

**WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS
LOCATION AND DESIGN OF SPLASH PAD
November 30, 2017
7:00 PM**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Tom Peterson	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Dave Burnett	Public Power Director
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Kristy Law	CAS Director
	Mike Nelsen	Police Chief
	Derek Oyler	Finance Director
	Tyler Pugsley	Public Works Director
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator

Mr. Roberts said after direction from the Council, staff evaluated parks for possible sites for a splash pad.

Playground Park

Councilmember Peterson said he is still against having the splash pad at this location. He did not want to create an environment where future councilmembers have to deal with either upset church members because of the noise, or upset non-members because it is closed on Sunday. He did not feel that closing it on Sunday was an option. There are two other issues. One, it should be in an area without trees. The other is the fence, which would have to be replaced with a taller fence as well as a fence added along the west property line.

Mr. Roberts said the committee was less concerned about the noise at the church. Their number one choice was the Playground Park, but they are open to it going somewhere else. Councilmember Bott added that in the committee meeting John Adams was a strong second.

Pioneer Park

Councilmember Jensen felt it would be best at Pioneer Park north of the swimming pool and west of the bowery. Some trees would have to be removed, but there is already good parking, a bowery and restroom in that area. Councilmember Bott said there is a lot of parking, but it is usually full with softball and pool parties.

Mr. Pugsley added that one of the things the committee tried to focus on was an area without other sporting activities. He indicated on a map the possible area by the pickleball courts. This area is being considered for parking lot improvements or a future building that was previously discussed with the Council. During pickleball tournaments parking is at a premium in this area.

Discovery Park

There are two soccer fields at this park, other than that it is used for practice. Typically, there should be up to 30 parking spots for a splash pad site. Parking would be an issue. However, there is undeveloped property next to the park that could be an option for additional parking. Water and sewer are available.

Lindsay Park

This is another option that hasn't been looked at. There is a basketball area that gets limited use where the pad could be constructed.

Academy Area

Councilmember Thompson said he has had some residents suggest it should be built by the Academy Building or on the City Plaza. This was discussed in the committee meetings, but there was concern with it being located on Main Street.

John Adams

Councilmember Peterson said most parks have parking issues and anywhere the pad is, it will add to that. There is room on 600 East by John Adams to have 45 degree parking. This would lower the risk of children getting hurt on this street because they won't have to park on the east side of the road and cross the street to get to the park.

Mr. Roberts said the area being considered is between the playground and the restrooms where there is currently a train that needs to be restored. This could be moved to another area.

Mr. Pugsley state that there is a bike lane on 600 East, so it would need to be measured to make sure there is still room for the bike land and angle parking. There are some existing utilities that would need to be moved, which would add to the expense. He gave a rough estimate of \$50,000-\$70,000 to move the curb and gutter, construct a sidewalk and do the angle parking. This would be less than building a restroom.

Councilmember Peterson recommended John Adams Park. Councilmember Thompson added that was his first choice, and near the pickleball courts at Pioneer Park as second. Councilmember Jensen said if this has to be done, she preferred John Adams or Pioneer as long as there are no parking issues. Councilmember Farr also agreed with John Adams. Councilmember Bott stated that the committee looked at John Adams as a strong second site.

Councilmember Jensen asked about updating the swimming pool instead of constructing a separate splash pad by fixing the wading area to be more like a splash pad area. The only issue would be those that want to go in for free. Maybe they could wear a wristband. Mayor Vincent added that it would be difficult for pool staff to police this. Councilmember Peterson said the cost to build a splash pad would be much less than to tear up the pool and redo the piping to do the splash pad underneath. Mr. Roberts added that the liner alone was \$500,000.

The Council requested staff to do engineering at John Adams and Pioneer Park as well as cost estimates for just pop-ups vs. features. They will also talk to the donors about the second site. The Council will discuss this further in the January 4, 2018 Council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The undersigned duly appointed Recorder for Brigham City Corporation hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the November 30, 2017 Work Session.

Dated this 4th day of January 2017.

Mary Kate Christensen
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