that the presentations for new project applicants would be scheduled for July 10th, 9am–1pm, with a 5-minute presentation and up to 10-minute Q&A per applicant and all 12 applicants were to be invited.
- Robin Chalhoub included that the applicants would be advised to focus presentations on updates, such as regional appeal, post-submission funding changes, and alignment with the Parks and Recreation masterplan, rather than re-presenting the full application.

- The board was informed that they needed to provide scores to Submittable before July 10th.

4. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

4.1 Next Meetings: **July 10th**
July 17th
July 31st

ADJOURN

- Mayor Cheri Jackson motioned to adjourn, and this was seconded by Tyson Kyhl.

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

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DEPUTY CLERK

By_______________________________
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL