

**Provo City Planning Commission
Chair's Statement re Open and Public Meetings Act**

As of November 5, 2020 in accordance with Utah Code 52-4-207(4)* I have determined that conducting meetings of the Provo City Planning Commission with an anchor location, such as the Council Chambers, presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present there. These are the facts upon which I have made this determination:

- The World Health Organization has classified novel coronavirus disease (aka COVID-19) as a pandemic.
- The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state that COVID-19 is easily spread from person to person between people who are in close contact with one another.
- The State of Utah is currently subject to a public health emergency order which limits the size of public gatherings, and which requires people to wear face coverings and follow social distancing guidelines.
- Utah County is currently listed as having a high level of coronavirus transmission.
- Physical distancing measures will be difficult to set up and maintain in the Council Chambers.

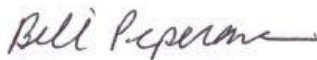
Therefore, for the next 30 days, all meetings of the Provo City Planning Commission will be conducted entirely via electronic means:

- Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live and available later on demand at youtube.com/user/ProvoChannel17.
- Agendas and support materials are available at provo.org/planningcommission.
- To make a public comment or to join a meeting via telephone, follow the instructions provided on public notices of each meeting.
- To send comments to the Planning Commission members or weigh in on current issues, email them at dspublichearings@provo.org.



Dave Anderson, Planning Commission Chair

November 5, 2020



Bill Peperone, Director of Development Services

November 5, 2020

* As amended by HB5002, *Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments*, (2020 Fifth Special Session), Utah Code Annotated (UCA) 52-4-207(4) provides that a public body may convene and conduct an electronic meeting without an anchor location if the chair of the public body:

- (a) makes a written determination that conducting the meeting with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location;
- (b) states in the written determination described in Subsection (4)(a) the facts upon which the determination is based;
- (c) includes in the public notice for the meeting, and reads at the beginning of the meeting, the information described in Subsections (4)(a) and (b); and

(d) includes in the public notice information on how a member of the public may view or make a comment at the meeting.

UCA 52-4-207(5) states that a written determination described in Subsections (4)(a) and (b) expires 30 days after the day on which the chair of the public body makes the determination.

<https://le.utah.gov/~2020S5/bills/static/HB5002.html>