

HEBER CITY CORPORATION
75 North Main Street
Heber City, UT 84032
Heber City Council Meeting
September 1, 2026

DRAFT Minutes

4:00 p.m. Work Meeting
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

I. WORK MEETING - 4:00 P.M.

Mayor Heidi Franco called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone present.

City Council Present: Mayor Heidi Franco
Council Member Yvonne Barney - arrived at 4:24 p.m.
Council Member Aaron Cheatwood - arrived at 4:10 p.m.
Council Member Mike Johnston
Council Member Morgan Murdock
Council Member Sid Ostergaard

Staff Present: City Manager Matt Brower
Assistant City Manager Mark Smedley
Community Development Director Tony Kohler
Planning Manager Jamie Baron
City Engineer Russ Funk
Finance Manager Sara Jane Nagel
City Attorney Jeremy Cook
Deputy City Recorder Andrew Conley
Chief of Police Parker Sever
Business License Specialist Mary Reeves

Staff Participating Remotely: Parks and Cemetery Foreman Brandon Puett, IT Specialist Anthon Beales, Human Resource Manager Cherie Ashe, City Recorder Trina Cooke, Engineering Technician Desiree Muheim, Assistant City Manager J. Mark Smedley, Executive Assistant to the City Manager Lainee Meyers, Public Works Director Matthew Kennard, City Engineer Russ Funk, Finance Director Sara Jane Nagel, and Accounting Technician Wendy Anderson.

Also Present: Pam Patrick, Kit Kosakowski, Tori Broughton, Paul Krueger, Kenneth R. Davis, Kim M. Davis, Jeff Harris, Kristen Blum, Ryan Poulsen, Betsy Russon, Grace Doerfler, Di Ann Duke Turner, Lauren Cole, Scott Powell, Pete Zaceardi, and others who did not sign in or whose handwriting was illegible.

Also Attending Remotely: (names are shown as signed-in online) JS, Phil Jordan, Addie, B, BPollock, Clara Hatcher, Diana Martinez, Grace Doerfler, Jen, JR, Kelly, Max Martin, Mia Yue WTF, MK, RK, S, and Shorty5.

1. 2026 Heber Market on Main (HMOM) Season Summary (Rachel Kahler, CAMS Executive Director) - 30 min

Executive Director for the Community Alliance for Main Street (CAMS) Rachel Kahler provided a presentation reviewing the 2026 Heber Market on Main (HMOM) season as included in the attached meeting materials. The presentation included visitor numbers, thanking partners that helped operate and fund the HMOM, outlining vendor fees and sales tax revenue, and noting additional events hosted at the Main Street Park throughout the summer. She provided the Council with a handout containing community feedback. The feedback was generally positive, especially regarding the free concert series at the HMOM. Some of the concerns mentioned had been the lack of shade during the heat of the summer and that the pavers surrounding the stage were too hot to sit or dance on. Ms. Kahler shared a concern for the lack of ADA parking and proposed designating ADA parking on Festival Street. She shared a few other logistic bumps in the road that had been overcome. It had been difficult to enforce the prohibition of dogs in the park. The vendors had experienced great success at the HMOM and there was a wait list for the following season. She further described the learning process and felt future seasons would see even more success. She recommended upgrading the restrooms as well as offered a few suggestions for smoother operations in future seasons.

Phil Jordan complimented Atkinson Sound for the success of the music events. He noted the backdrop for the stage was still a work in progress. There had been issues with the backdrop due to the wind but they were working through it with the contractor.

2. Red Ledges Development Agreement Amendment (Anthony Kohler) - 30 min

Community Development Director Tony Kohler stated that the discussion was a Work Meeting item and there would be no action asked of Council. He explained there were a dozen amendments to the Development Agreement that the Red Ledges development representatives were seeking.

Matt Anderson, COO of Red Ledges, introduced himself and explained that one of the partner owners of Red Ledges, Tony Burns, had decided to sell to partner Nolan Archibald. Mr. Anderson clarified that the two main issues for the requested amendments would be that Red Ledges wished to bring additional property into the development and, second, they felt there were several points of clarification needed on the 20-year-old agreement. Travis Stolk, Vice President of Development, was present to answer questions as well as Paul Kruger, owner of the adjoining property that Red Ledges wished to purchase and incorporate into their development. Mr. Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation, as included in the meeting materials, outlining the proposed amendments.

Council discussion followed regarding the potential additional land and required legislative process, a proposed pump track, and possible trail realignments.

City Engineer Russ Funk expressed support of the proposed pump-track but reminded Council that the area was a storm-water retention basin and would need to retain its intended purpose. he noted the land along Heritage Farms Parkway was currently on Red Ledges property, making them the responsible party for landscaping and maintenance. If the ownership should shift to the City, the landscape and maintenance responsibility would fall to the City as well. He suggested Council consider keeping possession of a retaining wall as well for possible future alterations.

3. Introduction to Wasatch Affordable Living Communities (WALC) (Tony Kohler, Community Development Director, Mike Plowman) - *15 min*

Habitat for Humanity representative and board member on the Wasatch Advocates for Livable Communities (WALC) Michael Plowman, and Policy Manager for WALC Lauren Cole, stated that the Wasatch Advocates for Livable Communities was a nonprofit organization that worked toward affordable housing solutions and hoped to be a high level resource for Heber City. They recognized the unique challenges faced by Heber City and listed support opportunities available from WALC. Ms. Cole shared a presentation, as included in the meeting materials, reviewing the work of WALC and how they could help Heber City with their efforts to provide and create affordable housing for the community.

4. Legislative priorities for '27 Legislative Session (Matt Brower, City Manager) - *30 min*

Mayor Franco skipped the Legislative Priorities agenda item for the time being and went into the break.

Mayor Franco returned to discuss Work Meeting agenda item four at the conclusion of the Regular Meeting Action Items agenda.

City Manager Matt Brower recalled previously providing the Council with an overview of what was expected during the upcoming 27th legislative session. He reiterated the projected Legislative focus and that Council had been asked to consider and identify their priorities for the contracted lobbyist to focus on behalf of Heber City. He noted the Council had previously identified the Airport runway relocation project as a priority, to help fund the City's portion of the costs, similar to what St. George City and Spanish Fork City had received in previous legislative sessions. Mr. Brower felt it was important that the City track its portion of Meta's \$12.2 billion settlement, of which Utah was guaranteed \$212 million. He also felt that it should be a priority to keep infrastructure projects such as the Heber Valley Corridor on a forward projection, as well as a railway spur to Soldier Hollow as the Valley looked forward to accommodating the future Olympics.

Council Member Cheatwood hoped that the future would reconsider the waiver of impact fees for school developers. He felt pedestrian crossings and parking needed to be included. Mayor Franco felt a bridge was needed for downtown pedestrians. Mr. Brower pointed out that a pedestrian bridge over Highway 40 would need to be a collaboration with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) before it was proposed to the State Legislature.

Mayor Franco recalled the engineering for the Rail to Trail had been paid for but asked the status of payment for the actual construction. City Engineer Russ Funk advised the trail construction was to be paid for by a UDOT program.

Council Member Johnston acknowledged that the State was always trying to reduce income taxes but felt he would rather have them reduce or freeze property taxes for fixed-income older homeowners as he had seen in other states. He noted the many community members in Heber City that kind of benefit could relieve financially. Mr. Brower proposed the Council and Heber City work with the Utah League of Cities and Towns for such a proposal. Council Member Barney expressed her support as well. She felt that the new high school and M-Tech needed to have safer pedestrian crossing solutions. Mayor Franco reminded Council of her proposed property tax abatement for seniors that could be implemented until the State considered a monetary relief program.

Mayor Franco moved the meeting forward to the scheduled Closed Meeting.

II. BREAK - 10 MIN

III. REGULAR MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Franco called the Regular City Council Meeting to order at 6:24 p.m. She wished to acknowledge the passing of Fern Spanos, who had served 22 years as the Heber City Justice Court judge and expressed appreciation for Judge Spanos' service.

2. Pledge of Allegiance (Yvonne Barney, Council Member)

Council Member Barney led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Prayer/Thought by Invitation (Aaron Cheatwood, Council Member)

IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

V. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Council May Take Action Following Public Comment and Upon Conclusion of the Public Hearing)

1. Ordinance 2026-18 Updating Fee Schedule For Business Licensing (Mary Reeves, Business License Administrator) -

Business License Administrator Mary Reeves explained that the number of short-term rental homes in Heber City was rapidly growing. She had found a need to modify the Consolidated Fee Schedule to streamline the process for property management companies taking over other properties. She was proposing a flat \$20.00 fee to cover the cost of admin time to switch the property management company rather than requiring a property management company to begin the process anew for each property. It would also save Staff time. Council Member Barney proposed raising the amount to \$30.00 per property.

