

NEWS RELEASE:

**City of Logan Parks and Recreation Department
EARNS NATIONAL ACCREDITATION**

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What: National Accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies

When: October 13, 2009

Where: National Recreation and Park Association 2009 Congress and Exposition,
Salt Lake City, Utah

On October 13, 2009 the City of Logan Parks and Recreation Department became one of only eighty-eight agencies in the country currently holding national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). This distinguished accomplishment was announced in Salt Lake City, UT at the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) 2009 Congress and Exposition.

The process of accreditation is extensive and took several years to accomplish. After the initial application, the agency completed a detailed self-assessment report followed by a visit to the City of Logan by a team of experienced park and recreation professionals. Finally, a review was conducted by CAPRA and accreditation was formally conferred by the Commission on October 13, 2009.

National accreditation requires park and recreation agencies to respond to 155 standards representing elements of effective and efficient park and recreation operations. To become accredited, agencies must fully meet 36 standards deemed fundamental to a quality agency and at least 102 of the remaining standards.

Director of Parks and Recreation, Russ Akina accepted the National Accreditation Recognition Award for the City of Logan Parks and Recreation Department at the accreditation hearing before the Commission.

The Commission is comprised of representatives from the National Recreation and Park Association, the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration, the National Association of County Park and Recreation Officials, the International City/County Managers Association, American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation, the Armed Forces Recreation Society, and the Council of State Executive Directors.

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