

SOUTH JORDAN PARKS, RECREATION, COMMUNITY ARTS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN



PUBLIC MEETING #1, Monday, April 18, 2016, 6:00-8:00 pm, (6 people signed in)

PUBLIC MEETING #2, Thursday, April 21, 2016, 6:00-8:00 pm, (6 people signed in)

- A total of 2 comment forms were filled out and left with the planning team at the meetings.
- 4 people submitted comments on the “Comment Forum” on the project website.
- 4 people submitted comments via email

VERBATIM COMMENTS

- Path into gully starts on 9510 South (Elk Rim Road) near houses at 4272 and 4284 West (west of Welby Elementary School on map). Starts as railroad tie stairs then dirt path downhill and across, the dirt path uphill to meet with Bingham Creek Trail. Other access points are to walk out to busy streets on 4000 West and Skye Drive. Access point off Liberty Creek and Laurel Ridge is unsafe to me (narrow path, overgrown branches, 2 loud barking dogs who I can see 1 of their faces over the fence, not pleasant way to access the Bingham Creek Trail). Would like the gully path to be improved as soon as the City can do it (been told a few years, but need it sooner).
- Welby Park and the trail connections through it will be very important for the City, as will the Equestrian Center and the Jordan River corridor.
- Connect dead-ending trails in Daybreak to Welby.
- Bike lanes need to be on bike-friendly roads.
- Trails need to interconnect. People won't ride bikes on streets. Need off-street alternatives to Jordan River Trail.
- One drawback is attracting the wrong people, with restrooms especially.
- Trail around lake isn't wide enough for the heavy use it sees.
- Skateboard park is heavily-used.
- City can't satisfy everyone 100%. County sometimes has a bigger role. County serves and looks at regional needs. Controls ZAP funds. They have a good relationship with local cities.
- Don't forget about the east side. Distribute facilities evenly – make them unique, like Skye Park.
- Design – make them fun and unique to mix the residents together.
- Elk Rim 9510 trail access point – railroad tie stairs. Trail access not complete. The stairway the City built on Linux Drive was well done.
- Link Daybreak area to the north.
- Welby Park is currently on the lists for ZAP funding.
- Path north of Golf Course is on 5 year CIP plan – needs to be prioritized.
- Look at planned CIP projects.
- Ideal would be to have N/S and E/W loop around the City.
- 9800 South – make the bike lanes wider. 114th South is too busy for bikes. 118th South is a better choice.
- Look at the property from the Temple through farmlands to the Jordan River for a key connection. Have a corridor, not just a narrow path.
- What can we do to preserve these key open spaces? Open space is a big concern.

- Changes probably won't happen at Mulligan's for 15-20 years.
- A lot of the land east of the Jordan River is federally protected and inaccessible to the public. Mystic Springs will be enhanced like east side of river to replicate what you see over there. Planning team will contact Colby for the concept plan.
- What are the City's requirements for new parks? Need to add siting to standards – it's not good to hide parks way back in new developments.
- An amphitheater would be nice. Talk of ice rink or Heritage Park as possible locations. Make sure an amphitheater is well done so that it functions well and it used well.
- Avoid fad facilities. Need facilities that will serve many uses year-round, flexible and multi-purpose (50-meter pool, amphitheater, ice). Look regionally.
- What makes a park good? Stuff for all ages (doesn't have to be big, basketball, baby swings, mid-age kids, etc); places to sit; grass; enclosed (keeps kids in play area); restrooms with nicer designs (make doors wide for double strollers); have timed locks on bathroom doors so they can be closed at night; pavilion; pathway; good landscaping; benches; not just concrete next to asphalt; small playground right next to pavilion. Look at All Abilities Park in St. George.
- Compare unused parks to new parks in Daybreak with heavy use. Need to be designed to be used. Don't put the same equipment in every park. Each park should have its own theme. Thematic/zoned concepts.
- City will be developing big park in Daybreak. East side has more natural areas by the river.
- More users = more safety, get more people using the existing parks.
- Daybreak is too crowded. Has a good trail system. Parks are not evenly serving people throughout Daybreak. Meet with Daybreak planners to see what future plans show.
- Equestrian Park – What are the plans for it? Give it to the City! Joint use is a high probability. Equestrian uses are good, but some of those uses may go away. Is there enough interest and support for equestrian facilities in this part of the County? Can an amphitheater be added at the fairground/Equestrian Park? Look at Pullyup, WA for an example. Represents the biggest open space opportunity in the City.
- Need a park like Wheeler Farm.
- 1300 West, 1055 West Farms, Pony Express, Boyd Williams property – would be good spaces to preserve as open space and/or look at recreation uses. Consider historic district protection for farms. McKee property – the kids are developing it and allotting 3 acres for recreation.
- It's a balancing act between development and open space preservation. Like the Gale Center – good experiences for kids. Wheaton's know the City is interested if they decide to sell.
- Mountain View Corridor – not much separation from cars. Really windy and it feels too open. Not for recreational biking, more for commuters.
- Serve recreational bicyclists, not just commuters. Safety is paramount. Need to make it pretty too – not just asphalt and sound wall with minimal trees.
- Think about tree placement in parks – provide shade for benches with trees.
- Like the park by the river – need more bbq and pavilion places.
- Does the City assess the use level of existing park? The City talked about hiring interns to do counts, but have not done so yet. City does have maintenance records from weekly inspections of all playground equipment, which indicate use to some level. All playgrounds are on a list for equipment replacement every 15-20 years in rotation – will assess within a year of that due date for replacement. Also have asphalt replacement program for trails. Restrooms and pavilions are regularly inspected too.
- Kennecott Land developer sent out a survey within the last year on amenities. Live Daybreak is activity arm of the HOA, HOA is separate.