Mayor Franco opened the Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m.

Jeff Harris of Casago Heber thanked Ms. Reeves for bringing the proposed change forward and expressed appreciation for the willingness of staff and Council for their consideration. He noted the cost savings would be substantial.

With no one further coming forward to comment, Mayor Franco closed the Public Hearing at 6:42 p.m.

Motion: Council Member Barney made a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-18 updating the Consolidated Fee Schedule for Business Licensing, with the fee increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00.

Second: Council Member Cheatwood made the second.

Discussion: Council Member Murdock asked that staff investigate the costs incurred by the City to make the business license updates. Finance Director Sara Nagel explained that \$20.00 for staff time had been their best guestimate without having implemented the administrative changes. Council Member Ostergaard expressed trust in staff's initial \$20.00 proposal. Council Member Cheatwood felt \$30.00 would more adequately capture unforeseen staff time that would be impacted. Council discussed projected staff time required.

Amended Motion: Council Member Barney amended her motion to set the fee at \$25.00.

Discussion: Council Member Ostergaard expressed his level of comfort with the fee being established at \$25.00 but asked that staff reassess the actual time spent to ensure it was a fair fee. Ms. Nagel proposed the fee reassessment be presented to Council in June with the annual adoption of the Consolidated Fee Schedule, giving staff time to assess the appropriate fee. Council Member Ostergaard requested an update in January, 2027.

Voting Yes: Council Members Ostergaard, Johnston, Barney, Cheatwood, and Murdock.

Voting No: None.

The Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. August 4, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes (Trina Cooke, City Recorder)

Motion: Council Member Johnston made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Second: Council Member Ostergaard made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Ostergaard, Johnston, Barney, Cheatwood, and Murdock.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (2 min per person/30 min max)

1. Public Comments

Kenneth Davis had purchased a historic home with his wife and opened the Mountain Mermade quilting retreat. The Davis's were the third owner of the home since its construction in 1904. The home had history going back to Fort Heber. They hoped to remodel the garage area to create a retail space, which required an ADA bathroom, but the City fees of \$7,500.00 made it cost-prohibitive. The City claimed storm drain improvements, as well as curb and gutter, would be needed. He hoped the City would consider a postponement agreement to allow them to proceed with the improvements they wished to make to the business structure and postpone the City's requirement for utility and curb and gutter improvements.

Kristen Blum, resident of the Sawmill area, was present to encourage Council to take action on the intersection of 1200 South and Mill Road. She felt it was a known problem and knew of parents that would not allow their children to cross through that intersection. Other parents wished to allow their children to ride bikes to school but felt it was unsafe. She further described the intersection and said she had approached the City Engineering department and had been told it was a County intersection. When she approached the County Engineering Department, she had been told it was a City intersection. She concluded it was a shared infection and proposed an opportunity for collaboration between the City and County to address the safety concerns. She suggested the intersection users were on borrowed time until there would be an unfortunate accident there. Ms. Blum's son, Wilson Blum, stated that crossing the crosswalk there was terrifying due to the big construction trucks. He described another intersection further down the road that felt much safer due to the flashing lights and outlined crosswalks.

City Engineer Russ Funk explained the current conditions at the intersection, stating that there were crosswalks and the intention for how the crosswalks should be used for the safest path for students. He recognized it was imperfect and the City Staff continued to work towards a permanent solution. Council further discussed possible temporary solutions including stationing a crossing guard at the intersection.

Pete Zaceardi agreed with the previous resident's comments and expressed concern about drivers going so fast through the intersection. He proposed extending the sidewalk to increase safety.

Di Ann Duke Turner, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers (DUP) president, asked what the open space designation was in the New London Development. Mayor Franco explained that the agreement was for private green space. Ms. Turner read something from five or six years previous that spoke of the undeveloped parcel known as the Duke property. It read "the addition of the Duke Park provides the potential for bringing a range of new amenities to the surrounding neighborhoods, including the future New London development to the north." She said that even before New London was planning things, they were planning to probably not put in open space because there was going to be a park on the other side. She said there was a difference between a park and a recreational park and she did not feel there should be a recreational park for sports at that location.

