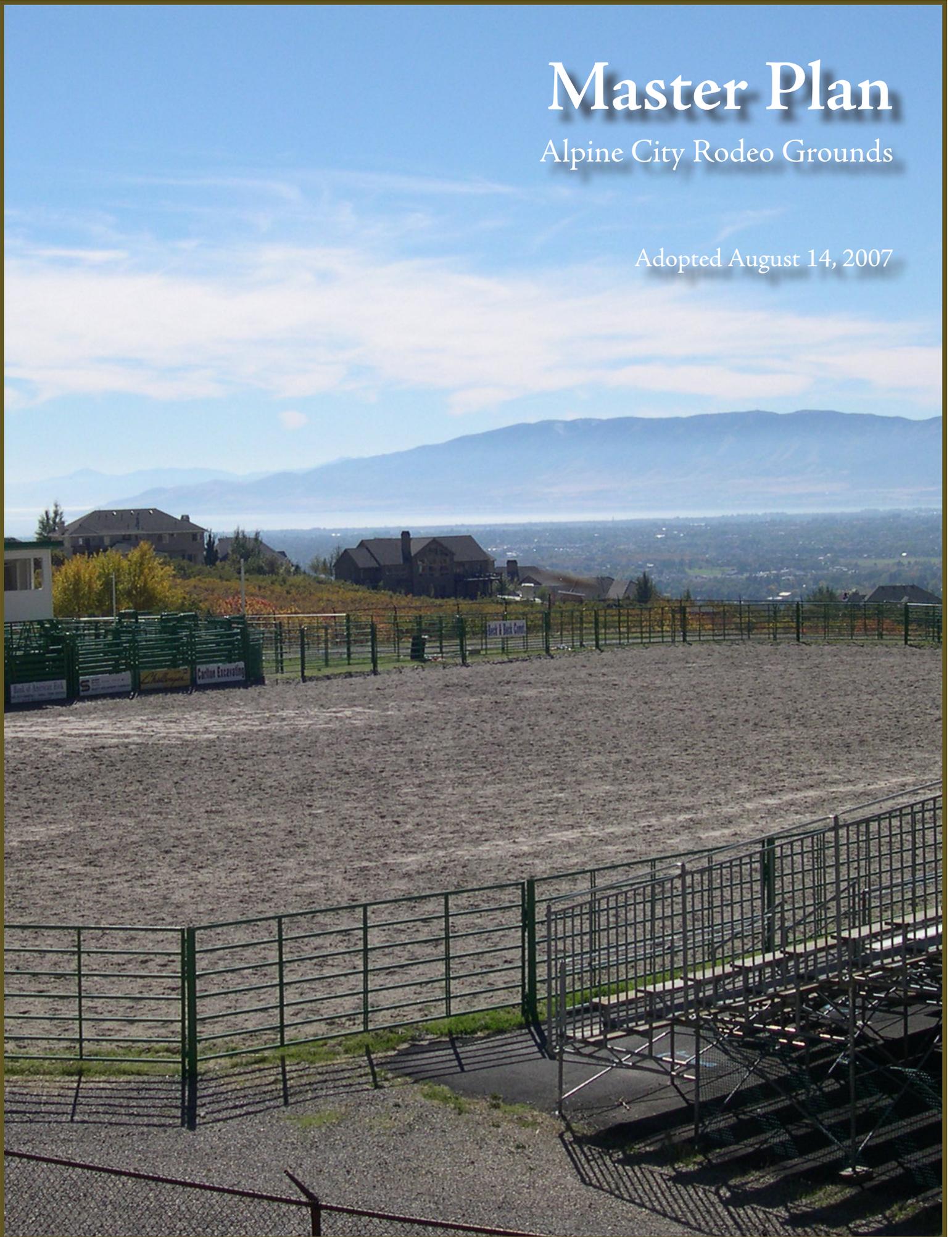


Master Plan

Alpine City Rodeo Grounds

Adopted August 14, 2007



Introduction

For a long time, Alpine residents have enjoyed an annual rodeo. Over the years, several rodeo grounds have been employed. The park north and east of the City Hall was used for many years until the church was built. The area at 119 East 200 North was also used as well as corral grounds of local residents. In the 1940's, Alpine City acquired the northern part of Lambert Park; and in the 1980s the rodeo grounds was moved to its present location in Lambert Park. By the late 1990s, the rodeo grounds became dilapidated and unsafe to use. It has since been rebuilt and enlarged to its current size and enjoys a sweeping view of one of most beautiful natural vistas in the state.

Purpose

The purpose of the Alpine City Rodeo Grounds Master Plan is to provide a long term vision of what the rodeo grounds ought to become for the residents of the community and to balance the uses of Lambert Park for rodeos vs. other recreational uses. It is to provide high level guidance regarding the use, improvement, maintenance, security, and governance of the rodeo grounds to achieve the vision. The master plan is not expected to include detailed operational procedures, which should be written and maintained in a separate document.

Area Covered

The Rodeo Grounds is defined to be the area indicated on the map in Appendix A. It is designated as Semi-improved Recreational Open Space (see Open Space Ordinance Section 3.16.6.3.5). The areas designated for potential event parking are also indicated on the attached map.

Vision Statement

Alpine City desires to maintain, improve, and protect the rodeo grounds within Lambert Park. The vision of the rodeo grounds is to provide family entertainment, recreation, inspiration, and learning in harmony with Alpine's pioneer and Old West heritage and small town values. The vision includes preserving the natural look and feel of the rodeo grounds whenever possible as well as an unobstructed view of the sweeping mountain panorama of the Wasatch Front. Development of the rodeo grounds is to be consistent with the vision of Lambert Park and the Open Space Ordinance in order to preserve and protect the environment in this area.

Establishment and Purpose of the Rodeo Grounds Committee

The Rodeo Grounds Committee shall be established by the Alpine City Council and shall consist of five (5) members. The members shall be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City Council. Two (2) of the five (5) members of the Rodeo Grounds Committee shall be two standing members from the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PRO) Committee.

The Rodeo Grounds Committee is an advisory body whose purpose is to make recommendations to the PRO Committee, Planning Commission, and City Council. These recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, the use, improvement, maintenance, security, and relevant costs and fees for any and all activities which take place at the rodeo grounds. The Rodeo Grounds Committee shall also be responsible to define, organize, promote, and schedule appropriate events at the rodeo grounds and recommend rental rates and availability.

The Rodeo Grounds Committee shall submit an annual report, project list, and budget request to the City Council addressing current status of the rodeo grounds, intended improvements, utilization guidelines for event and resident usage, and targeted maintenance efforts.

The Goals of the Alpine City Rodeo Grounds Master Plan

Goal 1.0 Environment

Ensure that all events, facility utilization, improvements, operations, and maintenance efforts promote and sustain the environmental aesthetics embraced in the Rodeo Grounds Master Plan's vision, the City's open space and zoning ordinances, and the unique heritage of Lambert Park.

Objective 1.1 Events and activities should not harm or degrade the Rodeo Grounds or surrounding grounds (flora, fauna) or facilities. Sponsors and participants should practice "leave no trace" ethics to preserve the natural setting and reduce maintenance costs. All temporary residuals (trash, signs, posters etc.) should be removed by the sponsor(s).

Objective 1.2 Frequency of events and / or activities should be aligned with the environmental capacities of the rodeo grounds and surrounding areas to not degrade or impair park settings.

Goal 2.0 Event Types

Objective 2.1 Establish a facility use guideline as to the types of events that will fit the vision of this plan.

The following are suggested examples of use of the rodeo grounds:

- Alpine resident equestrian use
- Alpine Days
- Rodeos
- Country western or blue grass fiddling concerts
- 4H and FFA events

Use of the rodeo grounds for sponsored events should be considered as an "as is state" and not provide for infrastructure or improvements that are not already existing at the facility.

Objective 2.2 Guidelines and rules for access to and use of the rodeo grounds for resident use (non-sponsored events) shall be established by the Rodeo Grounds Committee and approved by the City Council and evaluated on an annual basis as part of their annual or periodic review.

Resident usage should be compliant with Rodeo Grounds Master Plan environmental guidelines relative to “leave no trace” ethics and personal accountability.

Goal 3.0 Improvement

The Alpine City rodeo grounds is primarily for the use and enjoyment of Alpine residents. Improvements to the rodeo grounds are intended to establish, support, and maintain the vision created in this master plan. As such certain facility improvements are found to be consistent with the Rodeo Grounds Master Plan; others are inconsistent as specified below.

Objective 3.1 To protect Lambert Park and maintain and improve the rodeo grounds for the next 30 years, the following direction is given:

1. Envisioned Improvements. Facility improvement guidelines shall be established for the types of events that will fit the vision of this plan. All relevant changes, alterations, and improvements shall be subject to current City ordinances.

Objective 3.2 In order to meet the uses of the rodeo grounds, the following should be considered:

1. Parking. The primary parking shall be the area next to the rodeo grounds marked Area A and B on the map (55 and 100 parking spaces respectively). The secondary parking shall be next to and south of the irrigation pond, marked Area C on the map (186 parking spaces). The Bowery marked Area D and E on the map (232 and 52 parking spaces) shall be overflow parking, used only with permission of the City Council. The City Council will decide how often the overflow can be used to protect the Bowery. If use of the Bowery is denied or additional parking is needed a shuttle plan shall be submitted. Parking requirement shall be one (1) parking space for every two and one-half (2-1/2) persons attending.

2. Parking on Grass may not be allowed during periods of extreme fire danger as directed by the Fire Chief.

3. Parking Lots A and B next to the rodeo grounds are intended for special needs parking only, such as elderly, disability, horse trailers, etc.

4. **Paving and grading.** Pave the road to the rodeo grounds and parking lot A (below rodeo grounds, see map.) Also pave the road to the Bowery and the parking lot by its restroom and loop. The area inside the arena fence may be paved. Parking lot C may be leveled and reseeded; it can be extended to the south inside the existing boulders (see map). Each lot shall be mowed before each use.
5. **Utilities.** Water, sewage, phone, pressurized irrigation, and electricity may be installed.
6. **Lighting.** Permanent lighting may be installed or temporary lighting may be used inside the rodeo grounds and shall be regulated by the City Council for time and use restrictions. No permanent lighting shall be used outside the rodeo grounds. Temporary lighting may be used outside the rodeo grounds with the approval of the City Council.
7. **Seating.** The wooden benches on the bleachers need to be replaced or upgraded to prevent splinters. All the bleachers may need to be replaced or upgraded in the future to meet OSHA standards. All bleachers need to be enclosed around the bottom to prevent spectators from climbing underneath them. The fence on the east side may be moved and additional seating created on the hillside (amphitheater style concrete benches.)

Seating shall be added as the Rodeo Grounds Committee can show that the required amount of on-site or off-site parking can be provided.

Additional seating may be purchased to bring the seating capacity to the intended maximum attendance of 2000 persons.
8. **Landscape Plan.** A comprehensive landscape plan should be submitted to the City Council for approval for any plantings including trees and sprinkler system within the semi-improved recreational open space area.
9. **Concessions Stands.** Permanent concessions stands may be built or a pad providing an area for concessions stands.
10. **Other Improvements Which May Be Added.** Additional bathrooms, flag pole, score board, City-owned tractor for grading arena, and "Tot lot" play area.

Goal 4.0 Maintenance, Repair, and Safety

The Rodeo Grounds Committee shall make recommendations on the ongoing maintenance, repair, and safety issues of the rodeo grounds as part of its annual review or as warranted.

- Objective 4.1** To ensure the continuing high-quality operation of the rodeo grounds, an inspection schedule and general maintenance schedule shall be established by the Alpine City Parks Department. In the event of disrepair, City parks workers, under the direction of City staff shall have the authority to repair, replace, or reconstruct such areas or structures.
- Objective 4.2** Accountability for event safety, traffic control, anti-vandalism measures, fire, police and paramedic protection shall be the responsibility of the applicant or petitioner using the rodeo grounds. Furthermore, for any planned activity utilizing the rodeo grounds, the applicant shall first submit to the City an indemnity agreement and certificate of insurance with an application.
- Objective 4.3** In an effort to minimize traffic in the area, to facilitate parking, and to help emergency vehicles, appropriate permanent or temporary signs directing traffic to the rodeo grounds should be designed by and installed under the direction of the City staff.
- Objective 4.4** The Rodeo Grounds Committee shall establish a set of Rules and Regulations for rodeo grounds use. This should be written and proposed by the Rodeo Grounds Committee, reviewed and recommended by the PRO committee, reviewed and recommended by the Planning Commission, and approved by the City Council. Each year after the annual report, the Rules and Regulations should be reviewed for any amendments.

These rules and regulations may include, but are not limited to:

- Capacity limit for humans
- Capacity limit for animals
- Frequency of events (events with fewer than 100 people and events with over 100 people)
- Limits on hours of operation
- Noise decibels levels
- Daytime usage
- Night time usage
- Parking
- Rental fees and preparation fees
- Deposit
- Clean up/dumpsters
- Arena restrictions
- County health and gathering permits
- Shuttle transport to rodeo grounds
- Returning grounds to original condition following use

APPENDIX A