- Look at large undeveloped farmlands for filling gaps in park distribution. The large farm area north of the Holt Historic Farm which connects over to the Shield's Lane trailhead is a key connection for the future. Other areas to consider are farms along the Utah Distributing Canal.
- Add existing parks plan to project website.
- Like "Destination Parks" in Daybreak, like small one that has picket fencing around it, interpretive signs for the plans, play equipment, etc.
- Daybreak is planning a large, 20 acre field complex west of Mountain View Corridor.
- Daybreak is working with a committee on a possible dog park.
- Need a better relationship with realtors/developers. Lots of misinformation about parks in Daybreak.
- Reach out to HOAs to advertise future meetings.
- Difficult time of day for meetings – need to hold them later in the evening so people have time to get off of work.
- Do survey after the "official" email survey is complete so that more people in the City can answer the questions. It would be non-scientific, but you may get a great response. It would also help give people more ownership.
- A lot of older people don't have email, so you are excluding this demographic.
- Janalee has been working for open space preservation in the City for more than 20 years. People are willing to pay for preserving open space. The community got involved with preserving the Mulligan's area. Feels the City is going to do what they want with sensitive river bottoms. People want to see parks and river bottoms preserved – they want to see wildlife in its natural element – the river is the key to open space in South Jordan. Group "Save Mulligans" did its own survey.
- Another battle may be coming up with the Equestrian Center. What about improving the Equestrian Center/Fairgrounds so that it could be used for events like the Dickens festival. The facility is so antiquated.
- There is nothing in South Jordan that is a regional destination.
- Need to be able to disperse future growth.
- Keep Mulligans, river bottom etc. for future generations.
- Make sure area north of Mulligans along the river doesn't get paved and filled with picnic tables. Don't become so urban that we lost the open space qualities.
- Balance empty/vacant land, commercial, and open space.
- South Jordan is growing so rapidly – need to value open space because once it's gone, it's gone for good.
- People come here to use trails. The Jordan River Trail is so popular. Trails in Daybreak are already being overused.
- Need to partner with County, Herriman, and other surrounding cities to connect trails.
- How will people cross roads safely for trail connections? People need to get to trails safely, and cross major roads. Just getting to trails can be dangerous.
- Dog park – Salt Lake County had a dog park master plan. Daybreak will add huge numbers. Daybreak gets a lot of calls to police on dog issues. Would like to see off-leash park. Think about good facility design – need double gate entry, 6' high fence, good activities for dogs, water, shade, and needs to be ADA accessible. Need community and neighborhood dog parks. Need a dog community – rec department should offer dog-training classes/programming. Finding the land can be an issue.
- Competition swim – Marv Jensen may close. Have 3 youth swim teams. There is a need for indoor competitive pool. Marv Jensen is old and outdated. South Jordan Rec Center doesn't have competition facilities. Would love a diving well. City Council is considering a 50-meter.



Bingham High School will have nowhere to swim if Marv Jensen closes. Need a place for swim competitions and for water aerobics.