Jessica Shephard had a daughter that attended Old Mill Elementary and felt a four-way stop was needed at the intersection of 980 South and Mill Road. City Engineer Russ Funk advised that a traffic study had recently been performed at the intersection and had not indicated that a four-way stop would be the appropriate solution, but agreed to look into alternate options.

Mayor Franco returned to the discussion to the Davis' property. Staff agreed to meet for further discussion but recognized that consistency would be important for the City. Staff would contact Mr. Davis for additional discussion. Council discussed the existing business use and their desire to support small businesses.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS: (Council can discuss; table; continue; or approve items)

1. Resolution 2026-16 approving the Tava-Highlands PID 1, 2 & 3. (Anthony L. Kohler) - *30 min*

Community Development Director Tony Kohler recalled that a Public Hearing had been held and Council had provided the applicants with their preferred direction and feedback. The applicants were present to confirm Council direction had been met and seek approval for the Public Infrastructure Districts (PIDs) one, two, and three for the Tava-Highlands development. Curtis Leavitt, representing DR Horton, was present to address any Council concerns and answer questions. He thanked Council for the time and consideration they had dedicated to the project and reviewed the most recent updates captured in the agreement.

Mayor Franco asked that the playground be modified to accommodate smaller children as well as the older children it seemed to be designed for. She opened the discussion for public comment at 7:34 p.m. With no one coming forward to comment, the public comment period was closed at 7:35 p.m.

Motion: Council Member Ostergaard made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-16, to approve the Tava-Highlands PIDs 1, 2, and 3.

Second: Council Member Johnston made the second.

Discussion: Council Member Barney commented that she has been impressed with the DR Horton group's projects in other communities. She said she had been adamantly against PIDs in the past, and noted the citizens concerns that had been shared. She felt there was a difference in what DR Horton was offering the community from previous PID proposals. She acknowledged that she would probably not vote for approval but thought it was ultimately a good project and thanked the representatives for what they would be bringing to the community, stating that she felt it would be phenomenal. Council Member Cheatwood shared the benefit of being able to purchase a home when he was younger. He wanted the motion to include that home buyers in the PID area were made aware that their home was a lower price because it was involved in a PID and should realize that part of the reason they got into the home was because they anticipated having expenses added later on in order to get into the home. He wished to ensure that each home-buyer within the PIDs were made aware of the benefits and amenities that were provided by the PID. Adam Willis, representing DR Horton, expressed support for Council Member Cheatwood's proposal. He added that the savings benefit to home buyers due to the PID was included in the sales process. He outlined the education process for homebuyers but expressed concern with potential market shifts. Discussion regarding the information to be disclosed to home buyers within the PIDs continued as Council and DR Horton agreed on a disclosure.

Amended Motion: Council Member Ostergaard amended his motion to include that the exhibit that was discussed that day was included in every sales packet and to still approve the PID.

Discussion continued: City Attorney Jeremy Cook wished to add that there also needed to be a change made to the Resolution to state that instead of the City Council appointing the PID board, the Council would need to approve the developer's recommendation for the PID board appointments. The language had been previously discussed with the Bond Council to resolve the State Auditor's issues.

Second Amendment to the Motion: Council Member Ostergaard amended the motion to include that the city attorney would correct the error in the Resolution and provide the updated information to Council.

Discussion continued: Mr. Willis reiterated once more that they would include the exhibit on page 17 and another exhibit that showed the total development costs divided by the total number of units in the development and what the difference would be in the market.

Third Amendment to the Motion: Council Member Ostergaard amended the motion to allow City Attorney Jeremy Cook to add a paragraph five into the governing document stating the fact that the two exhibits discussed would be part of the sales package.

Second Stands: Council Member Johnston stated that his second stood.

Voting Yes: Council Members Ostergaard, Johnston, Cheatwood, and Murdock.

Voting No: None.

Abstained: Council Member Barney

The **Motion Passed 4-0.**

Mayor Franco returned the meeting to Work Meeting agenda item four that had been previously bypassed.

IX. COMMUNICATION:

X. CLOSED MEETING:

Motion: Council Member Cheatwood made the motion to enter a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Second: Council Member Barney made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Ostergaard, Johnston, Barney, Cheatwood, and Murdock.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

The Heber City Council entered Closed Meeting at 8:24 p.m.

