



### KEY POINTS

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- Parks and Recreation Facilities
- Recreational Trails System
- Cultural Institutions and Facilities
- Parks and Recreation Goals

#### 7.1. INTRODUCTION

Price City recognizes the need to provide parks and recreation facilities and services which enhance the quality of life of the residents. Included in the scope and objectives for parks and recreation in Price are plans for recreational trails, including bicycle, pedestrian and equestrian paths for public use throughout the city. An emphasis is also given to supporting and providing cultural activities and community services that enhance quality and quantity of life.

An objective of Price City is to provide or facilitate comprehensive recreation programs, services, facilities and resources that allow and encourage participation by all residents.

#### 7.2. PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Like many communities throughout the U.S., Price City is experiencing a continuing desire for expanded and additional recreational opportunities. This creates the need for a plan to meet the current and future recreational needs and desires of the community. A parks and recreation master plan would provide a proactive “road map” for guiding future planning, design and implementation decisions. The implementation of such a plan, which would act as an appendix to this document, will make the use of parks, trails and recreation facilities an integral part of daily life in Price.

The beginnings of a parks and recreation master plan was developed through the creation of this document, with public input provided through the General Plan update process, as described in the Plan Update section in Chapter 1. A map of existing and proposed facilities and locations was created through this process (see Exhibit 6, Parks, Recreation and Trails Map, below).

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### 7.3. FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

Existing parks and recreation facilities in Price are a source of pride and are expertly maintained to high levels of safety and operation, providing recreational facilities for residents and visitors.

Price City parks and recreation facilities include:

- Desert Wave Pool
- Washington Park
- Pioneer Park
- Terrace Hills Park
- Underpass Park
- Price City Peace Garden
- Price South Park
- Cove Basin Park
- Atwood Baseball Complex
- CEU Prehistoric Museum
- Heritage Park
- Rose Park
- Skate Park
- BMX Track Park

Additional facilities adjacent to Price City boundaries, which are operated and maintained by Carbon County include the County fairgrounds and sports complex, motocross and model airplane airport. Also, proposed new parks, trails and open space areas have been identified as shown on Exhibit 6, below. Many of the local recreation programs in Price are currently administered through the Carbon County Recreation Department. As the need expands for additional programs, the City may see the need to increase involvement in programming through staffing and increased involvement with the County's recreation program.

### 7.4. RECREATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM

The quality of life in a community is enhanced when it has a functional system of recreational trails, including bicycle, pedestrian, and equestrian paths and facilities. A trails system also acts as an asset to the intrinsic city transportation network. Increased levels of walking and bicycling due to the creation of these facilities leads to a cleaner environment and a healthier population.



Safety for bicycles is an important issue. According to the *Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Guide, Parsons Brinckerhoff*, Utah's bicycle fatality rate is 36% higher than the national average, which is caused by a lack of safe bicycle corridors. Many local trips that Price residents currently make in their cars may be made on foot or by bicycle if they could do so on established safe trail corridors.

Where practical, bicycle and pedestrian paths in Price should 1) be separated from vehicular traffic, 2) be constructed with separated bike and pedestrian lanes, and 3) provide



a connection between parks and open spaces such as established trail-heads.

Planning for equestrian and OHV recreational trails is also important to the community of Price, in terms of both recreation and tourism. The planning and development of such trails should be coordinated with County and regional trail user organizations and groups.

### 7.5. CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS AND FACILITIES

Providing and fostering cultural institutions and activities which enhance the quality and quantity of life of the community is recognized as an important objective of the Price community. Several programs have become a significant part of Price's cultural life and character that include the efforts of the Price City Culture Connection, a community based organization to showcase the talents and culture available in Price and surrounding communities. The City also sponsors events such as International Days, an annual festival which celebrates the culture, heritage, food, music and arts of the community.

A source of community pride can also be found in the College of Eastern Utah Prehistoric Museum, located in the heart of the community, as well as the heart of dinosaur country. A unique and celebrated facility, the museum boasts a wide assortment of dinosaur fossils and ancient human artifacts.

Other civic and private organizations play important roles in the community culture as well. Fostering an environment where such organizations can develop and flourish is an ideal of the City which enjoys much support from the community. Price City should, to the extent possible, assist and support the expansion and development of cultural institutions and facilities.



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## EXHIBIT 6. PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS MAP

(Insert 11x17 map here)

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### CHAPTER 7 - PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS

Goals	Strategies	Actions	Timing	Agency
<b>1. Provide for parks and recreation facilities and services to enhance residents' quality of life.</b>	A. Establish a plan for the development and improvement of parks and recreation facilities and services to include citizen involvement.	i. Prepare, adopt and implement a Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	0-5 years	City Council, Public Works, Parks
		ii. Establish a citizens advisory committee to assist in the planning.	0-5 years	City Council, Public Works, Parks
	B. Provide parks that are well dispersed throughout the city.	i. Target areas in need of parks and follow recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	Ongoing	City Council, Public Works, Parks
		ii. Utilize community built playground facilities where possible.	Ongoing	Public Works, Parks
	C. Encourage the acquisition of property and the development of additional recreational facilities.	i. Develop and/or support plans for a community recreation center.	0-5 years	City Council, Public Works, Parks
		ii. Create and update priority list for the development of other needed facilities.	Ongoing	City Council, Public Works, Parks
		iii. Plan for and fund the assessed facility and service expansion needs.	Ongoing	City Council, Public Works, Parks
	D. Provide adequate recreation classes and programs to meet the needs of Price residents.	i. Annually assess the needs and demands for recreation programs.	Annually	City Council, Public Works, Parks
		ii. Continue and increase involvement on the County's recreation board.	Ongoing	City Council, Public Works, Parks
	<b>2. Develop a system of recreational trails throughout the community.</b>	A. Finalize and amend recreational trails development as shown in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.	i. Submit recommendations for trail concepts and priorities to City Council.	0-2 years
ii. Select a firm to prepare a detailed trails engineering and development plan.			0-5 years	City Council
iii. Seek and acquire any available funding.			0-5 years	Community Director
iv. Approve the plan and budget for each trail.			0-5 years	City Council
v. Arrange the participation of any in-kind and volunteer assistance.			0-5 years	Public Works, Parks division

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	B. Coordinate the City Trails System with Carbon County.	i. Meet with the County to coordinate Price City trail heads and access points with the County trails system.	0-2 years	Parks and Recreation Committee
<b>3. Provide recreational and cultural facilities and services to enhance residents' quality of life.</b>	A. Support and encourage community cultural activities.	i. Support and encourage the activities and programs of the Price City Culture Connection.	Ongoing	City Council, City Staff
		ii. Offer assistance and support as well as to the continuance and improvement of the annual International Days celebration.	Ongoing	City Council, City Staff
		iii. Encourage and support the success of the CEU Prehistoric Museum.	Ongoing	City Council, City Staff
		iv. Promote the establishment of community built playgrounds.	Ongoing	City Council, City Staff

