

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

Work Session Minutes

June 4, 2019

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 8:45 a.m. on June 4, 2019, in room 306 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Notice of this meeting was given under the requirements of UCA § 52-4-202.

ATTENDEES Davis County Commissioners in attendance were: Chairman Randy B. Elliott and Bob J Stevenson. Lorene Miner Kamalu, the Vice-Chair, joined the meeting at 8:48 a.m.

Davis County Staff in attendance were: Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Dave Hansen, Legacy Events Director; Mike Moake, Legacy Events Center; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Janette Price, Information Systems; Mark Langston, Information Systems Director; Mack McDonald, Facilities Director; Rhett Nicks, Animal Care and Control Director; Kent Anderson, Community and Economic Development Director; Heidi Voordeckers, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor; and Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor.

Members of the public in attendance were: Michelle Wixom, Utah Youth Soccer.

AGENDA AS POSTED

8:45 a.m. Utah Youth Soccer — Dave Hansen, Legacy Events Center Director
9:15 a.m. Telephone Software Hardware Upgrade — Mark Langston, Information Systems Director
9:30 a.m. Discussion re: Work Session vs. Budget Committee agenda items

DISCLAIMER The meeting was an open dialogue. Critical points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. The reader may refer to the audio recording and the publicly distributed materials for further clarification of content. Timestamps have been noted in the minutes to aid in locating the point of discussion in the audio recording.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County (DC) Clerk/Auditor's office.

The meeting commenced at 8:45 a.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION **Utah Youth Soccer — Dave Hansen, Davis County Legacy Events Director (*Minute 00:52*)**

Michelle Wixom is the Legacy Fields Executive Secretary for Utah Youth Soccer. She presented the Legacy Events Field Development on behalf of Dave. It's purpose is to show the need and demand for quality soccer fields to be developed in Davis County, and the potential revenue that can be generated as a result.

Utah Youth Soccer is the largest youth organization in the State with over 50,000 annual participants. The tournament season starts in the summer, the regular seasons are in the fall and spring, resulting in 30,000 games played throughout the year. These games bring in over a million people playing on just two fields per year.

The Legacy Events Center (LEC) is the home venue for three different soccer clubs. In Davis County, 7,500 kids are registered with Utah Youth Soccer, which does not include any of the county recreational programs— only competition soccer. Having a home venue gives those clubs a guaranteed place to play. There have been 143 games played this spring at LEC (none of which were played on Saturdays), bringing in approximately 8,500 spectators.

In Davis County, there are six school fields and 16 parks that can be used as full-size soccer fields. In total, there are 22 fields on which these games can be played. The use of these fields is shared by la crosse, football, and other team sports including the county recreation programs.

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Legacy Events Center is specifically designed to accommodate soccer play. There are no sprinkler boxes, sprinklers, or holes on the field that would be insurance liabilities. It is not the case with other fields, and the Utah Youth Soccer Organization cannot ensure the safety of playing on those fields. LEC puts a large amount of effort into maintaining their fields, making them ideal for playing on. The number of games played there have doubled since last year. If there were more quality fields available, Utah Youth Soccer would fill them.

There are 19 tournaments hosted by organizations in Davis County that are held at the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) in Salt Lake City because there is not a facility large enough to host them in Davis County. There is nothing to do in the immediate area of the RAC such as shopping, dining, or entertainment, which would bring added revenue to the area if they were available. Those 19 tournaments brought in \$27 million in revenue, sponsorship, and registration costs alone — monies that could have been spent in Davis County if there were enough fields in an area to host these tournaments. For Davis County to host a regional competition, eight, full-sized, quality fields are required.

Dave suggested changing the current layout of space at the Legacy Events Center to accommodate new fields, for a total of six fields at LEC. Combined with the three fields in Farmington, this would allow Davis County to host a regional tournament. Reconfiguration ideas were discussed at length.

Michelle offered to bring in people from Park City and St. George areas, at a later date, to speak on the revenue that is generated in these areas from soccer tournaments, and the added benefits that turf fields offer. She explained the Mesquite Regional Complex brings 1,200 families into Mesquite every weekend and was built in partnership between Utah Youth Soccer and Mesquite City by way of the Legacy Fields Project, which solely funds field development.

Utah Youth Soccer is willing to partner financially with the County to add new fields, but they would require a reasonable amount of exclusivity for field use relative to their funding contribution such as the scheduling of tournaments to give them a priority and ensure no overscheduling. Michelle is already doing the scheduling of Utah Youth Soccer use at the LEC, and she rotates field use to ensure even wear on the fields. The cost to build a top-grade field from nothing in St. George is approximately \$900,000, including irrigation, lights, etc. In the Mesquite Complex, over the past five years, the sod fields cost around \$350,000 each, but the historical data is still being compiled to determine the annual cost of maintenance and whether it is more cost effective long-term than turf. The synthetic turf fields cost about \$500,000 each. While these fields can be built to the standards for soccer, they can still be used for other sports.

To show the expansive breadth, demand, and need for these fields, Dave has scheduled additional meetings for June 18th with USA Wrestling, and June 25th to discuss Lacrosse.

See Attachments A1-A5.

Telephone Software Hardware Upgrade —Mark Langston, Davis County Information Systems Director (Minute 42:14)

This item is scheduled to be presented in a public hearing during the Commission Meeting following this Work Session. Mark explained that the phone budget is in the Internal Service Fund. There is a remaining balance in that fund that he would like to move into the operations budget to expend it towards the software and hardware upgrades. Those upgrades were explained.

Discussion re: Work Session vs. Budget Committee agenda items (Minute 51:04)

Curtis asked if the budget meeting should become an annual meeting or if it should still be held every month. He wants to change the budget process and make changes to the Budget Committee. There was some discussion about some possible changes that could be made. Of some concern is the time constraints of the Work Session when lengthier discussions need to take place. Budget meetings are two hours long compared to the shorter Work Sessions. No formal decision was made today.

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MEETING
ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

The audio recording for this meeting is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

MATERIALS
PRESENTED

All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as follows:

Attachments A1-A6 Legacy Events Center Field Development Presentation

Minutes prepared by:

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Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: 06/25/2019

Curtis Koch

Davis County Clerk/Auditor

Randy B. Elliott

Commission Chair