City Council Present:

Mayor Heidi Franco
Council Member Yvonne Barney
Council Member Aaron Cheatwood
Council Member Mike Johnston
Council Member Morgan Murdock
Council Member Sid Ostergaard

Staff Present:

City Manager Matt Brower
Finance Manager Sara Jane Nagel
City Attorney Jeremy Cook

Staff Participating Remotely: City Recorder Trina Cooke

1. Strategic Discussion Regarding Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation ()

Motion: Council Member Ostergaard moved to adjourn the Closed Meeting and the Regular City Council Meeting.

Second: Council Member Johnston made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Ostergaard, Johnston, Barney, Cheatwood, and Murdock.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: Council Member Ostergaard moved to adjourn the Closed Meeting and the Regular City Council Meeting.

Second: Council Member Johnston made the second.

Voting Yes: Council Members Ostergaard, Johnston, Barney, Cheatwood, and Murdock.

Voting No: None.

The **Motion Passed Unanimously, 5-0.**

The Closed Meeting and the Regular City Council Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Trina Cooke, City Recorder

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED BY EMAIL:

From: Teresa Salcido [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 5:57 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Traffic concern on 500 N

Hello, my name is Teresa Salcido, I live on the corner of [REDACTED] I'm really concerned about the traffic lanes that were recently placed on 500 N as they affect my house directly. I'm mostly concerned that there is no stop sign on 500 N and 600 W with the amount of traffic that has been added due to the new high school. With only day one of school, there has been multiple speeding cars that are flying through the intersection. This is an accident waiting to happen. Can you please explain the thought process behind this decision?

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: Ramiro Salcido <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 6:57 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL)

Good evening, Mayor and Council Members.

My name is Ramiro Salcido, and I live at [REDACTED]. My property is directly affected by the recent roadway changes.

I am here because the new road design has created a serious concern regarding access to my driveway.

The city has created separate turning and traffic lanes directly in front of my property. As a result, entering and leaving my driveway has become much more difficult.

My concern is not simply inconvenience. My concern is safety.

My home is located next to a pedestrian crossing and directly across from a school and athletic complex. I am concerned about the safety of my family, other drivers, and the children who use this area every day.

I respectfully ask the Council to direct the city's traffic engineers to review this roadway configuration and evaluate whether it provides safe access to my property.

I would also like the city to provide the traffic study and engineering plans that were used to approve this design.

I understand the need to improve traffic flow, and I support efforts to make our roads safer. However, I believe there should be a solution that allows traffic to move efficiently while also allowing residents to safely enter and leave their homes.

I respectfully ask the Council to investigate this issue and work with me to find a reasonable solution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: S [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 4:36 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Tax increase

To whom it may concern,

In 2024 our property taxes were raised about 9% - and that was only two years ago. The residents of this community cannot handle continuously footing the bill while the City Council and city planner fail to charge adequate fees or to collect the fees they are owed from developers. We are disgusted and beyond upset by this tax increase. So many of us can hardly afford the cost of living right now and every decision you're making lately is putting more stress on families who have lived here for generations, new families trying to own a home and establish themselves and frankly anyone else living in the valley making under \$100,000 per year - which is MOST of us. Do better. Please be fiscally responsible and charge these developers ADEQUATE fees for making money off of OUR community, our land and our resources. Please use your due diligence to collect these fees!! On time!! You were elected into a place of public service and this is definitely not a service to the public, but to a few select corporations. Many of us are devastated by this and will have an even harder time paying our electric bills, putting food on the tables etc due to this 5% increase. Please put the people first as you are all in a place of public service.

Thank you for your consideration

- Sarah Ritchie

From: Tricia Bradley <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2026 11:08 PM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Main Street Park

Dear Heber City Council,

My name is Tricia Bradley, and I am writing as a mother of seven children, ranging in age from 18 years old down to a baby. We have lived, played, and spent a lot of time in Heber, and I care deeply about what our city looks like as it continues to grow.

I am writing to ask you to reconsider placing all of the proposed Phase 2 recreational amenities at Main Street Park and to seriously consider the Duke property as a second location.

I want to start by saying that I love the idea of giving our children more places to play. A splash pad, ice ribbon, and all-abilities playground are wonderful ideas. I absolutely want Heber to have these things, and I especially love the idea of creating a place where children with disabilities and sensory needs can enjoy themselves.

But I don't think Main Street Park is the right place for all of it.

As a mother, I can tell you that my children would much rather have Main Street Park remain the way it is—with the grass, the trees, and the open space. Those things may seem simple, but they are exactly what make the park special. My kids have never looked at that park and thought, “I wish there were more buildings and attractions here.” They want to run on the grass, climb the trees, play, and have room to be together.

