

Section 3: Leisure

Provo City is nationally recognized as one of America's most livable cities. Provo's natural recreational amenities and varied leisure opportunities are integral parts of its outstanding quality of life and livability.

Mankind has always sought opportunities to relax, restore, and invigorate the mind and body. The pursuit of and participation in leisure activities are essential factors in health and well-being.

Provo's excellent opportunities for cultural arts, entertainment, and recreation for all citizens are among the best in the Intermountain West. These opportunities are essential for all ages because they improve the quality of life for those who participate regularly. Providing a wide range of recreational opportunities that appeal to the largest cross-section of our citizens is a primary goal of Provo City.

Master Plan

Develop a new recreational facilities master plan that will include the following goals and objectives:

Goal 3.1 – Establish a system of attractive parks and recreational facilities that will provide a complete range of activities for all age groups.

Objective 3.1.1 Work toward implementing Chapter Seven of Provo City's General Plan, "Parks, Recreation and Open Space" ("the Parks Master Plan"), which includes the even and fair distribution of park space throughout the city.

Objective 3.1.2 In the Parks Master Plan, identify potential parkland in growth areas within the city.

Objective 3.1.3 When applicable, require developers to dedicate a specified amount of approved open space for parks, or to pay a park impact fee in lieu of open space dedication.

Objective 3.1.4 Adapt park amenities as neighborhoods change. Established parks should have, if applicable, family and group-friendly seating, fire pits, benches, pavilions, and walking/jogging areas.

Objective 3.1.5 Include in park planning sports parks, family-oriented parks, "theme" parks, small neighborhood and pocket parks, linear parks, children specific parks, dog parks, skate parks, sledding parks, and discovery parks.

Objective 3.1.6 Ensure that parks have sufficient parking for those times of year when the parks are busiest.

Goal 3.2 - Augment the Provo City General Plan for pedestrian paths, trails, and on-street bike ways, including multi-use trails for pedestrians, equestrians, and motorized vehicles. On all trail systems, installation of safety features has high priority.

Objective 3.2.1 Ensure that all trails interconnect with existing trail heads and proposed trail heads at Little Rock Canyon, Rock Canyon, and Slate Canyon.

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Objective 3.2.3 Connect parks within the city to clearly identified trail systems, as far as possible.

Objective 3.2.4 Develop neighborhood walking, jogging, and biking trails with clear signage and safety features, and make them easily accessible for all age groups.

Objective 3.2.5 Develop the proposed roadway that goes from the East Bay interchange to 2000 North to include a pedestrian, biking, and equestrian trail leading to Utah Lake and the Provo River Parkway Trail.

Objective 3.2.6 Where feasible, ensure that walking and jogging trails interconnect to the city trail system.

Objective 3.2.7 Build an equestrian trail on the south side of the Provo River from Geneva Road to Utah Lake.



Goal 3.3 - Provide enhanced opportunities and facilities for the arts, entertainment, and museums reflecting Provo's status as the county seat of the second-most populated county in the state.

Objective 3.3.1 Establish a central arts and entertainment district surrounding the Covey Center for the Arts where citizens can congregate to enjoy arts, entertainment, programs, and concerts in a well-designed and landscaped setting.

Objective 3.3.2 Acknowledge the need for community centers and discovery centers.

Objective 3.3.3 Identify and develop additional venues for arts and entertainment.



Goal 3.4 – Examine the possibilities to relocate the East Bay Golf Course to provide the city with additional commercial development land. These would include a permanent location for a new golf course on city-owned property at the mouth of Provo Canyon.

Objective 3.4.1 Obtain funding through the sale of the East Bay Golf Course to create a first-class golf facility without the need to bond or tax the citizens of Provo.

Goal 3.5 - Establish a recreational beach near the Utah Lake boat harbor.

Objective 3.5.1 Include necessary infrastructure and facilities such as restrooms, clothing changing stations, picnic areas, etc.

Goal 3.6 - Develop a new city recreation facility and park complex.

Objective 3.6.1 Build a city recreation facility which will:

- Develop a sense of community
- Foster a healthy lifestyle and wellness
- Enhance civic pride
- Be versatile and adaptable to meet the needs of all elements of the community

Goal 3.7 - Include a senior citizens' center in the community recreation complex to more adequately meet the needs of our senior citizens.

Objective 3.7.1 Improve and develop recreational programs that provide a diverse schedule of activities.

Objective 3.7.2 Establish a senior citizens council to monitor senior needs, and recommend programs and activities to accommodate the growing senior population.

Goal 3.8 - Obtain ongoing revenue for the funding of parks, entertainment, and recreation.

Objective 3.8.1 Educate and inform voters of the options of creating a RAP tax for on-going recreational funding, with the intent of putting this on the ballot.

