

# Joint Meeting with Municipal Council (Thursday, May 21, 2015)

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## Members present

Julie Rash, Jim Pettersson, Marsha Judkins, Michelle Kaufusi, Shannon Poulsen, Taz Murray

## Excused

McKay Jensen

## Staff Members present

Keith Rittel, Superintendent; Stefanie Bryant, Business Administrator; Shelley Shelton, Executive Assistant

## Municipal Council Members and Staff present

Hall Miller, Calli Hales, Dave Sewell, Kim Santiago, Gary Garrett, Ryan Harvey, Policy Analyst; Matt Taylor, Executive Director

## Excused

Gary Winterton, Kay Van Buren

## Provo City Mayor's Office Staff Members present

Corey Norman, Deputy Mayor & Public Information Officer; Dixon Holmes, Deputy Mayor

## Guests

Barbara Christiansen, *Daily Herald*; Deon Turley, Melissa Richardson, Miss Provo

## Meeting called to order at 12:15 PM

# A. 12:00 PM Study Session

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## 2. Roll Call

## 3. Traffic Management Around Schools

President Julie Rash:

- Many parents and school communities have expressed concern related to heavy traffic and the lack of school zones around some schools. How are school zones designated and how are requests for school zones made?
- The Provo Peaks roundabout is not part of the school zone even though it's located on the southeast corner of the school. Wasatch is concerned about the amount of traffic on 9th East and the difficulty of keeping a crossing guard. In spite of heavy student traffic and no side walks, 600 South, which runs parallel to Sunset View Elementary, is not a school zone.
  - Several schools have had problems with crossing guards, who are not paid enough and don't always show up every day.
  - The district has no control over the hiring of crossing guards.
- A group of people including school PTA presidents met with city officials a year and a half ago about getting a blinking stop sign on Timpview Drive, and nothing has ever happened because of a lack of funding.
  - Kim Santiago: School zone requests must go through the community council to the board, and from the board to the city. The City then does an independent study of the area. Provide proof a certain number of children cross at a certain point. Funding is an issue.
- It was recommended the board submit a request to the council chair to include this discussion as a

work session agenda item. The request would include an additional request that administration provide a report to the council on the constraints and limitations of the issue, including funding. The council could choose to make funding a priority if so inclined. If funding is not an issue in resolving the problem, what are the issues?

- Marsha Judkins: Make sure community councils are aware they need to make a request to the board.
- Next municipal council work session: Matt Taylor will let the board know the date/time.

#### 4. Recreation Partnership/Current Issues

- Supt. Rittel is scheduling a meeting with Roger Thomas, Wayne Parker and district representatives to discuss reestablishing the partnership between the City and District regarding field use and rentals. Some unintended consequences of dissolving the partnership include the fact that the district does not have a recreation department with someone assigned to manage field use and rentals. As a result, Facilities Director Mark Wheeler is being drawn into field rental discussions when he should be concentrating on construction and maintenance of new and existing schools.
- The City Recreation Department was taking care of and scheduling the fields and collecting rental fees for school use for Jr. Jazz and/or soccer practices. The District now has staff to take care of the fields, so that particular dimension of the partnership may be different.
- Provo Rec schedules city tennis lessons during the summer at Timpview, which pushes the THS girls tennis team off the courts.
  - Pres. Julie Rash added the Dixon tennis courts are currently unusable but could be refurbished to provide a good community resource.
- Patrons are currently shopping for locations, not knowing who to contact for scheduling, etc.
- Supt. Rittel and Mayor Curtis had a preliminary conversation about rebuilding the partnership with both agreeing it would be mutually beneficial to the district and community. The district is very interested in exploring what did/didn't work, why the partnership dissolved and whether or not the issues are repairable. In the event the decision is made to not rebuild the partnership, a recreation summit could be held that would include the district, Provo Parks & Recreation and other entities.
- Deputy Mayor Corey Norman added the partnership was dissolved due to both the City and District feeling they weren't realizing the benefits of the partnership. He will continue to have conversations with the Mayor, Wayne Parker and Roger Thomas regarding the partnership and the issue of facility/field access for athletic use.

#### 5. Construction Update

Facilities Director Mark Wheeler shared a brief update, including the following:

- Several committees have been formed:
  - Steering/compliance involved school administrators, department chairs, elementary team leaders.
  - FFKR Architects was selected for the PHS rebuild, a 320,000 sq. ft. design. The current site size is the greatest challenge. The first phase, comprised of sequencing and scheduling, will run from Dec. 2015 through 2018.
  - Rock Canyon / Sunset View are ready for bids the second week in June. Groundbreaking is scheduled for mid June. Mark is currently trying to plan and design around a 6-8% inflation climb.

#### 6. CUE Update

Member Taz Murray explained Central Utah Enterprises, also known as East Bay Post High, serves approximately 80 special needs adults by providing work opportunities and is overseen by the state. The District is trying to work out a mutual agreement regarding the ownership of the building and is in the process of separating from Central Utah Enterprises (CUE). The relationship has always been unclear, increasing the difficulty of reaching an agreement. CUE is a great program with large community support.

Business Administrator Stefanie Bryant emphasized the District has no interest in "shutting down" the CUE program, but is separating from them.

Member Shannon Poulsen added Provo City has a history with CUE. She expressed an interest in the early discussions.

- Business Administrator Stefanie Bryant added the City originally owned the property and started CUE. The District, Nebo District and CUE subsequently bought the property from the City.

