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UINTAH CITY
PLANNING COMMISSION WORK SESSION
Tuesday, November 25th, 2014
6:00 PM



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WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Zeke Swander called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members of Commission Present:

Zeke Swander – Chair, Michelle Roberts- Vice Chair, Glen Woolsey-Member, Todd Burton-Member

Members of Commission Excused:

Scott Dixon

Members of the City Council or Other City Staff Present:

City Council Member – Greg Johnson, City Council Member- Don Pearson, City Council Member- Gordon Cutler, Fire Chief- William Pope, Fire Marshal- James Osgood, Secretary- Amanda Shipley

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Commission members are required by law to file a public disclosure statement with the Secretary listing business interests and investments that could create a conflict of interest with the duties of the Commission Member. When a matter in which a Commission member has a business or investment interest appears on the agenda, the Commission member must publicly disclose that interest.

Zeke Swander asked the Commission if they had any conflicts of interest with tonight's agenda; there were none.

New Business

1. Discussion on Weber Pathways. *(recording: 00:00:51)

Presenter: Mark Benigni & Don Pearson

- Mark Benigni showed a slide show presentation on Weber Pathways that began with their mission: "Plan, promote, construct, and protect non-motorized trails and related open space in Weber County, Utah."
- Weber Pathways vision is: "We are committed to the idea that non-motorized public pathways significantly contribute to our community's economic vitality and quality of life." Mark explained the organization is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization founded in 1995 with the purpose of constructing a trail through Ogden Canyon. They have a 25 member Board of Trustees plus Ad Hoc with two full time staff.
- Weber Pathways operates by planning, promoting and funding pathways and open space and they work with public officials and groups. They manage projects including trail construction, bridge construction and maintenance; volunteer coordination; outing coordination and trail user etiquette awareness.
- Mark spoke about what open space means to you: it protects watersheds, protects wildlife, connects the community, and enhances quality of life. Mark stated they recently connected the North Ogden and Pleasant View trail, both cities used to just go half way and now they can mingle. Weber Pathways has 80 trails covering 450 miles of land.
- There are trails for every taste and ability; walking, hiking, running, horseback riding, mountain biking and cross country skiing.
- There are many health benefits of Pathways including reduction of heart disease, stroke, breast cancer, diabetes, and improvement in symptoms of depression and anxiety.

- Envision Utah has reported our state's population has doubled in the last 30 years, and we're projected to add another 2.5 million people by 2050. An active transportation (pedestrian and bicycle) solution is a necessary transportation mode to maintain our quality of life.
- County or City coordination and adoption are critical. The economic benefits of pathways are: trails benefit real estate; trails attract business and generate commerce.
- To build a trail you must have a general plan that has been adopted, secure an easement, design the trail, obtain rough estimates for cost and apply for funding with matching funds.
- A trail will cost between \$8.00 to \$40.00 per foot.
- When planning for trails you need to:
 - Use the goals, objectives and policy recommendations of the trails plan to guide the creation of an ordinance.
 - It should contemplate to what extent the trails plan and map should be followed.
 - It should contemplate the City's role in building trails.
 - It should contemplate the Developer's role in building trails.
 - It should consider who will maintain the trails.
 - It should consider the standards to which trails shall be built.
- Mark explained we should be thinking about exchanging one cost for another cost with the developer. Be prepared to pay.
- Don Pearson stated Uintah does not have a Pathways plan and there are developments on the horizon right now. We need to preserve Pathways. A plan needs to be set in advance; it may enhance the builder's plans and make it more desirable. This is a recommendation for you to consider in our upcoming general plan, the ball is now in your court.
- Zeke thanked Mark and Don for their time.

2. Meeting Adjournment *(recording 00:56:29)

- Glen Woolsey made a motion to close the Work Session on Pathways taking the information into consideration in the near future.
- Seconded by Todd Burton.
- All in favor, motion passed.

APPROVED by the Planning Commission this 27 day of January, 2015.

Amanda Shipley
Planning Commission Secretary

1/27/15
Date

Zeke Swad
Planning Commission Chairperson

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