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## **PROVO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**

### **Redevelopment Agency of Provo**

#### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

5:30 PM, Tuesday, February 06, 2018

Room 200, Municipal Council Chambers

351 West Center, Provo, Utah

### **Opening Ceremony**

#### **Roll Call**

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION WERE PRESENT:

Council Member George Handley  
Council Member David Knecht  
Council Member George Stewart  
Council Member Gary Winterton  
Council Attorney Brian Jones  
Mayor Michelle Kaufusi

Council Member David Harding  
Council Member David Sewell  
Council Member Kay Van Buren  
Council Executive Director Clifford Strachan  
Chief Administrative Officer Wayne Parker

Conducting: Council Chair Gary Winterton

**Prayer** – Quinn Karpowitz

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Hadley Gordon

#### **Neighborhood Spotlight: Joaquin Neighborhood**

Celeste Kennard, Joaquin Neighborhood Chair, presented. Ms. Kennard presented a slideshow to feature some of her neighborhoods accomplishments, which included:

- Center Street design corridor
- Picnic in the Park with Provo Police
- Created Joaquin Neighborhood Plan Appendix
- New trees planted by City Provo Forrester
- 800 East Bike Connector (matching grant)
- Toddler play area at Joaquin Park
- New neighbors - Provo Bike Collective
- Street safety education for bike riders
- Pedestrian/bike friendly intersections
- Obtained data for parking improvement

Ms. Kennard said her family was able to purchase their home in the Joaquin neighborhood with assistance from Neighborhood Housing Services in 1997. Because she felt fortunate to receive assistance with the purchase of her home, Ms. Kennard was committed to paying back the favor through service to her neighborhood.

Mr. Winterton shared his appreciation for the way Ms. Kennard and her neighbors were handling some of the challenges in their neighborhood.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

##### **o December 5, 2017 Council Meeting**

The December 5, 2017 Council Meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

## Presentations, Proclamations, and Awards

### 1 A presentation on the Mayor's Award of Excellence ([0:03:54](#))

Mayor Kaufusi presented Nedra Bell with the Mayor's Award of Excellence. Mayor Kaufusi said the award was not given often but she felt Ms. Bell was very deserving. Ms. Bell moved to Provo in 1997 and just a year later learned about the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and became actively involved, as she was the mother of a son with schizophrenia. Ms. Bell served in the NAMI presidency for 12 years.

Mayor Kaufusi summarized some of the other ways Ms. Bell had given to her community:

- Served on an Intermountain Health Care committee that founded an annual mental health awareness night.
- Served on the board of Wasatch Mental Health as a community representative and raised money for the new Wasatch House which increased the community's ability to serve those with mental illness.
- Implementing NAMI's Hope for Tomorrow at Timpview High School, a program focused on raising awareness of issues teens are confronted with.
- Organized hundreds of support groups, classes and training fairs, as well as, speaking about mental health awareness for veterans, their wives, and families.
- Coordinating with State mental health efforts and advocating with Utah Legislatures to provide enhanced services to the mentally ill.
- Answering thousands of calls and listening and supporting those in crisis.

Mayor Kaufusi presented Ms. Bell with the Mayor's Award of Excellence, this was the first time she had given the award to anyone.

### 2 A presentation of the 2017 Employee of the Year ([0:13:14](#))

Captain Troy Bee presented the Employee of the Year to Officer Travis Bushman. Captain Beebe said that Officer Bushman's favorite way to serve was on bike patrol, this is where he felt closest to the community. He explained the many selfless ways Officer Bushman had served the community. Captain Beebe said Officer Bushman exemplified what a great police officer is supposed to be. He said Officer Bushman was honorable and had personal courage, which was what made him a great leader.

## Public Comment ([0:17:52](#))

Chair Winterton opened public comment.

Melanie McCoard, Provo, asked council how they would prefer she communicate issues with them. She was concerned that an item presented in work session regarding the West Side Planning Committee was heard without representation from the committee. ([0:20:00](#))

Jerald C. Memott, Provo, said Provo was going into a new and great era. He believed that Provo was going to be strong and economically powerful again. ([0:22:13](#))

Pam Jones, Edgemont Vice-Chair, spoke to council about concerns in her neighborhood. She said there were areas in her neighborhood without curbs and sidewalks, which concerned her because many people used these roads to walk to and from the football stadium at BYU. Ms. Jones had been in contact with Mr. Sewell and Brian Torgersen, Public Services Division Director, about the parking conditions near the stadium. She said it looked like there had been many improvements, but she still thought more improvements were needed. ([0:23:12](#))

Tenai Henry, Maeser Neighborhood, told council she started a new program called Provo Girls Summit. This even was for girls ages 8-12. The event would be held on International Women’s Day, March 8, at Provo Library. The event would feature local female professionals. Ms. Henry invited the council to participate in the event. ([0:26:25](#))

Christy Danner, Maeser Neighborhood, said she had emailed a petition to council concerning the proposed land use at approximately 500 South State Street. This petition was concerning an item on the agenda that had been continued to March 6, 2018. ([0:28:28](#))

Lynn Hendrickson, Provo, wanted to thank council for a job well done. He said last year there had been a neighborhood meeting for the area by the stadium regarding the construction that would take place to install sidewalks and improve walkability. He explained the work was complete and he is appreciative of the improvements. Mr. Hendrickson also said the contractors worked well with the neighbors to make sure all landscaping was put back in place following the construction. ([0:29:46](#))

There were no other comments. Chair Winterton closed public comment.

