

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SPRINGVILLE CITY COMMUNITY BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE CIVIC CENTER, 110 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SPRINGVILLE, UTAH, IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.

Board Members and Staff in Attendance: Bryan BJ Smith, Byran Korth, Carla Wiese, Cason Acor, Chelsea Rosander, Josh Yost, Liz Crandall, Dave Cook, Deborah Hall, Mariah Hurst, Kelly Norman, and Patrick Monney.

Excused: Scott Duncan, Alex Dahl, Jennifer Grigg, Mayor Matt Packard, Mike Florence, Thomas Jones, and Todd Fischio.

Mariah called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Cason moved to approve the minutes from April 19, 2023, and Dave seconded the motion. All voted aye.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mariah welcomed the board and turned the time over to Cason for a recap of the last meeting. Cason explained community stakeholders were identified and plans were made to interact with them. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1b0f1jqA4uXKwqLpE6vtaFOvDHVEqtaBA2XQBTvN7LiY/edit#gid=0> He concluded by reporting that the board identified potential next steps and addressed how amorphous (a•mor•phous, *adjective*, lacking clear structure or focus) the process can be going forward. Mariah moved on to note the board was tasked to score the Springville City 2010 General Plan according to this matrix. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZDbM0EiGZaC4jyz6SPqMSjIEWGq7oU_M.

She asked members to choose a section from the *PAS Report 578* to demonstrate scoring and the board chose *2.1 Harmony with Nature*. Mariah asked members to report their scores for this section. Josh said the staff would create a Google doc with scores. The board discussed how the matrix applied to the 2010 General Plan. Cason said the current general plan had goals and objectives without enough execution, implementation, or accountability. Mariah said to not score the existing plan by what Springville is doing but by what was supposed to happen. The board addressed wetlands and steep topography. Josh reiterated that general plans are about policy and principles including an implementation plan to revise and review the current plans according to adopted policies and principles. He also noted that policy involves aesthetics as well as safety. BJ explained the scoring criteria and suggested the current general plan meets the criteria for a high score.

Mariah moved on to a discussion of carbon footprints and the board concluded that language triggers political frustration in this community. Cason asked about incentives to improve the carbon footprint in Springville. Josh explained net metering and the diversity of our power portfolio. He said that as development continues and electric vehicles increase the Power Department will struggle to secure enough power resources for our increasing power demands. BJ further defined scoring and concluded that the new general plan should update vocabulary to match the community philosophy when addressing harmony with nature. He also said a score of one or two for the existing plan does not mean that the line item needs improvement in the future plan. Deborah said the board needs to decide what items need to

be revised. Mariah reviewed previous decisions on avoiding buzzwords. Byran said he decided not to judge the plan by how it is functioning today and the board members all need to be on the same page when scoring. Chelsea said Springville's abundance of wetlands contributes to reducing our carbon footprint. Kelly said the mountainside is full of vegetation (also reducing our carbon footprint) as well and Springville is naturally a healthy place. Byran read the scoring criteria best practices from the *PAS Report 578* (page 210). Josh said the biggest shortfall of the existing plan is no plan for implementation or criteria to judge if the policies are met. Dave asked if this is a waste of time without a matrix. Josh said this discussion is a valuable jump-start to the discovery phase of the process of creating a new general plan. Dave asked if our existing general plan can be judged through today's politically correct lens. Kelly reiterated that Springville is doing good when it comes to developing in harmony with nature. Josh suggested 160 years of poor creek management is not in harmony with nature and recent flood trouble could have been avoided.

BJ pointed out the importance collecting data again. Mariah agreed and suggested requiring more data to track measurable goals. Josh said performance indicators should be included with each goal. Carla said technology has improved since the existing general plan was written and a low score could indicate information gathering has improved (when you know better, do better). Mariah said stakeholders will not care about certain aspects of this existing plan and we cannot shove that down their throats. The board moved on to air quality. Arden Pope, a BYU professor who is an expert in air quality, lives in Springville. Josh said there is not an air quality monitor station in Springville and our power plant and certain businesses affect air quality.