- Marv Jensen parking is horrible, especially when fields are being used during competition times.
- Herriman has rec center, has competitive facilities. Seems like ZAP taxes are not coming to South Jordan.
- City Park/Equestrian Center is mish-mash.
- Need cooperation between County, City, HOA, schools. City and County have competing uses.
- Seniors go to Marv Jensen to work out.
- City Center was funded with High School money but didn't provide pool for school use.
- Marv Jensen has other missing facilities too. Should use money from County ZAP funds to upgrade this facility.
- ZAP is unfavorable to south and west side of the valley. Need a rep on the ZAP board. County Council just blows off concerns.
- School District would be willing to team up on aquatics.
- There are 2 pools in Daybreak, but they're only for kids.
- High density housing by FrontRunner lacks any open/green space. City needs to require open/green space as part of all new developments.
- Mulligans brings in money for the City. Mulligans and Glenmore Golf Course are listed as tourist attractions.
- People want to put tennis at Riverfront Park. This isn't fair to put such an exclusive, elite use on public lands. They need to buy their own land. Don't do tennis – this is greedy. Riverfront is such a unique area. Federal Government has "America's Great Outdoors" program. Look it up. It's a 50 state report, and they determined the Bear River and the Jordan River and their surrounding areas should be included. There's a plaque for it on 9000 S. along the river. The river offers affordable recreation with no fees to so many people in close proximity.
- Keeping equestrian is essential.
- Make sure there's a balance of green open space as Daybreak develops.
- Look at sensitive lands.
- Look at balance of amenities within parks – ages, themes, are they destination and neighborhood parks? Serve all ages. Consider fitness trails with exercise stations.
- Daybreak – certain acreage (approximately) will get turned over the City, and Daybreak is also required to have open spaces beyond that. The City owns Hillside, Sunrise Mountain, and Callendar Park. The area out west of Mountain View Corridor will be sports fields.
- 2700 West has a few privately owned farms. The City has let the owners know they are interested in purchasing the land for parks/open space.
- The City is a member of the Blueprint Jordan River committee.
- The City has acquired 2 grants to enhance the wetlands at the Mystic Springs site.
- Can equestrian become more multi-use partnering with the County?
- Yes, we are lacking fields. The City developed sporadically. Surrounding cities are well-planned and parks are well-distributed and connected. Even River, Herriman, West Jordan has good baseball – well maintained and good spacing between the fields. The City can do better!!
- Daybreak doesn't have fields yet. Designs are ready and the 20-acre sports fields should be ready for play in the fall of 2017 or spring of 2018. No baseball planned for this site.
- In Daybreak, can't keep businesses open in Soda Row.
- Will there be public restrooms around the lake?
- 1055 West there's a historical road with an old farm/Williams Property – this would make a great Wheeler Farm type of area. Maybe the City could buy these 20 acres. Schools raise a lot of



money for sub for Santa – shows the ability of the citizens to raise money for causes they are interested in. Could have therapy animals. Look at “Old Town Wisconsin”. Could there be room for arts buildings here? Could be like Gardner Village.

- Daybreak does its own programming. Lots of neighborhood & community events, 1 day programs. South Jordan should look at these for examples. Live Daybreak does a great job of getting everyone involved.
- Water/Lake in Daybreak needs to develop a water-wise theme. HOA won't allow park strips to be water-wise.
- Need a demonstration garden like Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District Demonstration Gardens. Maybe at Heritage Park? Cultural/educational ideas, partnership with universities, urban horticulture.
- Arts – City need destinations. City uses charter school auditorium for arts already.
- Is there an unmet need for the arts?
- Should preserve the purple church on 1300 West. This is owned by artist Ed Fraughton.
- Access – transit, ADA, transportation, E/W connectivity, and connectivity in general.
- Huge lacrosse usage at the Equestrian Center on the polo fields. Need soccer and baseball spaces.
- Lucas Ridge Park, #36 on map, will be developed as more than detention.
- The biggest need I see going into the future is coordinated planning between City, County, and neighborhoods. The area surrounding the equestrian center is a mish-mash of recreational facilities that seem separate and inefficient. In exploring the upgrade of the equestrian center (although I personally would prefer to relocate the center and convert the area into a comprehensive recreation complex for football, soccer, lacrosse, baseball, softball, and swimming at an expanded SoJo Rec Center), I hope the City and County will work together to make the area flow better in terms of traffic and parking. I think the vision would be a complex where families can fulfill multiple recreation need at one location!! Also important is making sure swimmers – competitive swimmers – have a place to train and complete in South Jordan, especially if Marv Jensen closes.
- As growth explodes in South Jordan, particularly high-density apartments with no or little green space, the preservation of the parks and open space we have becomes even more critical. Residents want our parks preserved, including Mulligans, which next to the Jordan River trail system is the most used green space in South Jordan. Mulligans makes about half a million dollars per year and that profit must be used to maintain Mulligans. So far the city has not created a business plan to prioritize and evaluate maintenance needs for Mulligans, and this is poor management. Money has been wasted to pay for a consulting firm that has not facilitated the creation of a business plan for Mulligans or the wise use of its profits to make needed repairs. Citizens throughout South Jordan value their parks and green spaces and want them well-maintained and preserved.
- It is time to build some Pickle Ball courts in South Jordan! Riverton City Park has four, Dewey Bluth Park has another four and they are completely full every evening. This sport is growing rapidly. Oquirrh Shadows has plenty of room. We could fit 2-4 at Ascot Downs. The tennis courts are sitting empty. Let's convert one to a Pickle Ball court. We could convert Stonehaven or Teton Estates tennis court to 4 pickleball courts. They will fill up. Let's make sure they have lights as well.
- Based on the south Jordan police statistics for the daybreak subdivision complaints concerning dogs is very high. I suggest South Jordan develop a quality off leash dog park where dogs could



exercise, Socialize and train to become better canine citizens. I do have some information concerning quality dog parks that I could share. (Sharon J.)

