Price City Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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"Leave all the afternoon for exercise and recreation, which are as necessary as reading. I will rather say more necessary because health is worth more than learning."

-Thomas Jefferson

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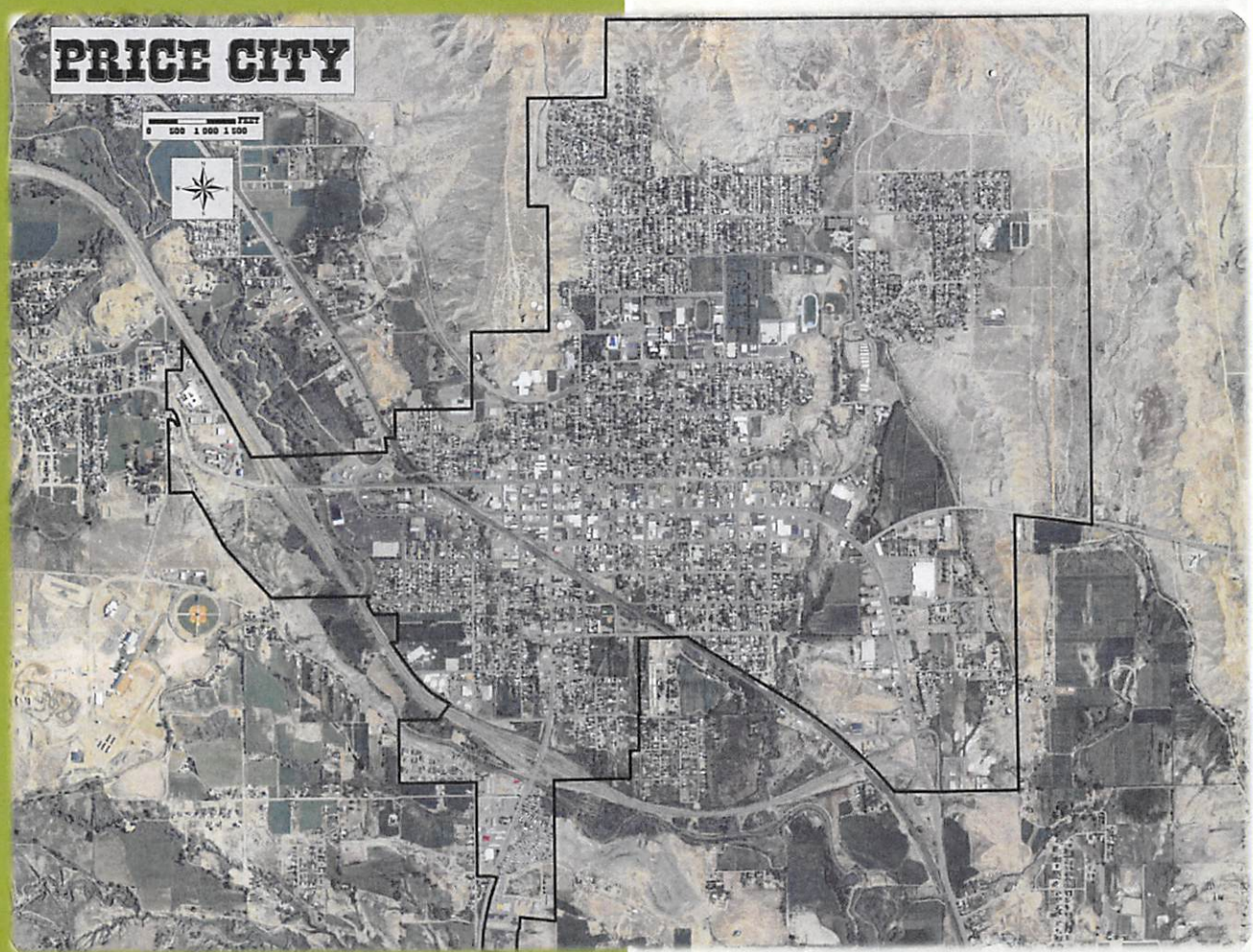

Price City Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Chapter 1: Introduction

Plan Purpose

The Price City Parks and Recreation Master Plan stems from the desire of the community to enjoy enhanced Outdoor recreation opportunities. This plan and map is intended to provide a proactive "road map" that will make the use of parks and trails an integral part of daily life in Price.

Like many communities throughout the U.S., Price City is experiencing a continuing desire for improved recreational opportunities. Price residents also have a strong desire for community beautification improvements and for providing outdoor learning opportunities.

