

Mayor Barbara Bruno
Council Department Report
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Virgin Park and Ride

Greater Zion held a ribbon cutting event for the new parking lot in Virgin and gave much-deserved credit to our Town Manager and the Mayor of Virgin for their work in making this happen so quickly.

Paiute Tribe

Jack, Tom, Ryan, and I attended a meeting of the Tribal Council in Cedar City to discuss the trails in Springdale. The Tribe would like our support in putting their land into a tribal trust, and the Council will discuss that in the May meeting.

Zion Lodge

The lodge in Zion National Park is 100 years old, and I attended an event to commemorate that milestone. Senator Curtis unveiled a painting showing the lodge with the iconic tree in the front lawn and noted that the tree is nearing the end of its life. Superintendent Bradybaugh said that Pwder is doing a great job managing the concessions in the Park.

Navy Day

April 20 was Navy Day at Zion National Park, and there were several events throughout the Park and in Springdale. The day culminated with a performance by the Southwest Navy Band at the O. C. Tanner Amphitheatre.

Zion Regional Collaborative

We held our quarterly workshop in the new Town Hall in Virgin. Some updates that may be of interest are as follows:

Toquerville is considering altering their ordinance to allow disturbing 30 percent slopes for trails only.

Work on pedestrian “tunnels” under Sheep Bridge Road will begin immediately, and after those are completed the paving will begin. It should be done by the end of summer.

The South Campground at Zion National Park should be open by the end of May.

Rockville is considering creating a “Rockville Historic District.”

La Verkin is developing the “top side” at the top of the twist. The SITLA property has been awarded to D. R. Horton Homes for a subdivision. Total property is about 900 acres and they expect about 3,500 units. It will be a slow process. La Verkin is also developing a “downtown” area.

The Pah Tempe Virgin River Canyon Trail is beginning, and it will run from Confluence Park to Highway 9 after the “sand trap” formation.

The Oak Grove Campground at Pine Valley has reopened.

The ridership on Suntran last month was 3400, which is up considerably from last year in April.

The campground at Sheep Bridge Road could eventually have 150 campsites, but they’ll be developed in phases as needed. The initial number should be closer to 40 or 50 sites. The majority of the dispersed campsites that exist now will stay also.