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COMMUNITY MEETING SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT FOR PARKS, ARTS AND RECREATION PLANNING

Residents are asked to voice ideas, vision for citywide plan update

ST. GEORGE, UT – The City of St. George is updating the citywide Parks, Recreation, Arts and Trails Master Plan and wants input from area residents. The City has announced it will host a community meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2018, at the Dixie Academy, 3rd floor (86 S. Main, St. George). Residents of all ages are invited to attend and voice their opinions and ideas for the future direction of St. George's parks, trails, arts and recreation facilities and programs. Now is your time to help determine what St. George will look like in the future.

The updated Plan will guide the City's efforts in planning for the future. The new plan will reflect community interests and establish long-term goals and priorities for land acquisition, facility development, programming and park system management. The community meeting on September 11 will last for approximately two hours and start with a brief presentation to provide an overview of the project. Light refreshments will be served.

This will be the first public meeting being held as part of the public planning process. The meeting will give community members an opportunity to learn more about the planning process and offer ideas and opinions about priorities for the City's parks and recreation system. This input will play an important role in developing the Plan update. Please look for more information on the City's website to learn more about this project. www.sgcity.org/masterplanupdate

"Public input is essential in developing a plan that will be the roadmap for providing high-quality, community-driven parks, trails, arts and recreation programs across the city over the next 10 years," said Shane McAfee, the Director of the St. George Leisure Services Department.

"The meeting on September 11 will focus on the 'visioning' element of the plan," said McAfee. "This means we want people to tell us how the city can best meet the recreational needs of individuals and families in the years to come." Participants will be asked to comment on the city's opportunities, needs, and challenges for parks, programs, and facilities. The more we can learn from citizens, the better."

The updated Plan will help guide what the City does and will be useful by:

- Helping us understand the existing parks system and what the needs are system-wide.
- Incorporate the community's vision for parks and recreation.
- Build on previous planning efforts to make sure improvements don't happen piecemeal.
- Help us decide how parks and recreation are maintained and built, both in the short-term and the long-term.
- Be a springboard for action to engage potential partners, and make sure enough land is set aside to build needed facilities in the future.

Additional project information is available on the City's website, which can be accessed at www.sgcity.org/masterplanupdate. For questions or more information about the citywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan, please contact Shane McAfee, Director of Leisure Services, at leisure@sgcity.org or 435-627-4500.

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