The Price City Parks and Recreation Master Plan has been prepared to give direction and provide a framework for guiding future planning, design and implementation decisions. The Plan establishes goals and strategies which will provide guidance in the future development of parks, trails, recreational facilities in Price.

This document is also intended to potentially provide a foundation for developing a Trails Development Plan. It is designed to be an appendix to and have a strong working relationship with the Price City General Plan.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

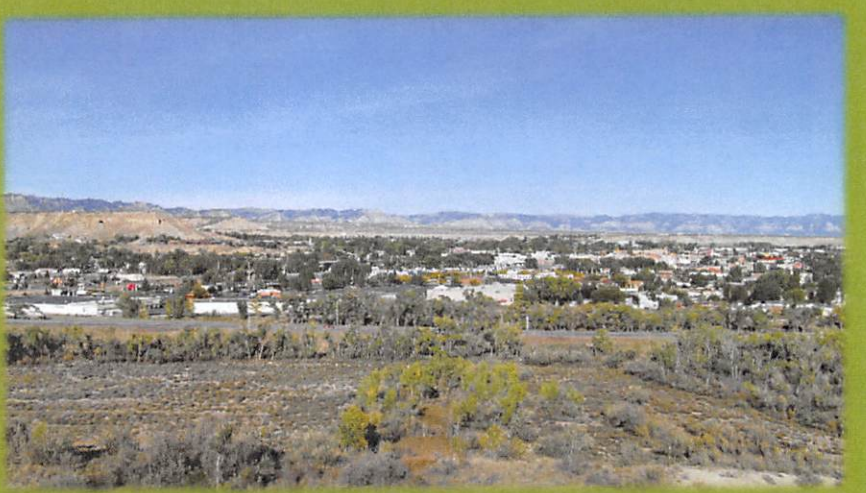
Community Vision

Included in the Vision Statement of The Price General Plan is that the citizens envision a city with a healthy environment. Parks and recreation are life-enriching, and provide in many ways a healthy environment for our citizens. This master plan becomes a important part of fulfilling Price City's mission and vision.

The City

Price, the county seat of Carbon County, is the largest city in the county, and is located in the Price River Valley of the Colorado Plateau region of Utah.

The City maintains a small-town feel, while still enjoying the benefits of a full service community.



Statistics

•Population:	8,715
•Size in square miles:	5 miles
•Median age:	31.8
•Total parks and facilities:	12
•Total area of parks:	38.67 acres

Planning with Vision

The vision of this plan is to emphasize the beauty and feel of Price while providing residents with quality of life by providing access to outdoor recreation, promoting a healthy lifestyle and activities through excellent parks, trails and recreation facilities and programs.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

The Price City Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the result of studies, citizen input, and analysis.

Public Participation

Visioning Workshop

On Jul 17, 2013, a group of citizens from all over Price met together to brainstorm ideas for the city's parks, trails and recreation needs. Participating in various visioning exercises, those present assisted to make several recommendations that have guided the goals and objectives of this plan (see the attached Exhibit A).

Advisory Committee

An advisory committee made up of several community members assisted in the review of the existing conditions and objectives for this plan. They also participated in visioning exercises, including a tour of the existing and proposed parks and recreation facilities, making several recommendations that have guided the goals and objectives of this plan (see the attached Exhibit B).

