

Minutes of the Work Meeting of the Board of Commissioners, Carbon County, State of Utah, held July 29, 2015 at the Courthouse Building, Price, Utah, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Those present: Jake Mellor, Commission Chair
Casey Hopes, Commissioner
Jae Potter, Commissioner

Also present: Seth Oveson, Clerk/Auditor
Lori Perez, Deputy Clerk
Frank Ori, Carbon County Rec
Mike Milovich, Trans and Rec SSD Board
Linda Ballard, Trans and Rec SSD
Chancellor Peterson, USUE
Layne Miller, Price City Council
Steve Carlson, Carbon School District

Clerk's Certificate of Compliance with Open Meeting Law was filed.

Commissioner Hopes conducted and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting began at 3:05 p.m.

1) Continued discussion concerning community soccer fields

Commissioner Hopes said at the last commission meeting the possibility of building both fields was discussed. The thought was of developing a partnership with the College, Price City and the School District to help participate in the building of the soccer fields and doing it in phases to fit the available budget and have a master plan. This is where the conversation needs to start.

Chancellor Peterson said regardless of the County's willingness or ability to construct fields, the College will develop the Durrant fields and will invite the community to use them regardless of who builds them. They do not have the fields budgeted in the current year. The lease at the College can be extended to twenty-five years with a fifteen year guarantee.

Commissioner Potter asked about the heavy equipment department at the College and if they could do the ground excavation. Chancellor Peterson could not commit to that, but it is a possibility. He explained that the old football field at the College has been improved and is now a full size soccer field.

Mr. Tallerico from the National Guard was asked to come to this meeting and become a partner to help with the construction phase. He said they do vertical construction and foundation type work. A lot of their equipment is deployed to Kuwait at the moment but they have soldiers available to work. They have done other projects for Price City, the College and the Forest Service. These types of projects have to be approved and can take time and paperwork. They like to do projects and would like to be involved. If the project takes over one hundred hours it would be a year before they could do it. Small projects would be six months out. It would need to start with a letter of request from the land owner outlining the project.

Mike Milovich from the SSD addressed putting the fields at the Fairgrounds and possible funding sources. He believes an assessment should be done to see if multiple fields are needed. Price City will need to hold public hearings to assess building on the Durrant field because they would have to deal with complaints from the surrounding residents. He believes it would be expensive to put in the power for the lights and the infrastructure for the Durrant field. The Fairgrounds already has this in place. The fields at the Fairgrounds could be completed by July 2016. If the demand for fields continues you could add additional fields.

The discussion continued addressing budgets, watering fields and issues with building on the Durrant field versus at the Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Potter said part of the appeal for the Durrant field would be its central location and the exposure for the College. The partnership would be a cost savings for the County because the College would maintain the fields. There are still unanswered questions. But it would be nice to see the complex in a central location.

Price City Councilman, Layne Miller said Price City would rather keep the fields in town and are willing to support it as much as they can. A partnership could be used for construction similar to what was used for the new tennis courts.

Carbon School District Superintendent Steve Carlson said Mike has some great points, but for the schools district the Durrant field would be better. They have not put this project in there budget so it would have to be after March or April. They are currently redoing the old practice field behind the high school as a soccer field. The School District wants to be involved in the project and with board approval could potentially contribute \$200,000.

Doctor Brady said he does not know how to decide how many fields are needed. Especially for other sports that could use the fields. They have 300 to 400 soccer players and the fields would be used all day on Saturdays. He has talked to other possible community partners like Neilson Construction, Sutherlands and Tony Basso who are willing to help with the project.

Mark from Castleview Hospital said they support a healthy community and would be a willing partner. Their parent company is interested in investing in the community and could contribute \$20,000.

Dr. Brady explained how Ogden City approached a community partnership. The Soccer field project could be done in phases as funding becomes available. Grants can be applied for to cover specifics like lights, sod and irrigation. He continued to discuss funding options.

Chancellor Peterson said that regardless of a partnership and collaborations the College will complete their soccer field project in four years. On the College's master plan with expected growth it still shows the soccer fields in place fifty years into the future. The Durrant field is a land bank for the College. If there is rapid growth then the land could be used. For now the property would be maintained as soccer fields and would keep the community coming to campus.

Frank Ori explained that there are times in the year where every bit of grass in the community is being used for soccer. In addition to soccer growing there is now girl's fast pitch and the baseball and football programs are growing. If the new fields are multiuse fields they will be used. Flat grass is something that is desperately needed.

Commissioner Hopes said anything built at the Fairgrounds would be multiuse fields. The demand is there for these types of fields.

The discussion continued including an influx of people who come to camps, PYSA's need for fields and if we build new fields people will come to use them not only from Carbon County but surrounding towns as well. It was suggested that a committee be put together to start working on a Phase II.

Mike Milovich still recommends a public comment period for the Durrant fields before anything is built. Parking would also be an issue there.

Commissioner Mellor asked that if the fields are built at the Fairgrounds would Price City and the College be interested financially. Chancellor Peterson said the Colleges financial resources would go towards their own fields. Councilman Layne Miller doesn't know yet but the City could potentially contribute \$200,000.

Frank Ori explained the benefits of hosting tournaments and used the fast pitch tournament recently held as an example, where hotel rooms and food was purchased in Price City over two weekends. The soccer fields could be the beginning of something huge. Soccer tournaments can last two to four days.

A representative from the Utah Youth Soccer Association said the problem of not having enough fields is occurring across Utah. At some point YSA needs to get involved in building soccer dedicated fields or a cap on how many kids can play will have to be put in place. Other problems occur such as lack of bathrooms and limited parking. She had more information on Ogden's fields which are on school district land and was completed in phases using grants and donations. Children want to play soccer and it offers physicality and participation.

Mike Milovich said three fields could be built at the Fairgrounds. The Special Service District has a meeting on Monday and this could be put on their agenda.

Chad the soccer coach at the High School said if the College is going to go ahead and fund and build soccer fields on the Durrant property then the County should focus on the Fairgrounds fields. We need the fields now.

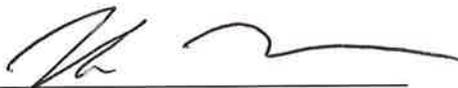
Commissioner Hopes said the community should embrace the College which will make the community better. Commissioner Potter said this is not a county problem by itself. There is a need for fields but there are other partners that can be involved.

The discussion continued asking why both complexes can't be built as individual projects and then shared once they are built, the benefit of putting the two projects together, the time it takes to put partnerships together and trying to get funding for two similar projects. Commissioner Potter explained the Community Impact Boards' schedule and discussed what the fields may cost.

The consensus was that if the fields are going to be built then it should be done right and in phases.

A decision will be made at the August 5th Commission Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:42



Jake Mellor, Chairman

ATTEST:



Seth Oveson, County Clerk/Auditor

