

Approved March 16, 2021

THE MINUTES OF THE DRAPER CITY COUNCIL MEETING RETREAT HELD ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021, IN THE VELVET ROOM AT THANKSGIVING POINT 3003 NORTH THANKSGIVING WAY

PRESENT: Mayor Troy K. Walker, and Councilmembers Tasha Lowery, Fred Lowry, Cal Roberts, and Marsha Vawdrey
EXCUSED: Councilmember Mike Green

STAFF PRESENT: David Dobbins, City Manager; Laura Oscarson, City Recorder; Kellie Challburg, Chief of Staff; Bret Millburn, Assistant City Manager; Jake Sorensen, Network Administrator
OTHER: Jeff Hartley

CALL TO ORDER by Mayor Troy Walker at 10:18 am

- 1.0 Andy Ballard Arena events:** The discussion began by reviewing the time needed to plan big events for the Andy Ballard Arena. With the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, it is unclear how many people can be seated in the Arena and whether residents are ready for a crowded event. Deposits need to be paid before the event and if the event is canceled, the deposits are not always refundable.

The history of the Moto-challenge and the money spent on past events was reviewed. Council members agreed that the Moto-Challenge would attract riders and spectators from outside of Draper, even from out of state.

There was discussion about what percentage of other cities are planning summer activities or events, how much staff time would be required to hold events, whether mass gathering permits would be needed, and the idea of holding smaller “neighborhood” events throughout the city, rather than one or two big events.

- 2.0 Draper Days:** Discussion about Draper Days Events centered around how big the event would be in 2021. The consensus was that there would be no booths and that the committee was looking at fireworks and a concert. There was a discussion about the number of attendees and how to limit the crowds to a safe number.
- 3.0 Food Truck Court:** Staff was looking at whether local restaurants had objections to a food truck court. There was discussion about locations for a court, legal aspects of allowing a court, and whether having food trucks come to various parks would be preferable.

4.0 Eduroam: The council discussed the feasibility of installing Eduroam Wifi throughout the city to help those who do not have internet access in their home. This is an initiative of the Canyons School District, called the Canyons Connect Initiative. There aren't internet connections at most of the parks and Salt Lake County was concerned about liability. Some cities were using mobile options.

5.0 Canyons Educational Foundation: The Foundation does a gala every year, but last year the gala was canceled and the money the city paid was used as a contribution. There was a discussion about how the city would support the Foundation.

*** Mayor Walker left the meeting at 10:50 am

6.0 All-abilities Park: The discussion began by reviewing where the City stood on creating an All-abilities park. The county funding is tied to tourism and it was unclear when the funds would be available to help pay for an All-Abilities Park.

**** Mayor Walker returned to the meeting at 10:55 am

Jenson Farms Park was a possible location for an All-Abilities park because it had not been built yet.

Draper Park was another suggestion for the All-abilities equipment since it had equipment that needed replacement and could be finished sooner.

Councilmembers discussed what could be put in Draper parks to update them, including ideas to trade volleyball/basketball courts for pickleball courts.

7.0 Parks & Rec programs: Currently the city is renting space for recreation programs from the Canyons School District. The discussion centered on whether there was a need to build a city Recreation Center, possibly one that could be multipurpose. Costs and maintenance were also discussed.

8.0 Tree Commission: The Draper City Municipal Code pertaining to trees is being reviewed by staff to make it clearer for staff and residents. The discussion included how to beautify the city's entrances, especially at 14600 South. The city would have to work with the Utah Department of Transportation since they own the land around the on and off-ramps. The use of water-wise plantings was discussed and how to encourage homeowners to plant water-wise plants.

Upper Corner Canyon Road continued closure was discussed for this year due to the lack of water this winter.

- 9.0 Vacant Commercial Properties:** The council discussed some of the vacant commercial properties in Draper. Everyone agreed that these areas needed to be developed.
- 10.0 Public Relations:** Questions were brought forth about keeping the momentum that had been gained since hiring a Communications Director. The city has done a good job with communication with the residents and needs to continue to push information to residents on the City's website.
- 11.0 Jeff Hartley, a lobbyist, presented to the council on the bills currently before the Utah State Legislature:** Mr. Hartley discussed many of the bills that would affect the City, and how the Utah League of Cities and Towns supports the various cities they represent.
- 12.0 Draper City Branding:** A suggestion was made that Draper become a brand similar to Park City. Draper's open space and trails are attractive and help bring people and businesses to the city.
- 13.0 City Staff Support:** A Staff Appreciation Day and more interaction between the council and the staff were discussed.
- 14.0 Boards and Commissions:** There was a discussion about how the Boards and Commissions can be better supported. Suggestions ranged from having each Board report to the Council annually, updating City Code for clarity, and annual direction from the Council.
- 15.0 Chamber of Commerce:** The City currently pays dues to both the South Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Draper Chamber of Commerce. It would be ideal if both of them would work together.
- Council members stated they would like to bring back the Brown Bag Lunch with a Councilmember or something similar, possibly starting in April.
- 16.0 Adjournment: Councilmember F. Lowry Moved to adjourn the retreat.** The meeting adjourned at 1:06 pm