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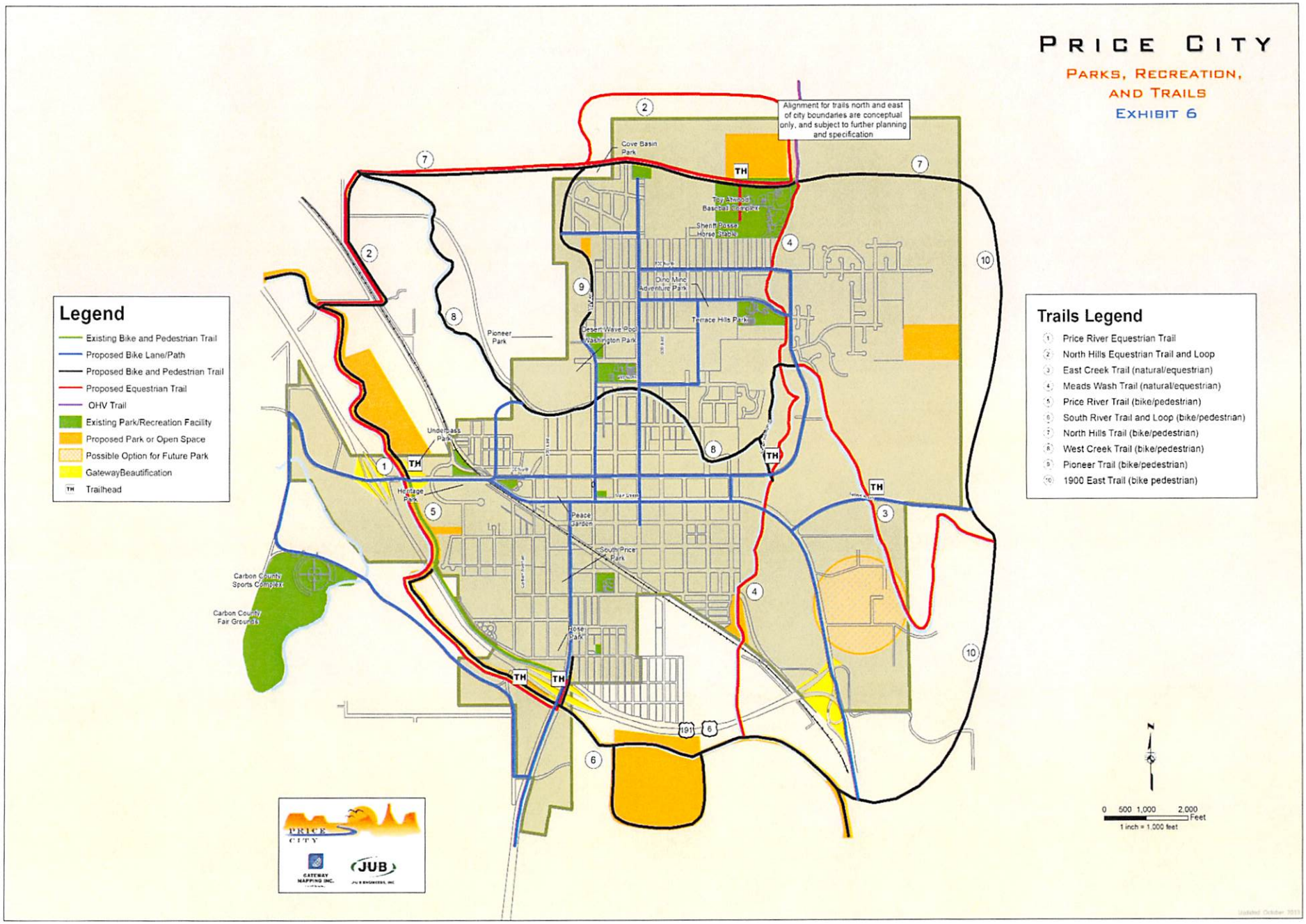
PARKS, RECREATION, AND TRAILS

EXHIBIT 6



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Chapter 2: Parks

Park Types

Mini Park:
- ½ -1 acre in size
- Serves ¼ mile radius
- 80% should be open space
- Allows for programmed recreation
- Minimal amenities

Neighborhood Park:
- 2 -7 acres in size
- Serves ½ mile radius
- 70% should be open space
- Allows for programmed recreation
- Moderate to high level of amenities and features available

Community Park:
- 7 -20 acres in size
- Serves 1-2 mile radius
- 70% should be open space
- Allows for programmed recreation
- High level of amenities and features available

Specialty Park:
- Varies in size, area of service, and percent as open space
- Dedicated to specific purposes
- Amenities are typically minimal

Park types as defined on this page generally represent design recommendations from the National Recreation and Parks Association.

Parks Inventory

Existing Parks	Acres	Park Type			
		Mini	Neighborhood	Community	Specialty
Atwood Ball Fields	7.8				x
Cove Basin Park	8.2			x	
Heritage Park	1.3	x			
Pioneer Park	4.7		x		
Peace Garden	.6				x
Rose Park	.69	x			
South Park	1.95		x		
Terrace Hills Park	7.25			x	
Underpass Park	4.09				x
Washington Park	5.29		x		
City Total	**41.27**	**2**	**5**	**2**	**3**

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Washington Park

150 East 450 North – 5.29 acres

Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- BBQ grills
- Benches
- 3 tennis courts
- 2 basketball courts
- Horseshoe pit

The Park:

Washington Park has acted as a central gathering spot for the community for many years, and is often used for special events and celebrations.

Adjacent to the park is the City indoor and Desert Wave pools (see page 22).

