



CITY OF OREM
Orem Neighborhood Commission
April 24, 2024

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Recording Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=607POjyq9Lk>

5:30 PM REGULAR SESSION - Meeting was held in person in the Public Works Conference Room, 1450 W 550 N Orem, UT 84057.

ATTENDING:

Commission Members - Kim Anderson, Margaret Black, Carolyn Blossil, Reed Farnsworth, Amy Green, Rachele Holmberg, Debbie Lamb, Karen McCandless, Tami Moore, David Moulton, Cinzia Noble, Linda Parkinson, Mark Seastrand, Jenny Scribner, Truman Van Cott

City Council - LaNae Millett

City Staff - Keri Rugg, Jennica Jones, Sgt. Glenn Giles

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

Commission Members - Sunday Meservy, Rob Shaw

0:11 - Jenny Scribner called the meeting to order and attendees introduced themselves.

1:41 - Approval of minutes from the February 29, 2024 meeting.

2:04 - Sgt. Giles from the Orem Police Department (OPD) provided an update on the OPD's recent and upcoming events and initiatives and about the services the OPD can provide to neighborhoods.

14:49 - Councilmember LaNae Millett led a discussion on the City's vision for the Neighborhood Commission and asked commission members to help foster communication between the City and residents to ensure that needs are communicated to the City so the City can direct the appropriate resources to fill those needs.

Ms. Millett then explained that the City is preparing to update its General Plan and asked Neighborhood Commission members to review their existing neighborhood plans (which can be found at orem.org/longrangeplanning) so they can provide feedback.

Ms. Millett then led a discussion on the future possibility of holding more events (such as City-sponsored picnics) in neighborhoods and stated that the goal of these events would be to build connection among Orem residents and to provide a way for residents to interact and communicate with Neighborhood Commission members and City staff and leaders, particularly about needs or projects happening in or around their neighborhoods.



Commission members asked about the possibility of having a booth at Oremfest to advertise the Neighborhood Commission and its role in the City. Jennica Jones and Keri Rugg stated that they would find a way to have the Neighborhood Commission represented at Oremfest.

45:02 - Jennica Jones led a discussion on the City's upcoming Kindness Week from April 29 - May 4 and the daily themes. She invited Commission members to attend the Orem Birthday Party/Service Event at Nielsen's Grove Park on May 4 from 9 - 11 AM. She also stated that she would share the daily Kindness Week themes for commission members to advertise in their neighborhoods.

55:00 - Jennica Jones introduced the Kindness Award categories (Ambassador of Kindness, Kindest Business, and Kindest School) and nominations, explained the voting process, and answered questions about the nominations. Commission members proceeded to individually rank the nominations for each category from their highest preference to lowest preference on individual score sheets. Each member turned their individual score sheet in to Jennica Jones, who described that she would tabulate the scores and invite the Neighborhood Commission members to the future City Council meeting where the winners would be recognized.

1:10:52 - Jenny Scribner opened up the meeting for any neighborhood concerns or questions. This led to discussion of properties along 1600 N (particularly the intersection between 1600 N and 400 E), the section of Center Street between the freeway and Geneva Road, the water tank on 400 S 400 W, road noise on 800 N, and the old VASA property on 800 N.

1:22:55 - Commission members discussed the timeline for the next meeting, and said they preferred Wednesday or Thursday evenings.

Jennica Jones also provided an update on the MyHometown Initiative, stating that the plan was to open up a community resource center in Orem this fall (likely in August or September) and to begin Days of Service in 2025.

Jennica Jones also provided an overview of the action items from this meeting for both commission members and City staff (detailed below).

1:31:52 - Motion to adjourn unanimously passed.

Action Items

For Commission Members

1. Each commission member should connect with their assigned Neighborhood Commission district partner to discuss the following, and should send their ideas to Jennica Jones or bring them to the next meeting:
 - a. Determine the best ways to get information about City resources and events out to residents in their neighborhood district (social media groups, targeted emails, etc.) to improve communication between residents and the City.



- b. Determine the best ways to connect with / interact with residents in their neighborhood district for future City events in neighborhoods (including location and activity ideas).
2. Each commission member should review the previous neighborhood plan from their neighborhood district (all neighborhood plans can be found at <https://orem.org/longrangeplanning/>) so they can provide feedback to the City as the City updates the General Plan.

For City Staff

1. Jennica Jones will share the Kindness Week themes with commission members to share with their neighborhoods
2. Jennica Jones will invite the Neighborhood Commission members to the future City Council meeting where the Kindness Award winners will be recognized.
3. City staff will schedule and plan for a Neighborhood Commission booth at Oremfest where commission members can staff the booth to distribute information about the Neighborhood Commission and interact with residents.