BJ asked about a better solar incentive. Josh explained net metering. Dave said the power department is like a bank for Springville. Patrick explained Springville City has a diverse power market portfolio including some hydro, solar, and wind power which depend on consistent water, sun, or wind. He said providing power is a continuous responsibility for Springville City. The plan should look forward to advancements in providing power to guide decisions made by elected officials along with staff and that currently the majority of our power is provided by natural gas. Mariah said there are ways of being open to innovation in the general plan. Josh said the general plan is a guide to prevent random decision-making.

BJ clarified the existing plan encourages high-density housing on Main Street. Dave asked about low-income housing and the median income of Springville. Josh said housing objectives are laid out in the document and high-density housing is the most efficient with less carbon footprint than single-family housing. Mariah led the board in a discussion of scoring all the weaknesses in the existing general plan and prioritizing what this conservative community wants in the new general plan. Cason said the rubric leans progressive. Discussion of scoring continued. Byran asked about a record of the comments and lamented that the rubric would have been helpful a year ago instead of relying on our memory. Mariah and Deborah agreed that the minutes can be cumbersome (cum•ber•some, *adjective*, slow or complicated and therefore inefficient) and suggested listing bullet points or highlights of meetings moving forward. BJ said previous meetings provided a baseline idea of the general plan even without the rubric. Deborah said this meeting has clarified the scoring for her to move forward. BJ agreed and said the results will be more consistent now that the board is on the same page. Byran said if each board member interprets the scoring differently, the aggregate score does no good. The board workshopped for a few minutes and decided on a unified approach to scoring. Mariah assigned Cason to create bullet points for future meetings. Deborah asked about adding implementation to the future general plan. Byran pointed

82 out that implementation is already included in the existing general plan. BJ praised working with
objectives and strategies.

84 The board moved on to scoring for the criteria *plan for improved health and safety for at-risk*
populations. Mariah said the goal to strengthen neighborhoods already includes at-risk populations.
86 Byran said the new plan needs to acknowledge at-risk populations. Cason suggested that the definition
of at-risk populations needs to be expanded or clarified in the new plan ([https://aspr.hhs.gov/at-](https://aspr.hhs.gov/at-risk/Pages/default.aspx)
88 [risk/Pages/default.aspx](https://aspr.hhs.gov/at-risk/Pages/default.aspx)). Chelsea said health and safety are already addressed in the existing plan
through zoning. BJ said the topic of health and safety has a thread throughout the entire existing general
90 plan but does not synthesize (syn•the•size *verb*, combine a number of things into a coherent whole) that
topic into an action. Mariah agreed and said being general is not helpful. Byron said the existing plan
92 does not specifically plan to protect vulnerable populations from natural hazards like creek flooding. Josh
pointed out that two of our mobile home parks are exposed to the creek flooding and at-risk populations
94 are vulnerable due to economic or demographic criteria. Chelsea agreed and added elderly are more
vulnerable to earthquakes. BJ said as we score, we should address population vulnerabilities and make
96 value decisions. Mariah suggested more data to make our new general plan more user-friendly.

88 Mariah divided the board into partnerships. After the breakout, Josh defined brownfields
(brown•field, *noun*, a former industrial or commercial site where future use is affected by real or perceived
environmental contamination) that Springville does not have. Mariah suggested scoring together or in
100 partnerships in the next meeting. Cason said after today's discussion each member can go through the
rubric on their own. Kelly said scoring and strategies should be combined. BJ said identifying what is in
102 the plan and what needs to be in the plan is our job. Deborah suggested partnering and focusing on a
few sections.

104 Mariah asked the existing partners to summarize an assigned section together before the next
meeting and prepare a presentation. The next meeting is Thursday, June 01, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

106 ADJOURNMENT BY CONSENSUS 9:08 p.m.

112 *This document constitutes the official minutes for the Springville City Community Board Meeting*
held on Thursday, May 11, 2023.

114 *I, Jennifer Grigg, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified, and acting Deputy*
Recorder for Springville City, of Utah County, State of Utah. I do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes
116 *represent a true and accurate, and complete record of this meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 2023.*

118 DATE APPROVED: June 01, 2023

Jennifer Grigg
Deputy Recorder