Planned Improvements

- A moveable stage for performances
- Replace older trees as needed

Chapter 2: Parks

Pioneer Park

550 North 100 East – 4.7 acres

The Park:

Pioneer Park is one of the oldest parks in Price, which was established to honor the pioneers who settled the community. Two small pioneer cabins sit on the upper western slope, with a nearby monument statue honoring the pioneer women. The park's slopes are a favorite for wet slides in the summer, and snow sledding in the winter. The large pine trees represent those people from the community that served in World War 1.

Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Pavilion
- Picnic tables
- BBQ grills

Monument erected by the Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Planned Improvements

- Add picnic tables with cabanas
- Improved terraced garden in the northwest corner
- Replace older trees as needed

Terrace Hills Park

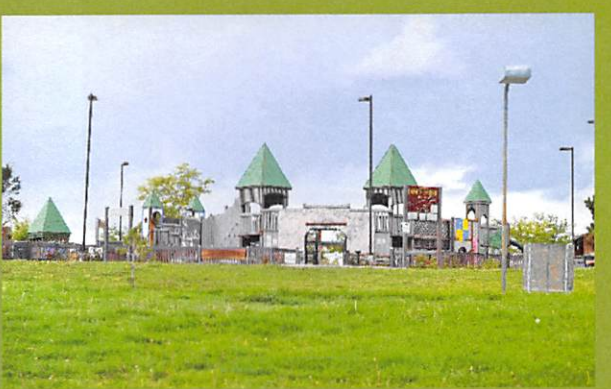
1050 East 700 North – 7.25 acres

Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- BBQ grills
- Benches
- Basketball court
- Skate Park
- Dino-Mine Adventure Park

The Park:

Terrace Hills Park is a favorite place for families. The Dino-Mine Adventure Park sits atop the hill at the western side, looking upon the playgrounds, pavilion and further, on the skate park. A multi-use park, Terrace Hills Park has a lot of open green lawn, and acts as the primary neighborhood park for the northern area of Price.



Planned Improvements

- Possible location for a splash pad
- Extend lawn area for soccer field or open and xeriscaping with picnic tables to Cedar Hills Drive
- Add restrooms and parking near Dino Mine and softball field
- Plant more trees throughout
- Outdoor stairway on hillside for community exercise

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Chapter 2: Parks

South Park

175 East 300 South – 1.95 acres

Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Pavilion
- Playground
- Picnic tables
- BBQ grills
- Concessions stand
- Softball field
- Batting cage
- Basketball court
- Volleyball court

The Park:

South Park is a key recreational location for those areas of Price south of the railroad tracks, having several amenities, and is a popular place for family gatherings. A great place for little leagues and younger ball players.

Planned Improvements

- Add horseshoe pit near playground
- Plant more trees near playground
- Explore possibility for a splash pad

Rose Park

600 South 100 East – .69 acres

The Park:

Rose Park is a mini or pocket park in the southern area of the community which mostly serves the families of the local neighborhood. The tot lot is a favorite playground for the younger children.

Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Pavilion
- Fenced area tot lot
- Picnic tables
- BBQ grills
- Basketball court

Planned Improvements

- Install a larger picnic pavilion
- Plant more trees

Cove Basin Park

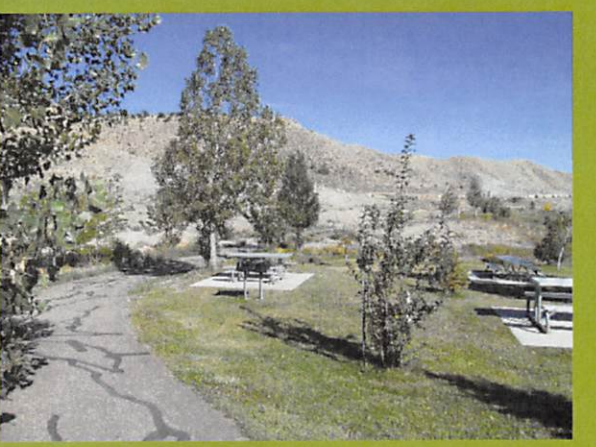
1100 North 300 East – 8.21 acres

Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Picnic tables
- BBQ grills
- Loop trail
- Drinking fountain

The Park:

A detention basin which acts as a park, Cove Basin is a nice open space recreation area with amenities and a good access to the adjacent northern hills.