## Action Agenda

### 3 Resolution 2018-05 consenting to the Mayor’s appointment of Karen Larsen as the Director Of Customer Service for Provo City. (18-020) ([0:30:52](#))

Mayor Kaufusi was excited to announce the appointment of the Provo City’s first female director, Karen Larsen. Ms. Larsen had been appointed by Mayor Kaufusi as the Director of Customer Service. Mayor Kaufusi said Ms. Larsen was very deserving of the appointment and was confident she would do an excellent job.

Council Members Harding, Stewart, Winterton, and Sewell voiced their appreciation of Ms. Larsen and congratulated her on the appointment.

**Motion:** Council Member Stewart made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-05. Council Member Knecht seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** The motion Passed 7:0 with Council Members Handley, Harding, Knecht, Sewell, Stewart, Van Buren, and Winterton in favor.

### 4 An ordinance amending Provo City Code to clean up inconsistencies and correct references to the Residential Design Standards. Citywide impact. (17-0024OA) ([0:34:23](#))

Aaron Ardmore, Community Development Planner, presented the ordinance. He explained the proposed amendments had been discussed two weeks prior and were continued with a request from council to find out how the amendments would impact developers. Mr. Ardmore said he appreciated the opportunity to speak with developers because planning staff received feedback they wanted to incorporate into the ordinance.

Mr. Ardmore said much of the feedback they received from the developers was based upon affordability. Some were also concerned the amendments were too stringent. Staff was in favor of making minor changes to the classification of certain materials. Mr. Ardmore clarified the standards were not applicable city-wide. He asked council for another continuance so they could incorporate the feedback that had been received.

Mr. Winterton asked whether the amendments would be reviewed by Planning Commission again. Mr. Ardmore said that would be up to the council to decide.

Chair Winterton opened public comment.

Eric Jorgensen, Neighborworks Provo, said he would appreciate a continuance so he could have time to review the changes. He thanked council for being mindful of affordability. (0:40:02)

Deann Huish, Utah Valley Home Builders Association, was appreciative of council postponing their vote. She agreed that affordability was a concern and wanted the opportunity to take a closer look at the materials being amended. (0:40:59)

There were no other comments from the public. Mr. Van Buren asked Mr. Ardmore if he had already communicated with Ms. Huish and Mr. Jorgensen. Mr. Ardmore said he had not but would do so.

Mr. Harding stated his preference to have planning commission review the changes before it is brought back to the council. He also disclosed that he had a brother who worked for a company that builds student housing in Provo but they were not currently working on any projects in Provo.

Mr. Harding recognized the importance of affordability but countered that Provo was a premium place to build and thought it was reasonable to have higher standards than other places to ensure quality building. He said land prices vary based upon the market and if there were higher building costs because of the materials, then the land price may need to adjust.

Council Members Knecht and Handley felt that before council heard the item again, the planning commission should have the opportunity to review changes made by staff and have a discussion on quality and affordability.

**Motion:** Council Member Knecht made a motion to continue the item until staff concluded their revisions. Then send the item back to planning commission for review of the changes, along with discussion on quality and affordability. Council Member Handley seconded the motion.

Mr. Van Buren understood that the changes may have some impact on affordability, but he was concerned the ordinance was being used to start a lengthy discussion on affordability. Although, he said it may not matter if there was no urgency to pass the ordinance. Mr. Ardmore said there was some urgency because planning staff wanted these changes implemented before the next big project is started.

Chair Winterton called for a vote on the motion.

**Roll Call Vote:** The motion Passed 6:1 with Council Members Handley, Harding, Knecht, Sewell, Stewart, and Winterton in favor. Council Member Van Buren opposed.

- 5 **\*\*CONTINUED to the March 6, 2018 Council Meeting\*\* A resolution amending the General Plan Land Use Map designation for property generally located at 490 South State Street from Commercial to Residential. Maeser Neighborhood. (17-0002GPA)**
- 6 **\*\*CONTINUED to the March 6, 2018 Council Meeting\*\* An ordinance amending the zone map classification of approximately 1.92 acres of real property, generally located at 422-490 South State Street, from General Commercial to High Density Residential. Maeser Neighborhood. (17-0010R)**
- 7 **\*\*CONTINUED until further notice\*\*An ordinance amending Provo City Code Section 14.41.060 (Major Home Occupations). Citywide Impact. (17-0025OA)**

## Adjournment

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Chair Winterton adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 6:36 p.m.