

SALT LAKE COUNTY

2001 So. State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84114



Meeting Minutes

Friday, July 17, 2026

9:00 AM

Room N1-120

Recreation Bond Advisory Board

1. WELCOME

1.1 Welcome

26-743

Presenter: Chair Mayor Gettel

Informational

Attachments: None

2. CALL TO ORDER

- o Board Member Mayor Lorin Palmer – Present
- o Board Member Mayor Cheri Jackson – Present
- o Board Member Mayor Dustin Gettel — Present
- o Board Member Mayor Tish Buroker — Present
- o Robin Chalhoub, SLCo Community Services, Director – Present
- o Chris Otto, Director of Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Division — Present
- o Samantha Thermos, Salt Lake County ZAP Program Manager — Present
- 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 Recreation 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 — Present

RBAB Staff & Guests

- Andrea Sorenson, Sr Parks Planner, Project Mgr, Parks & Rec — Present
- Bobby Sampson, SLCo Community Services Associate Director – Present
- Laura Cotter, SLCo Community Services Administrator - Present
- Lori Okino, SLCo Community Services, Fiscal Administrator - Present
- 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

4.1 061226 Recreation Bond Advisory Board Minutes

26-750

Attachments:

1. 061226 - Recreation Bond Advisory Board Minutes

- Mayor Buroker made a motion to approve the Recreation Bond Advisory Board Minutes for June 12, 2026. Mayor Cheri Jackson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**5.1 Discussion on All Proposed Projects to Include Capital Maintenance, Finish What We Started, and New Projects to Determine Funding Recommendations** 26-744

Presenter: Chair Mayor Gettel; Andrea Sorenson, Parks & Recreation Planner; Zach Franzoni, Parks & Recreation Performance and Data Analyst

(30 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Copy of Recreation Bond Project Proposals in Submittable
- Andrea Sorenson, Sr Parks Planner, Project Mgr, Parks & Rec, provided the assessments on the Butterfield Phase 2, and that the board had voted "yes" on this, while rec centers, Herriman fields, Bingham Creek, and city-leased projects were rated "maybe," and city-owned pools/playgrounds were flagged as county-ineligible or low-priority.
 - The board reviewed the second round of Submittable scores from the presentations. Discussions about the projects were based on the scores.
 - West Valley City Park scope was narrowed to county-owned baseball fields only — splash pad and pickleball courts on city land were deemed ineligible, and West Valley was asked to resubmit a reduced budget covering just the scorekeeper building (~\$500K) and turf renovation (~\$100K).
 - Operational cost analysis for the Midvale rec center showed ~\$3.1M in annual expenses against ~\$646K in projected revenue, yielding a ~\$2.3–2.4M annual subsidy.
 - It was explained that Copperview would be decommissioned, and staff transfers were identified as partial offsets.

- Cottonwood Heights outdoor 50-meter pool replacement was voted and removed from consideration.
- West Valley City Park project was voted to move to the capital maintenance list.
- Butterfield Canyon Trailhead received the highest scores (16.6, up 1.5 post-presentation) and was unanimously approved at its full \$4M request as a county-owned project with no ongoing operational cost.
- Oquirrh Recreation's year-round pool expansion was retained at \$2M — the Board noted that this has a strong community need, and responsible scoping, as well as Oquirrh's status as a taxing entity, will be able to contribute to additional funds.
- Herriman Southwest Athletic Complex Phase 1A (two fields, \$10M ask) was debated extensively.
- The board was informed that West Jordan's soccer field is closing its current complex because of an airport expansion, and this is creating a possible southwest service gap. The board was informed that there is no alternative funding at the time, \$55M in land is already secured, and a willingness to offer county field-use agreements was a key argument in its favor.

5.2 Approve Recommended Projects and Funding List for the General Obligation Recreation Bond

26-745

Presenter: Chair Mayor Gettel
(30 Minutes)

Discussion - Vote Needed

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- Final new projects funding was unanimously approved at \$33M total: \$21M for Union Park (Midvale) Recreation Center, \$10M for Herriman 1A Athletic Fields, and \$2M for Oquirrh all-season pool.
- Mayor Palmer raised strong concerns about geographic inequity — the southwest corner receiving minimal bond investment despite population growth, high county tax contributions, and loss of West Jordan athletic fields — and briefly threatened to oppose the bond before retracting and apologizing.
- Wardle Fields projects were voted to be removed from the "finish what we started" list (8–4 votes), freeing ~\$4M and partially resolving the southwest equity concern by redirecting it toward Herriman.
- The capital maintenance budget was sitting at ~\$38.39M against a \$36M target.

- The board voted unanimously not to cut any capital maintenance items, instead directing Parks and Rec staff to find savings within the finish-what-we-started and capital maintenance buckets to bring the total bond to ~\$90M.
- The Board passed a final motion accepting new project recommendations, finish-what-we-started priorities, and capital maintenance priorities, delegating minor funding adjustments to Parks and Rec staff to reconcile the ~\$6M overage.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

ADJOURN

LANNIE CHAPMAN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL