



## Hawaiian Falls To Expand

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The Colony city council approved zoning for an expansion to Hawaiian Falls water park despite several neighbors voicing opposition to the plan.

The council, meeting alongside the planning and zoning board, voted 6-0 for expansion with Council Member Perry Schrag absent. The council added on seven conditions to their approval, and also arranged so that the park could stay open until 9 p.m., later than its present 8:30 p.m. close, to accommodate concerts at the park.

Plans include the creation of "the world's first Veggie Tales Spray Garden," said Dave Busch, a Hawaiian Falls representative, and other improvements that he said will help attract more people to the park.

"It will be the type that people from all over the country will want to come see," Busch said.

The plan includes a stage that a water park official said is set to host Christian music acts on Friday nights during the open season. The stage is slated to point southward, away from homes.

The park expects to add about 6,000 feet of shade and \$30,000 worth of landscaping.

The plan would move new attractions to a piece of land on the east end of the park. It also would include additional parking on the north side. The new parking area still needs a deal on a utilities easement.

The investment was expected to come in at about \$410,000.

Some neighbors in The Legends subdivision stated their opposition to the expansion plans. They said the park brings trash, vandalism, traffic, and a decline in home values to the neighborhood.

Neighbor Flora Wish told the council and commission that she called police to address noise and loud music concerns at the park several times last summer.

"I don't want to live across from a water park, and I can't afford to move," she told the council.

Clint Hill, Hawaiian Parks general manager, said the park has trash cans in the park and in the parking lot, and Bush sought to ease concerns over the neighbors' complaints.

"We are absolutely going to be, and have been, a great neighbor, and we will be a better neighbor," Busch said.