

ELK RIDGE
PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY 19, 2026

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A work session of the Elk Ridge Planning Commission was held on Thursday May 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at 80 E. Park Dr. Elk Ridge Utah.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Lisa Graham, Greg Shelton, Ron Gailey, Andy May, Via Telephone - Dani Schultz

Others: Royce Swensen, *City Recorder*, Melanie Paxton *City Council*, Tanya Willis *City Council*

Public: Marilyn Gabler, Tricia Gunnerson, Bob Briggs, Nancy Briggs, Sherrie Dalton, Mike, Christie Cahoon, Randy Jones, Carol Jones, Nelson Abbott, Tiana Conklin, Dale Conklin, Kelsey Cain, Jinger Cloward, Keith Hayes, Sandra Burke, Brian Burke, Mike Brockbank, Dave Curtis, Becky Sanchez, Leona Long, Lyle Christensen, Kathy Parsons, Jon Kidd, Melissa Kidd, Carlisa Craig, Todd Craig, Rusty Rogers, Linda Rogers, Jared Wilkerson, Shannon Colver, Kevin Colver, KC Bush, Kendal Anderson, Trent Mehlhoff, Russ Kendall

WORK SESSION

Three different sections to discuss retrofitting trails in existing developments as promised by the Planning Commission last year with residents.

2026 TRAILS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

The following roads were discussed at the times listed:

5:30 – Salem Hills Dr. and Canyon View Dr.

6:30 – Hillside Dr, Mahogany Way, and Alpine Dr.

7:30 – Elk Ridge Dr., High Sierra, and Rocky Mountain Way

Lisa Graham went through the process of how the Parks and Trails map was drafted, discussed, and approved in the General Plan. The Parks Trail and Open Space Master Plan take trails in the General Plan and has the finer details such as types of trails, and their specifications, cross sections, and description. No trails on the approved General Plan Trails map are on easements, they are located on the city's right of way. When the Master Plan is completed there will be a public hearing. Trails have been on the city trails map for 20 plus years.

RESIDENT CONCERNS

Residents are concerned about the city taking their property, destroying their landscaping, and losing on-street parking, roads becoming too narrow, where the money would come from, concern about property values, increase risk of fires and traffic. Residents would like survey that is more transparent.

RESIDENT SUGGESTIONS

Suggestions from Residents - spend the city money on other things like fixing the roads, take the trails off the map, put in a cemetery.

EXPLANATIONS, DEFINITIONS AND RESPONSES FORM PLANNING COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS (2)

Timeline - Trails would be done as needed, when safety necessitates. Some trails may not be done for years.

Road share Trail - on the street separated with a line. There would be no parking on a shared road trail.

Right of Way - belongs to the city. The right-of-way includes the paved street plus several feet of land on both sides. Many homes in the older area have extended their yards into the right of way.

Easement - legal right to use a specific part of your land for a limited purpose, enter land to fix water, gas, or electricity lines. even though you own the property. Road share trails are not built on easements

Connectivity - connectivity throughout the city and connect to neighboring cities trails, such as Woodland Hills, Salem, Payson, and Forebay and the Highland Canal trail. Main corridors like Elk Ridge Dr. would take priority. Common sense needs to prevail when retrofitting existing neighborhoods.

Grants - can be used for existing streets, To get grants the city needs to have a plan and show connectivity. The city has received ½ million dollars in grants to improve the parks and a feasibility study for a trail connecting to Woodland Hills.

WUI - Wildland Urban Interface - trails in the WUI area improve the ability to reach fire and create fire breaks

Planning Commission Coordinator