

Andy Ballard Arena Minutes  
January 27, 2016

In attendance: Doug Vawdrey President, Julie Openshaw Secretary, Alan Summerhays Councilman, Chance Hunter Parks and Rec, Katie Smith, Janice Klein, Alan Kirton, Walt Roseman, Alan Kirton, Bill Becker from Parks and Trails

Visitors: James Graham

Minutes from December meeting read and accepted

James Graham lives on Tuscalee Way, a street directly across from the arena. He came to the meeting representing several of his neighbors. The biggest concern is the noise generated from speakers that are aimed towards their houses. The traffic is not such a major concern.

There are approximately ten homes that are affected by the speakers. They are worried that having more events at the arena, such as motor cross, on a regular basis will highly impact their quality of life because they can't sit in their back yards and visit, it is too loud with the speakers.

One of the neighbors is a broker of real estate. He did a property evaluation for loss of value if the arena was used more. The evaluation was on homes within 300 feet of the arena. It was estimated approximately \$36,000,000 of real estate is affected. With the 5 - 10 percent lose of value, the city would stand to have a loss of approximately \$50,000 - 100,000 of tax revenues.

James Graham was wondering why the arena needs to be used more when there are other venues such as Miller State Park and the South Jordan Equestrian Park.

Councilman Summerhays explained that the city would like to use the arena for the purpose it was intended. He stated that the city was unaware of this problem and would address it at the next council meeting.

Chance Hunter explained there are activities that take place during the summer months such as bike races. The people running such activities purchase permits.

Brian Green from Edgepower Sports presented a three-week event proposal. He wants to become a partner with the city. If the city does not want a partnership, he will pull out of the proposal.

His proposal consisted of using several venues around the city such as the skate park, the bike trails, etc. There would be events such as mountain bike racing, BMX, skateboard, and scooter. There would be an awards assembly on the final night that would take place in the arena. He suggested to have the event during Draper Days, using the week before, the week of, and the week after. His vision of this event is that it would grow every year.

Chance Hunter expressed his concerns about the staff that the city would need to provide. He explained that the staff is already stretched thin during Draper Days. Brian said the staff would be kept to a minimal because he would use mostly volunteers. He would get these volunteers in a variety of ways such as trading registration fees for service hours.

Katie Smith asked how long the set up would be. Brian said it would take about a week. It will not affect the rodeo or horse pull. The set up of each event will be very professional looking. Attendees will feel transformed when they enter their individual event.

Bill Becker asked who would carry insurance for the events. Brian said either the city or he would. Bill suggested that we have Edgepower Sports carry the insurance.

The time frame to put this event on is to start ASAP so it can take place July 2016.

The budget Brian proposed is \$47,500. However, it can be sliced down as we get more into planning the event. Using this budget, there is a possibility of having a \$32,000 surplus after all events have taken place.

Katie Smith wants to be sure the Arena gets the surplus and it is not put into the Draper Days account.

A vote was taken from the Board. All members were “yes” to the Edgepower Sports proposal in July and “yes” to squeezing in the Bull Rider event in September.

Chance Hunter told the Board that the money allocated is only for improvements, nothing for events.

Doug Vawdry will present to the Council at the next meeting the Board’s need of \$75,000 allocated for events, the remainder for improvements.

Doug Vawdry told the Board that Sunrise Engineering will be the engineers for creating plans for more parking and seating. Doug told them we would like 150 trailer parking spots and 4,000 seats.

Meeting was closed until February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Openshaw