

WORK SESSION

Tuesday, November 20, 2012 6:00 p.m.
Community Recreation Center
10640 N Clubhouse Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah

Present: Mayor Gary Gygi, Presiding
Council Members: Stephanie Martinez, Trent Augustus, Scott Jackman, Jenney Rees, Daniel Zappala
David Bunker, City Manager
Chandler Goodwin, Assistant City Manager
Greg Gordon, Recreation Manager
Courtney Hammond, Transcriptionist
Others: Sam Liddiard, Michael O'Hallaren, Mark Swanville, Brian Cloud

This work session of the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Mayor Gygi.

Presentation from Youth City Council on Santa's Workshop

The Youth City Council Mayor, Mark Swanville, talked about Santa's Workshop, an activity that gives presents to needy families in the area. Local bishops provide names of families that are in need. Throughout the year the YCC raises money and donations for Santa's Workshop. On the day of the event the toys are organized according to age and gender. Parents can then come and choose the toys they like for their children. They walk away with wrapped gifts. Last year Santa's Workshop benefitted about 30 families. The YCC raised \$200 from the car wash and \$58 in quarters at the pumpkin walk. Part of the proceeds from Princess Days will go to Santa's Workshop. YCC has also been working with Pizza Pie Café on a fundraiser to benefit Santa's Workshop. Pizza Pie Café coupon/tickets will be passed out to the community. Donation boxes are at Cedar Ridge and Deerfield Elementary Schools, and in City Hall and the Recreation Center. Cash donations can be made at the front desk at City Hall.

Golf Course and Winter Activities

Golf Maintenance Manager, Brian Cloud said that his staff will follow through with the guidance of the City Council on winter activities on the golf course. His recommendation is to not allow any winter sports on the golf course, including sledding, skiing, and snow shoeing. He explained that when he first came to the golf course three years ago, he felt the conditions were sub par. He has worked hard to improve conditions. He feels that winter activities would take the course backward. He talked to one golf course that allows winter sports. They originally opened it up to allow Olympians to train. They have the equipment to groom cross country trails and charge fees for the cross country trail use, though that doesn't even cover the fuel to reseed/sod. The superintendant of that course would prefer to not allow the skiing on the course because it hurts the greens. All golf courses in the area suffered from the lack of snow cover last winter. The hardest thing about the location of the city's course is the wind that comes out of the canyon. Without a snow cover the wind can desiccate the turf, even when it's dormant. Walking on a snow cover hurts the turf. Compaction turns the snow to ice, freezing the crown of the turf. A course in Ohio allows skiers, and spends \$5000-\$8000 a year to care for the turf each spring. There is not enough manpower in March—when employee count is down—to repair the damage.

He doesn't want golfers to come in early spring, see poor conditions, and not return. He doesn't agree with snow blowing the greens to open for play. The snow layer protects the greens. The greens and tees are the most important portions of the course to protect. The bunkers are also important and can be easily damaged by winter activities. In the last snowstorm there were several sledding jumps, snow forts, etc., built around the course that needed to be knocked down. If there were one portion of the course to open to winter activities, it should be the driving range, but without staff to patrol, there is nothing to stop people from migrating to other parts of the course.

David Bunker stated that one golfer just came in raving about the upgrades to the course and the conditions this late in the season. Conditions are so important to golfers. Brian has done an incredible job getting the course back to where it needs to be. The course needs to have a winter break.

Mayor Gygi stated that the city needs to encourage residents to go to parks for winter activities, particularly snow shoeing and cross country skiing. Sledding and tubing will eat up park lawn and there is some liability with sledding on city property.

C. Jackman stated that the city needs to come up with some solutions. The golf course needs to be preserved. But the City Council should come up with a message for residents who may be upset that the sledding hill is no longer available. With all the changes over the past few months, it may be a good time to come up with a policy and enforcement.

C. Martinez stated that if sledding will not be allowed, the city needs to be proactive now to get the message out, put signs and fencing up and being present on snow days to get people off the course.

Mayor Gygi asked for a review/action item on the December 4 agenda for further discussion with staff recommendations. Between now and December 4, staff will enforce a moratorium on sledding.

Council break (6:35 p.m.)
Reconvened (6:45 p.m.)

Items on the Agenda

David Bunker reviewed the agenda items:

- Item 6 will be tabled.
- Item 7: The Dimond Subdivision was approved years ago, but that approval has lapsed. They will be back. They have been through Planning Commission. Everything on the subdivision is ready to go.
- Item 8: Water Conservation Plan update will be presented by Jeff Maag. The city does this every six years. It was last done in 2005. The Division of Water requires this plan to be in place. They are starting to increase the requirements for the plan. The city adopted the *Slow the Flow* plan years ago. The pressurized irrigation system was put in place in effort to conserve. The outdoor water usage in the city is high, and the city uses all its water resources. The technology for pressurized irrigation meters is getting better. The meters wear out

quickly in pressurized irrigation systems because of the turbidity of the water. Metering a subdivision has its own set of problems.

Daniel Zappala suggested incentives to cut back on water usage.

- Item 9: About half of the carts will not have battery power for next season. Golfers expect a high level of service from carts. It will cost about \$36,000-\$40,000 for two years in a row to replace batteries. It doesn't make sense to put that much money into old carts. A new lease would add about \$20,000 to the current lease, which would include buying out the old fleet and getting a new fleet.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Gygi.

/s/ Colleen A. Mulvey
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City Recorder