

Medical Clinic Design Team

The team reviewed the master site plan as well as the design for the medical clinic. Subsequent to this meeting, we met with the CEO of Family Healthcare to discuss a possible downside of the medical clinic building. The architects talked with the CEO about what could be eliminated and will re-design the building.

Corridor Management Plan

Representative Elison presented his resolution to approve the updated Corridor Management Plan (Scenic Byway SR-9) to the Transportation Committee. The House Committee and Senate have recommended approval, and it will be put before the Governor for his signature.

Zion Regional Collaborative

The quarterly workshop of the group was held in Springdale on February 26 and included representatives from UDOT, Dixie National Forest, Zion National Park, National Park Conservation Association, Virgin River Preservation Association, and the BLM. Here are some of the updates:

Toquerville has 700 homes but entitlements to 6,000. It will be a different community ten years from now. The Parkway has provided a new commercial corridor, a reservoir for recreational activities, and a “bedroom” community.

Sheep Bridge Road will be paved this summer.

Development is slowing down in Hurricane due to infrastructure issues; they are working on road projects and upgrading their water system.

The Virgin Park and Ride is now open.

One of every ten gallons of water produced in Washington County is used on a golf course.

Housing Committee

Tiffany Stouffer from Zion Forever Project has joined the Housing Committee in support of their own role in providing housing for their own employees and employees of Zion National Park. Eight additional units are being built at the Watchman housing area. There will also be two housing units on the East side of the Park. The eight units are Zip homes, and they’ll cost about \$350,000 each.

Legislative Update

The good news is that most of the “problematic” bills in the housing space did not make it through the session. Detached accessory dwelling units are only required to be allowed in cities over 5,000 residents. There will be \$100 million in infrastructure money to open up new housing in cities where that is the impediment to housing.