Planned Improvements

- Provide for increased use as dog park
- Install picnic table cabanas
- Add a playground area
- Plant more trees
- Upgrade the trail
- Provide paved parking area
- Demonstration area for xeriscaping

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Chapter 2: Parks

Atwood Ball Complex

1050 North 1000 East – 7.8 acres

Amenities:

- 5 ball fields
- 3 concession stands
- 2 Restrooms
- Playground

The Park:

The Atwood Ball Complex is a well-used park for softball and baseball tournaments, a popular local sport. With a total of 5 fields, the complex has the potential for expansion and increased use for baseball tournaments.

Planned Improvements

- Develop additional baseball and softball fields
- Plan for new baseball tournaments
- Improve paved parking areas
- Plant more trees
- Add shelter, shade and trees to the trailhead area

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Heritage Park

200 West Main Street – 1.3 acres

Amenities:

- Restrooms
- Picnic tables
- Loop trail
- Information kiosk

The Park:

Heritage Park is a small park at the entry into the downtown area that acts as a welcoming station for visitors and newcomers to Price.

Planned Improvements

- Add a tot lot playground
- Expand width of entrance for larger vehicles

Underpass Park

500 West 100 North – 4.09 acres

The Park:

Although it is not a traditional park with amenities, Underpass Park provides a green welcoming corridor to the entrance of downtown, connecting with Heritage Park.

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Chapter 2: Parks

Peace Garden

100 East Main Street – .6 acres

The Park:

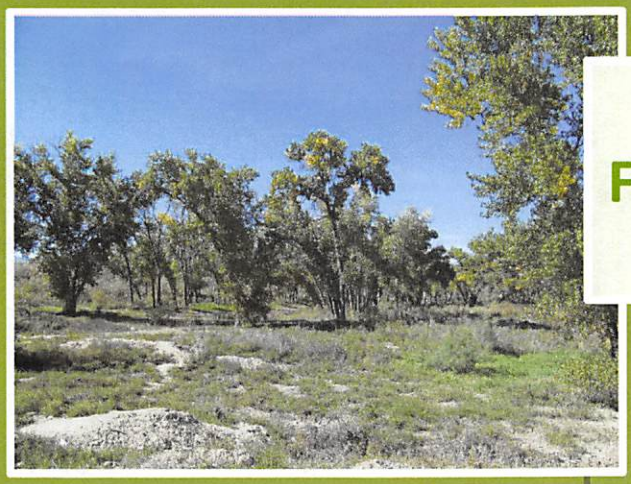
The Peace Garden acts as a central community town square, adjacent to the City Library and the USU-E Prehistoric Museum. Used frequently during community celebrations such as International Days, the Peace Garden was named to honor the veterans who have served in the cause of peace and freedom.

Planned Improvements

- Provide outdoor access to restrooms
- Add a water feature
- Provide a moveable backdrop with a covering for the platform, using a Price sunset design

Amenities:

Though not a traditional park with amenities, green lawn and a plaza which faces a platform act as an amphitheater for outdoor performances and activities.



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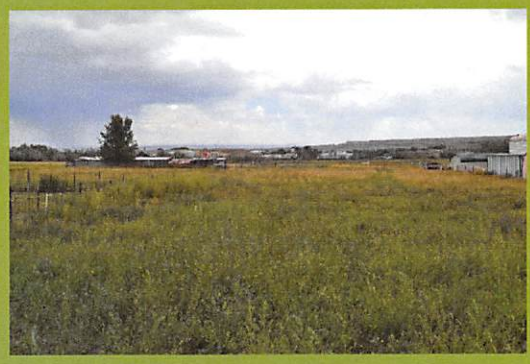
Future Parks

Potential Locations:

Several locations and open spaces throughout the community lend themselves well to various potentials for future park spaces.

Although specific plans and time frames have not been identified for the acquisition of properties or the planning of potential amenities, the following areas have been identified as locations for potential future parks (see map on page 7):

1. East of Price River and Highway 6, north of 100 North
2. Near Price River trail behind Kmart
3. On Price River east of Carbon Ave.
4. Near Meads Wash north of railroad
5. Near Fausett Lane
6. West side of 1900 East
7. North of Atwood Ball Complex
8. Olson Reservoir