And honestly, every person I have spoken with about this feels much the same way. I haven't talked to anyone who is opposed to having these recreational opportunities in Heber. What I hear is that people don't want to sacrifice the character and openness of Main Street Park to get them.

I also have real concerns about safety and traffic.

Main Street already struggles to handle the crowds it gets. Parking is difficult, streets become congested, and during busy events there are times when it feels like the surrounding neighborhood simply wasn't designed for the amount of traffic and parking demand we're putting on it. Adding even more high-use attractions seems likely to make that problem worse.

I especially worry about this during the winter. An ice ribbon could be a fantastic attraction, but winter is also when snow and snow removal make parking and street access more difficult. I would hate to see the city invest millions of dollars into something that creates additional safety and infrastructure problems because the location wasn't designed to handle it.

That is why I think the Duke property deserves serious consideration.

Instead of trying to fit everything into Main Street Park, why not let the two properties complement each other?

The Duke property could become a place specifically designed for recreation—with the splash pad, ice ribbon, all-abilities playground, appropriate parking, safe pedestrian access, and the infrastructure needed to support those activities. With so much residential development happening nearby, it seems like an especially logical place to create a family recreation area.

Then Main Street Park could continue to be what so many of us love about it: a beautiful, open gathering place in the center of our city.

I think there is something valuable about having a place in town that isn't packed with activities and structures. Sometimes the grass and the trees are the amenity. They give us a place to sit, play, visit with our neighbors, attend a concert, enjoy a festival, or simply let our kids run around.

I also think we should take a step back and ask what Main Street Park actually needs right now. From what I see, improvements to restrooms, accessibility, shade, parking, and a year-round pavilion or gathering space could do far more to support the way our community is already using the park than adding more attractions.

I am not asking the city to do less for families. I'm asking us to think bigger about where and how we do it.

We have an opportunity right now to plan for the future instead of trying to make one property carry everything. We can preserve the beauty and openness of Main Street Park while creating another wonderful place for children and families to gather.

As a mother of seven, I would much rather see our city make that thoughtful choice now than look back years from now and wish we had protected the things that made Main Street Park special.

Please consider bringing the Duke property into the Phase 2 conversation and looking at these two properties together. I truly believe doing so could give our community the best of both worlds.

Thank you for listening and for the work you do for our city.

Respectfully,

Tricia Bradley

From: Kristen Bybee <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2026 9:26 AM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL) Heber City Park(s)

To the City Council and any others involved in the Main Street Park Project:

Heber City is obviously changing every month as growth is exploding in every sector - The drive down Main Street on any given day is further evidence of that. The Main Street park is a breathe of calm, and a reminder of history and smaller community, except when there is a main event, like the Farmers Market/ Concerts on Thursday. The city has already passed capacity for an enjoyable experience, it is so crowded, and parking is a nightmare with the food trucks take the limited parking spaces available. I can't imagine the frustration of the blocks of surrounding residents during event times.

I am strongly encouraging you to please please please not destroy the park by trying to crowd more amenities into that space. There is an alternative available for the projects you are considering. It is time to build a second park. A park safely off main street, that would have a different tone than our historical down town park, and provide the experience for children and families that you are envisioning. Preserving what we have and providing what you have envisioned by creating a much needed second park is a win win. There is a way, and you can accomplish it. The space and means are there, please take the time to study and do what's best long term for our community!

With hope, Kristen Bybee. 4th generation Heber citizen

From: Stacie Ferguson [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2026 10:02 AM
To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>
Subject: (EXTERNAL)

Dear Heber City Council,

As a mother of four children, and a concerned community member, I am writing to ask you to reconsider placing all proposed children's amenities at Main Street Park. Please evaluate a safer, quieter, city-owned property away from Main Street. I love taking our children to community events at the park. We enjoy the activities, the amount of open space lawn area and the trees--but parking is difficult and often keeps us away! As a community, we also need more recreation space! A second park with the proposed recreation amenities would be more suited for families. This would provide additional needed recreation space due to the growth of our community and help preserve Main Street Park's open lawn, historic character and role as a community gathering place.