## B. City Items

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### 1. RAP Tax Update

Municipal Council member Gary Garrett shared some questions raised by Roger Thomas, Parks & Recreation Director regarding a proposed RAP tax discussion:

1. Should Provo City proceed forward with a RAP tax to enhance parks, trails, the arts and recreational facilities?
2. The current issue for the municipal council is whether or not to put the RAP tax on the November 2015 or November 2016 ballot.
3. Should the RAP Tax projects be predetermined before the election so information can be shared with voters or decided annually through a selection process based on available funding?
  - Based on current retail sales approximately \$1.2 million would be available annually through a RAP tax.
4. What projects should be completed with the RAP tax, i.e., parks, trails, existing facility upgrades, the arts, visionary projects or a combination?
5. Should Provo City bond to spend the projected RAP tax funding upfront to complete projects earlier, or not bond and spend only the annual allocation, spreading the projects out over a longer period of time?

Board feedback:

- How is the community responding?
  - A survey was conducted about 18 months ago asking patrons if they would be in favor of a RAP tax. The positive response was about 66%.
  - A survey last spring asked patrons if they would be in favor of increasing sales tax by 1/10th of 1% for specific Parks & Recreation projects. 72% of respondents were highly in favor. Without mentioning specific projects, 75% of 2,000 registered voters were highly in favor.
  - The decision about placing the RAP tax on the November 2015 ballot must be made by June.
  - The "big picture" proposal is derived from the Parks & Rec master plan.
  - Needs include:
    - aging infrastructure - capital improvements
    - new facilities related to growth
    - Programs/services/arts/other recreational programs
  - Issues: How to fund?
    - Impact fees from development
    - Land sales
    - grant opportunities
  - Administration proposal:
    - 54% can be funded: new facility growth
    - Don't have funding for aging infrastructure. RAP heavily weighted towards that and capital improvements.
    - Other sources of revenue for new facilities.

## 2. Retail Update

Dixon Holmes, Deputy Mayor:

- The Board should be receiving a weekly email update that's sent to the Municipal Council and the Board. It's sometimes quite vague as the City works with potential end users and retailers, some of whom have indicated they prefer to not be listed as "someone else's headlines."

Retail Update:

- The City has been working to fill the spot vacated by K-Mart in East Bay; brokers are very close to finalizing the deal.
- A group out of southern California has purchased the entire Plum Tree Plaza. Some of the outbuildings are still individually owned. The group is very well capitalized and will be bringing some projects forward to the planning commission and municipal council. The development would be mixed use with higher-end retail. The ShopKo building will be removed. Some other businesses will remain while others will be moved. Hospitality and housing will be included to re-purpose and bring vitality to the area. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will integrate with the plaza and the developers see it as having a positive impact. City/UTA/UDOT are working on BRT access, which would complicate the traffic flow.
- The west side connector (I-15 southbound from University Ave.) with the mounds of dirt and elevated road is "surcharging." Some sections have settled six feet, which is the goal. The road north of the west side connector is driving interest and development on the west side of town.
- There is continued interest and conversation about businesses coming to the Towne Centre Mall and the area around East Bay Golf Course.
- City officials recently met with retailers at a conference in Las Vegas. The retailers indicated they would be in the Provo market. Formal corporate announcements will be made in the near future.
- New retail development in Spanish Fork is a result of tax incentives plus the gravity factor of having major businesses like Costco locate in Spanish Fork; it attracts other prime retailers. Provo is getting cut off at the pass, so to speak, as Spanish Fork realizes consumers must pass through Spanish Fork to get to Provo. Provo has always relied on spending from outside communities, so the strategy is to provide bigger and better offerings that would entice consumers to bypass other retail areas.
- Trader Joe's is interested in the Utah County market. It's unknown at this point if they'll locate in Provo.
- There are three strong anchor stores at the mall and a new shoe store will occupy space formerly taken by Gap. Retail as a whole has not fully recovered from the economic downturn although online sales remain strong.

Potential RDA Requests:

- The Board will likely be approached for Redevelopment Agency (RDA) participation with Duncan Aviation, who will break ground at the Provo airport spring 2016 with projected occupancy in spring 2018. Duncan will approach the Board, Municipal Council members and the Utah County Commission, inviting them to visit Duncan's Lincoln, Nebraska site. Duncan will ultimately employ approximately 700-800 people for high-paying jobs in the aviation industry for repair/maintenance of jet aircraft.

## 3. Long Range Planning for Dixon Middle School Rebuild

Supt. Rittel: There isn't anything new; the district is not prepared to discuss the issue at this time due to restrictions of time and growth, etc.

## C. Joint Items

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### 1. Fight the New Drug Discussion

The Board and Municipal Council had a conversation about the "Fight the New Drug" program in November

2014. A recent board meeting discussion included internet filtering and the difficulty in keeping the district network secure.

- Municipal Council member Dave Sewell recognized Miss Provo Melissa Richardson, who brought the issue to the council and board last year.
- Miss Richardson reported on the assembly at Centennial, which provided much valuable feedback. During the parent night presentation, concern about how to have presentations at each school was expressed by parents
- Funding questions have to be answered; the case must be made of the importance of utilizing school time/assemblies.
- We may need to expand the exposure of dangers of pornography to elementary school students.
- The city needs to be on board and find a way to fund.
- PTO/PTA groups may opt to fund the assemblies. The cost is \$500 per assembly; two assemblies per school. Parent nights are \$5300.
- The Board is going to pursue the conversation during upcoming meetings.

## **D. Adjourn**

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### **1. Motion to Adjourn**

1:34 p.m.

I move we adjourn the study session.

Motion by Taz Murray, second by Shannon Poulsen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Julie Rash, Jim Pettersson, Marsha Judkins, Michelle Kaufusi, Shannon Poulsen, Taz Murray

Not Present at Vote: McKay Jensen