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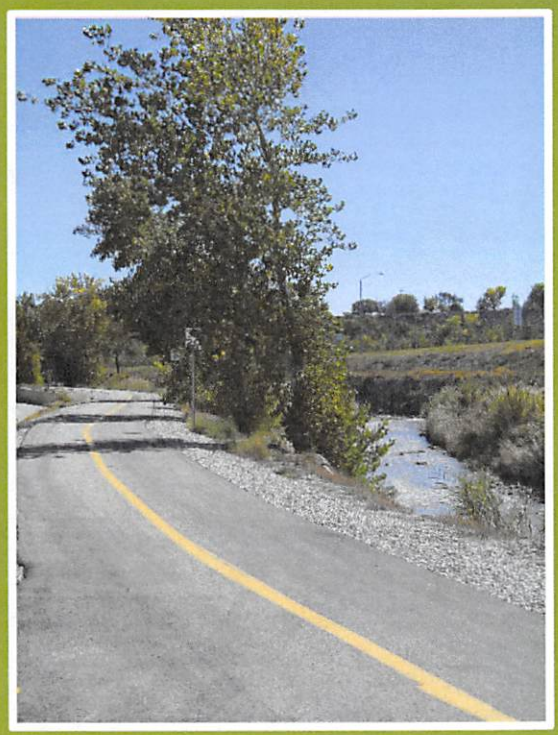
Chapter 3: Trails



The Vision for Price Trails

The Price City Trails System is being designed to ensure connections of individual neighborhoods within the city and a linking system between City parks, open spaces and facilities. The trails system will make a significant contribution to the quality of life enjoyed in Price.

Trails System

A system of an existing and potential trails plan is shown on the Master Plan Map on page 7. This system incorporates 1) natural trails for pedestrians, equestrians, mountain bikes, and ATVs, 2) paved bike and pedestrian paths, and 3) bike lanes.

Trails System

Amenities:

Natural trails are primitive paths in open dirt and rock areas. Trails intended for pedestrian, equestrian and mountain bike use usually having a minimum width of 3 to 4 feet. Also included are ATV trails, which are created and used more naturally over the existing terrain.

Paved Paths are developed with a hard surface of pavement or concrete. The trails are intended for use by both bicyclists and pedestrians. They should be 10 feet wide and built to the standards of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) for a Class I Bike Path.

Bike Lanes utilize vehicle roadways for use by bicyclists only to access local facilities and connect to other trails. These lanes, developed according to AASHTO bikeway standards, include:

- Class II Bike Lanes -Striped lanes adjacent to the curb on a roadway.
- Class III Bike Routes –An existing street that is signed for on-street bicycle use.

Chapter 3: Trails

Trails System

#	Natural Trails
1	Price River Equestrian Trail
2	North Hills Equestrian Trail and Loop
3	East Canal Trail
4	Meads Wash Trail

#	Paved Trails
5	Price River Trail
6	South River Trail and Loop
7	North Hills Trail
8	West Canal Trail
9	Pioneer Trail
10	1900 East Trail

Bike Lanes
Several streets are planned with bike lanes as indicated on the map on page 7.

Chapter 3: Trails

Trailheads

An important feature of the Price City Trail System is the network of trailhead parks at various locations throughout the city. Trailhead parks are planned to provide an information kiosk, with maps and other materials.

Other features that should be included at trailheads are covered tables and benches and a drinking fountain. Key or heavily used locations should also include restrooms. Landscaping with shade trees might be desirable in some locations.

Planned trailhead locations are indicated on the map on page 7.

#	Planned Trail Heads
1	Price River Trail at 100 North
2	North Hills Trail at Atwood Complex
3	Price River Trail at Carbon Avenue
4	Meads Wash Trail at Cedar Hills Drive/100 N.
5	East Canal Trail at Airport Road
6	South River Trail at Fairgrounds Road

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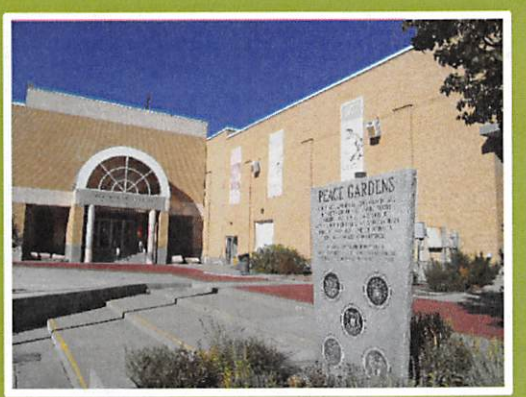
Chapter 4: Facilities

City Indoor and Desert Wave Pools

250 East 500 North

The Price City aquatic complex next to Washington Park is comprised of two pools that provide opportunities for fun, lap swimming, diving and swimming lessons. Both pools are open year round, with the Desert Wave having a bubble covering except during summer months. Features include an aqua climb, spray cannons, deck sprays and float tubes.



