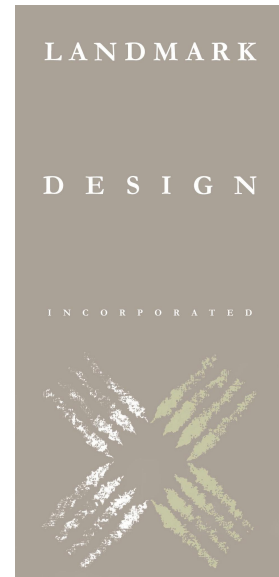


**Meeting Notes**

**In Attendance:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REPRESENTING</b>
Justin Miller	SLCO Council
Holly Stockman	Resident
Denise Smith	Serendipity Stables
Pat Hanson	Holladay City
Les Schofield	Softball
Diane Angus	Millcreek Community Council
Trudy Hosler	Equestrian/Open Space
Susie Cates	Mount Olympus Senior Center
Colette Colovich	Holladay Lions Fitness and recreation Center
Sue Kocher	SLCO Parks and recreation
Pam Russo	Brighton Meadows Equestrian Center
Bev Uipi	Mayor Corroon
Scot Safford	Running
Jeff Ward	TreeUtah
Denise Goldsmith	Serendipity Stables
Brent Beardall	Salt Lake County Engineering
George Wright	Sunrise at Holladay
Morgan Selph	SLCO Parks and Recreation (Project Manager)
Mark Vlasic	Landmark Design (Consultants)



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The meeting began with introductions. Morgan Selph then provided a brief project, noting that it was initiated after nearby cities approached Mayor Corroon, requesting that the role of the park and its future use be analyzed. Mr. Selph reviewed the role of the Advisory Committee, noting that it was to provide input and information as the plan is being developed. The intent is to have representation of the range of park stakeholders, users and interests. The function of the master plan was then reviewed. Mr. Selph noted that the original master plan was complete more than 20 years earlier, and was out-of-date. The new master plan will consist primarily of a plan drawing, which will be based on a review of existing conditions, public input and the preparation of multiple alternatives. The planning process includes three opportunities for public review and input, in addition to conducting a mailed survey. The plan may or may not be submitted for consideration by the SLCO Council for approval as an official document.

Mark Vlasic provided a brief background to the project to date, noting that the process began in October 2008. Since that time existing conditions have been documented, and ten interviews with focus groups have been completed. He noted that Big Cottonwood Park consists of four distinct parks (Hillview Basin Park, Big Cottonwood Regional Park,

Holladay Lions Park, and Creekside Park). The four parks stretch along a southeast to northwest swath of county land, between approximately 900 East and Highland Drive, and approximately 4100 South to approximately 5300 South). The original intention was that the four parks would be linked together visually, and physically if possible. There is a significant gap around the northeast corner of 1100 East and 4500 South which makes the visual link difficult to achieve (one member of the committee queried whether an easement through the gap is possible, which will be investigated).

The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet six times total, providing input and advice. The schedule was then reviewed, and it was noted that the planning process is anticipated to be completed in July 2009.

Members of the provide comments and questions throughout the evening. The following is a summary:

- Would like to have year-round pavilion at one of the park sites, where weddings, family reunions, possibly dances and similar events can be held regardless of seasonal and weather conditions.
- The parks are too active – there is already too much focus on sports and similar activities. Would like the parks to have a balance between active/passive uses, programmed/spontaneous, natural/man-made, etc.
- Access into the parks needs to be carefully considered. For example, parking is provided at two locations at the Cottonwood Regional Park, immediately adjacent to the ball fields. Users of other areas and facilities are required to walk far from their cars, making it particularly difficult for those less able to walk, or for events that require special equipment.
- A loop road similar to Liberty Park should be considered for the three southernmost parks – this provides good access and parking, while maintaining large portions of the park free from vehicles.
- Would like the parks to incorporate “low-impact” design concepts. This includes passive uses for elderly and other users with similar needs, and a continuum of active spaces separated by passive/natural nodes. The parks should be holistic, incorporating a wider range of uses and less focus on sports only, for example. There should be more treed areas, places for picnics and family events, and other special features that make a park loved and well-used.
- Signage and identification of activities is unclear and hodge-podge. For example, most people probably aren’t aware of the “wetland” park on the west edge of Holladay Lions Park – it is located in a “back water” area, and there is no clear identification of it from the main roads are even within the more active portion of the park.
- There is a great need for additional ball parks – if six fields could be accommodated at Big Cottonwood Regional Park, the county could attract national tournaments, which will bring significant income to the county.
- Running and other less “visible” sports should be included in the process, and the parks should be designed to include their needs as well.

- Sunrise at Holladay – have invested in a pathway to connect to Holladay Lions Park, which is immediately adjacent. Unfortunately, there is no connection installed at present.
- Many of those representing equestrian interests and facilities noted that there is great demand for land and access to equestrian facilities in SL County. It was noted that there are no such facilities on the east side of valley, with the exception of Brighton Meadows and Serendipity Stables.

Morgan Selph presented the draft questionnaire for input by committee members. Several grammatical and formatting improvements were suggested, which will be considered. Morgan noted that the intent of the questionnaire is not necessarily for “scientific” accuracy, but instead to obtain additional input from citizens who might not normally attend public meetings. He noted that the questionnaire will be distributed by mail to residents living within approximately one-half mile of the parks. Some members questioned the logic of this approach, noting that a randomly distributed questionnaire may have results that are more significant for the county as a whole. Mr. Selph noted that he will consider the suggestions, and noted that there are cost considerations to be addressed.

Several of the equestrian interests requested that copies of the questionnaire be provided to them so they could distribute them to their user group. Mr. Vlastic noted that this did not necessarily help to provide better input into the process, since it can be assumed that special interest groups would focus on their specific needs. He also noted that if questionnaires are provided to one special interest group, they should be provided to all. H

The meeting was concluded with a recommendation that the questionnaire is revised to be easily understood and logical, and that it be distributed by mail as intended. It was noted that the schedule will require modifications, and that Advisory Committee members will be notified by email of the next meeting as soon as possible.