- According to the South Jordan Police Department statistics for daybreak, complaints concerning dogs rates are very high. Perhaps South Jordan could invest in a off leash dog park where dogs could exercise, socialize and work on their training skills to produce better canine citizens. I have completed some research into quality dog parks and would be willing to share the information that I have.
- Have the South Jordan trails connect to Herriman, Riverton, and West Jordan.
- Please work to have the Y2 survey made available to everyone. I realize that Y2 claimS it makes it unscientific if they release it to everyone, but can't they have one that's open to everyone and one that is their controlled group to help paint a larger picture of what residents of South Jordan want?
- I'd like to see more trails, especially for biking and mountain biking. It would be wonderful to see existing creeks (e.g. Bingham Creek) developed with new trails, connecting the Jordan River Trail system with lands to the west (e.g. Rose Canyon). I understand this is a long term project, involving both private lands and adjacent municipalities.
- I have countless thousands of dollars and time invested in preserving open space in South Jordan. Please visit: www.slappsuit.org for the story of one of the state's top news stories over many years.

It's extremely important to protect the green space along the Jordan River. Did you know...out of all the beautiful state and national parks in Utah, the Jordan River and its surrounding greenbelt was selected as one of two of the state's most important areas worth preserving? That's because about a million people reside within 20 minutes of the Jordan River. Despite increased development, there is wildlife along the river. Animals are attracted to water. It's a magical experience to observe a fox, deer, birds in their environment and not in a cage. Furthermore, visiting the Jordan River is an affordable experience for those who can't afford to experience some of the other recreational areas in Utah which might be far away or require a fee.

Here's the link to America's Great Outdoors which lists the Jordan River and its surrounding parkway as an area to preserve:

<http://www.slideshare.net/USInterior/americas-great-outdoors-fiftystate-report>

The area north of Mulligans and south of Shields Lane is a great place to preserve. And I'm glad that the city has slated those acres to be preserved. Thank you.

As for Mulligans, please listen to the what the citizens said in two surveys: Keep it the way it is. Just spruce it up a little bit. Mulligans works the way it is and people from as far away as Boston go there to experience recreation. It's also one of the few areas left where kids can be dropped off and be safe and have an experience outside with sports. Did you know Mulligans is listed as a tourist attraction in www.visitsalelake.com? Only one other area is listed in Sojo and it's Glenmoor golf course. The city doesn't need to spend millions of dollars on hiring consultants from out-of-state to tell us what to do with Mulligans. Ask the people that work there. It's frustrating that the city doesn't get the opinion of people that live in Sojo and Utah what is best for Sojo!! Sojo is filled with professionals who live here and have expertise in these areas. They might have even volunteered their time and saved taxpayers money!

Riverpark: No more development here! And as for the park at the south end of the river, those parks are precious! Many people paid a great price in political activism to preserve that park. I have heard from several sources now that a developer is trying to snag it from the city to build a snotty country club tennis court?! This is an outrage!!! We will mobilize and fight any proposed development on a park that belongs to "we the people." Please don't entertain anything whatsoever to be developed on those beautiful parks by the river. The more Sojo gets developed, the more precious and valuable and the more value open space adds to Sojo.



Now: Here's a dream I have: 1055 West is a historical and bucolic country road that needs to be preserved. If the city has any funds that they could offer to the Williams for the property to preserve their farms into any kind of small farm area. For example, when kids experience a traumatic injury, they need therapy animals. The Williams farm could be used to raise therapy animals and this would be a great project for kids to get involved with. I've already spoken to kids about this and they are so excited!

I do believe that funds could be raised to make sure the Williams receive money for their property. Every year, kids at Bingham High School raise \$80,000 or more for Sub for Santa. Imagine what people could raise if they knew they were raising money to preserve a heritage for Sojo where people could go and enjoy a farm experience and be uplifted and edified by enjoying nature.

Please call me with any questions. I consider myself an expert on this topic in Sojo. In fact, one of Utah's top investigative journalists wrote a novel based on a true story about the citizens' fight to save open space in Sojo. Here's the link:

http://www.amazon.com/Slapped-Novel-Based-True-Story-ebook/dp/B00E9T0TEA/ref=tmm_kin_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

Thanks for your time! :)