Price City Town Square

1 East Main Street

The Price City Town Square is a campus of civic and cultural facilities, including City Hall, the City Library, the Peace Garden, the Civic Auditorium and the USU-E Prehistoric Museum. The Civic Auditorium is a well-used cultural facility for local productions and performances. The museum serves as an important repository housing over 750,000 prehistoric specimens from around the state of Utah.

Future Recreation Center

A potential future community recreation has been listed among the desired facilities by the public in the visioning processes for this plan and the Price City General Plan. No specific plans or timing have yet been identified.

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Chapter 5: Goals

Overview

- Goals Philosophy
- Parks and Recreation Goals

Goals Philosophy

The philosophy behind the setting and accomplishing of goals in the Price Parks and Recreation Master Plan is that the goals will reflect the desires of the community and the intent of the City when the plan was approved. Inherent to the nature and establishment of these goals is that a good measure of flexibility is necessary to both achieve the goals and set the priorities. A goal is only a wish until it is acted upon. Yet, the actions may be redefined and the goals may be redirected, or take on a new focus.

The goals within this plan are set to reflect the priorities recommended by the Citizens Advisory Board, the Planning Commission and the City Council. One of the key goals listed herein is that priorities for parks, trails and recreation projects should be reviewed regularly. Additionally, since the priorities of plan goals will shift over time and new goals may need to be set, the plan itself should experience a comprehensive review and update at least every five years.

The goals, strategies, and actions found herein are formulated based on the following approach:

1. Goals represent the broad, big picture. All things done hereafter hinge on whether they achieve desired goals

2. Strategies are the usable ideas on how to achieve the goals. Though more specific than goals, they lack detail needed to actually get started

3. Actions are where the rubber hits the road. These are measurable, executable steps that can be taken immediately to achieve desired goals.

4. Timing of the process orders and organizes the actions, creating a timeline for accomplishing goals

Goal 1. Provide for parks and recreation facilities and services to enhance residents' quality of life.

Strategies	Actions	Timing	Agency
A. Establish a plan for the development and improvement of parks and recreation facilities and services to include citizen involvement.	i. Implement and update the 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
C. Upgrade and maintain the existing parks and recreational facilities on a regular basis.	i. Enhance or replace equipment as needed.	Ongoing	Public Works, Parks
	ii. Establish an "Adopt a Park" program.	0-2 years	Public Works, Parks
	iii. Explore possibilities for partners to help fix up the Sherriff Posse area.	0-5 years	City Council, Public Works, Parks
	iv. Establish and provide some funding for a tree committee to oversee the planting and removal of public trees.	0-2 years	City Council
D. 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 facility and service expansion needs.	Ongoing	City Council, Public Works, Parks

Goal 2. Develop a system of recreational trails throughout the community.

Strategies	Actions	Timing	Agency
A. Continue to enhance 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	Parks and Recreation Committee
	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
B. Coordinate the City Trails System with Carbon County and other interested parties.	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
	ii. Identify and resolve physical, fiscal and political barriers to trail development.	0-2 years	Parks and Recreation Committee

Goal 3. Provide recreational and cultural facilities and services to enhance residents' quality of life.

Strategies	Actions	Timing	Agency
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 to the continuance and improvement of the annual International Days celebration.	Ongoing	City Council, City Staff
	iii. Review and plan opportunities for winter-time special community events.	Ongoing	City Council, City Staff, Parks and Recreation Committee
	iv. Encourage and support the success of the USU-E Prehistoric Museum.	Ongoing	City Council, City Staff
	v. Promote the establish-ment of community built playgrounds.	Ongoing	City Council, City Staff
B. Plan for the use and needs of recreation facilities.	i. Review and update existing recreation policies for parks, trails, and pools to ensure community needs are met.	Ongoing	City Council, City Staff
	ii. Explore potential for adding outdoor features and programs including disc golf and fitness courses.	0-5 years	City Staff, Parks and Recreation Committee

EXHIBIT A
Community Visioning Workshop - Exercises Results

How to Spend a $1 Million Recreation Grant

Group 1:

1. ADA access through town
2. Bikeable/walkable communities
3. Re-forest the parks
4. Soccer and youth baseball complex
5. Cover the Peace Garden stage

Group 2:

1. Washington park stage
2. Recreation center
3. Teen entertainment center
4. Splash pad (modern)
5. Purchase the Posse grounds
6. Structure over the Wave Pool

