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New Attraction Coming to St. George Town Square

St. George, UT.- Those who have driven by the St. George Town Square recently know how popular the downtown park is for young mothers and children during the dog days of summer as interactive water features attract hundreds on a daily basis. St. George Mayor, Dan McArthur and the City Council recently decided to add to the attractions at the popular spot with an old fashion carousel ride as they continue to focus on improvements that bring residents and visitors downtown. "The nostalgia and charm of carousels make them very popular in parks and historic settings in communities around the country. I can't think of a better place for an old-fashioned merry-go-round than in our historic district," said Mayor McArthur.

City Park Division crews are busy preparing the site for the carousel which is expected to arrive on June 27th. The goal is to have the carousel assembled and ready for operations in time for a special dedication ceremony tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of July 4th. Leisure Services Director, Kent Perkins commented, "There has already been a lot of curiosity generated by the construction of the carousel pad at the Square. Crews are enthusiastic about this project and we expect to have it up and running by the Independence Day holiday."

The City purchased the Chance Morgan Company carousel from the Hurlbut Amusement Company in Southern California. The 36-foot classis style carousel, built in the 90's recently finished a two-year refurbishment process and features over 1000 lights, two sleighs and 30

hand-painted horses. The total cost of the carousel including installation is approximately \$300,000 and was paid for through the downtown Redevelopment Agency fund. The City expects the feature to pay for itself in less than five years.

Tentative hours of operation for the carousel are Monday-Thursday 11 am to 8 pm. Friday-Saturday 11 am to 9 pm. Closed Sundays.

The tentative fee to ride is \$1 and discounted passes and programs will be available.

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