I recognize phase 2 is trying to preserve the historic character, which I appreciate. Moving the additional amenities to a different location would make this even easier while also providing additional usable recreation space. The proposed amenities would be better suited in a location that is safer, quieter and easier to park at. Parking is a significant consideration, particularly for winter activities. Parking along neighborhood streets in the winter creates many difficulties for the community and keeps families away. I support investments that help provide good experiences for families in Heber City but let's consider more locations instead of putting everything in one place.

Please consider planning Main Street Park and the Duke property together. The Duke property could provide an excellent setting for the proposed ice ribbon, splash pad and all-abilities playground. It is also adjacent to the Ritchie Group apartment development currently under construction, which is estimated to bring more than 2,000 residents to the immediate area. Creating complementary parks would allow the city to distribute amenities more effectively.

I really appreciate all that you strive to do to make our community better and I know your job is not easy. Thank you for considering some much needed additional open recreational space that will be better suited for families and a growing community.

Sincerely,

Stacie Ferguson

From: Barbara/Craig Hansen [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2026 3:05 PM

To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>

Subject: (EXTERNAL) City Park

Dear City Council Members

We would ask that you consider the following in your Phase 2 Expansion.

By having a children's park on the Duke Property, congestion at the Main Street Park could be avoided and people could still sit on the grass and enjoy the concerts.

The city should study the Duke property near 500 North and 550 East as a possible location for a children's park with the ice ribbon, splash pad and all-abilities playground. This would provide a place for the children in the new 600 unit apartment complex to play as well.

You should consider as well, that this would keep the promise made to the Duke family that the property would be used for cemetery or a park. This property would also provide adequate parking and safer access.

Acknowledgement that this email has been received and read would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Craig and Barbara Hansen

[REDACTED]

Heber City, UT

From: Shelbi Kohler <[REDACTED]>

Sent: Friday, August 28, 2026 4:39 PM

To: CC Public Comments <ccpublic@heberut.gov>

Subject: (EXTERNAL) Heber Main Park

Dear Heber City Council,

I am writing as a mother of almost nine children and a homeschooling family. We spend a tremendous amount of time together as a family, and parks and open spaces are an important part of our everyday life.

I have been thinking a lot about the proposed Phase 2 plans for Main Street Park, and I would like to ask the City Council to consider a different approach: keeping Main Street Park primarily as the beautiful, open community gathering place that it is, while looking at the Duke property as a location for some of the new recreational amenities.

I want to be clear that I am not opposed to the proposed amenities. Quite the opposite. I love the idea of Heber having a splash pad, an all-abilities playground, an ice ribbon, and more opportunities for children to be active. With a large family, I know firsthand how valuable those kinds of places can be.

But I also know how valuable open space is.

Because we homeschool, my children aren't just at a park for an hour after school. We use our community throughout the day. Sometimes they need a place to run and play. Sometimes we meet friends. Sometimes we bring a picnic, read, kick a ball around, or simply spend time outside together. There is something very different about having a wide-open lawn with mature trees compared to being surrounded by programmed activities and structures.

Main Street Park already has something that is difficult, if not impossible, to recreate: a beautiful open space right in the heart of our city.

I also have concerns about the practical side of adding several high-use attractions to the park. Main Street is already very busy during events, and parking and traffic can be difficult. With a large family, I am especially conscious of how challenging it can be to safely get children in and out of a crowded area. Adding more attractions that draw people throughout the week seems like it could put even more pressure on streets and surrounding neighborhoods that are already struggling to handle the current level of activity.

That is why I think the Duke property could be such a wonderful opportunity.

Rather than asking Main Street Park to do everything, we could create two places that serve different purposes. The Duke property could be designed specifically for recreation, with the splash pad, playground, ice ribbon, parking, pedestrian access, and other infrastructure planned around those uses.

Main Street Park could remain the place where our community comes together.

I would hate to see us make the mistake of assuming that every valuable thing has to be added to the same property. Sometimes good city planning means recognizing what is already working and protecting it.

For my family, the grass and trees at Main Street Park are not wasted space. They are part of what makes the park useful.

As Heber grows, I hope we can resist the temptation to fill every available area with something and instead preserve some of the spaces that allow people to simply gather, play, breathe, and enjoy being together.

I respectfully ask the City Council to consider the Duke property as part of the Phase 2 planning process and explore how the two properties could work together. I believe we can create wonderful new recreational opportunities for our children without losing the character of one of Heber's most special gathering places.

Thank you for considering the perspective of our family and for the work you are doing to plan for Heber's future.

Sincerely,

Shelbi Kohler