Electronic Polling Survey

1. Do you feel Price offers sufficient recreational facilities and programs?	Yes = 50%, No = 50%
2. Are there enough parks and open spaces within Price City?	Yes= 77%
3. On average, how often do you visit a park?	Once a week or more= 61%
4. If there were more / better parks I would visit more often.	Agree / strongly agree= 61%
5. In which areas of town are more parks with some amenities needed?	North/east of Cedar Hills = 38% South of Highway 6 = 23%
6. Price needs a system of more, connecting recreational trails.	Agree / strongly agree=69%
7. On average, how often do you ride a bicycle?	Never = 38%, 1-2 times week = 23% Few times a year = 23%
8. Do You Agree? If there were more trails I would use them more often.	Agree / strongly agree =53%
9. In which areas of town are recreational trails most needed?	All areas = 31%, Connecting city parks = 23%
10. Which new recreational facilities are most important for Price?	Bike/ped trails = 38%, Rec Center =23%
11. Do You Agree? The community needs a new recreation center.	Agree / strongly agree = 61%
12. For which of these would you be most willing to pay additional taxes?	Recreation Center = 31% More trails = 31%
13. Do You Agree? The recreation programs available are sufficient.	Agree / strongly agree = 42%

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Exhibits

Mapping Exercise

Top areas where parks or recreation improvements are needed:

1. Washington Park
2. Pioneer Park
3. Atwood baseball complex
4. Terrace / Dino Mine Park
5. East side (1900 East area) park

Top locations regularly visited:

1. Downtown / City Hall / Peace Gardens
2. Other downtown locations
3. Washington Park
4. Pioneer Park
5. Atwood baseball complex area

Other Comments

1. Need bike racks – no place to park bikes - at Wave Pool, Smith's, Walmart, K-Mart, Fresh Market, etc., and some downtown as well
2. Put bike/pedestrian routes on lower traffic roads where possible
3. Better tennis courts
4. Need shade trees around Dino Mine Park

EXHIBIT B
Advisory Committee Recommendations

A. Community Tour: Facility Improvements

Peace Garden
1. Provide an outdoor access to restrooms
2. Add a water feature
3. Provide a moveable backdrop with a covering for the platform, using a Price sunset design

Washington Park
1. A new basketball court and horse shoes pits are being installed
2. Add a mini-stage, gazebo or extend pavilion for performances
3. Do not remove any trees when installing new facilities
4. Replace older trees when needed

Pioneer Park
1. Add a gazebo near the north end, not to interrupt area of sledding
2. Improve terracing, landscaping in northwest
3. Add picnic cabanas
4. Re-plant pine trees as needed

Olson Reservoir
1. Tear down eastern dirt wall
2. Make into open space storm water detention with a trail loop, divest extra property

Cove Basin Park
1. Increase use as a dog park
2. Provide a playground
3. Plant more trees, xeriscaping
4. Upgrade the trail
5. Provide a parking area

Heritage Park
1. Add a tot lot playground
2. Provide a wider entrance for large vehicles

Terrace Hills Park
1. Review optional locations for a splash pad
2. Expand lawn for soccer field and/or xeriscaping areas to Cedar Hills Drive
3. Add restrooms by softball field and Dino-Mine
4. Add parking area by softball field

Atwood Baseball Complex / Trailhead
1. Provide a trailhead park with picnic cabana
2. Add a kiosk with trails maps
3. Improve east side road and parking area
4. Expand ball fields in the northeast area or in Posse grounds (re-locate Posse to Fairgrounds?)

1900 East Future Park
1. Open space park with areas for paintball, dogs

Fausett Lane Future Park
1. Review optional locations either north or south of Fausett Lane, east of Main Street
2. Provide a playground and picnic pavilion
3. Study other possible amenities

Price River Carbon Avenue Trailhead Park
1. Add restrooms and picnic tables and lights

Rose Park
1. Provide a bigger picnic pavilion

South Park
1. Add horse shoe pits by the playground

Price River 100 North Trailhead / Open Space Park
1. Trade property with owners for larger park area on east side of river
2. Add restrooms and picnic tables
3. Maintain trees in the area

B. Other Committee Recommendations
1. Establish a "Day of Caring" and "Adopt a Park" programs, in coordination with United Way, to help maintain the parks and cemetery
2. More emphasis on updating and enhancing playgrounds and park equipment
3. Acquire property behind JB's and Burger King for a trailhead park
4. Develop a dog park
5. Provide more winter activities, including a walking path/area for Christmas lights
6. Reach out and involve the school, county and other agencies with facility planning