

## PLANNING MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014

**Present: Council:** Chairwoman Linda Martinez Saville; Scott Cowdell; Steve Fairbanks; Chris McCandless; Kris Nicholl; Steve Smith; Dennis Tenney. **Administration:** Mayor Tom Dolan, Assistant CAO Scott Bond; Assistant CAO Korban Lee; City Attorney Wally Miller; Public Utilities Director Shane Pace, Director Parks and Recreation Scott Earl; Fire Chief Don Rosenkrantz; Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Kline; Redevelopment Agency Director Nick Duerksen; Administrative Services Director Art Hunter; Assistant Administrative Services Director Brian Kelley; Personnel Director Katrina Frederick; Planning Director Mike Coulam; Zoning Administrator Brian McCuiston; Assistant Police Chief Kevin Thacker. **Absent:** CAO Byron Jorgenson

### a. Administrative Report

a. **Scott Bond:** excused Byron who went home ill.

b. **Mike Coulam-** presented a copy of a memo to the Council on a Conditional Use Community Center and Preliminary Site Plan that is going before the Planning Commission on Thursday. The Planning Commission will listen to comments and answer questions, but no decision will be made at the meeting.

c. **Shane Pace-** briefed the Council on the concrete pour for the Pepperwood tank. The pour went very well. Residents expressed concern with the construction workers parking their vehicles near the trailhead. Staff took this under advisement and will work to find a solution.

d. **Scott Earl-** reported on the new 2014 Spring Lacrosse League. The program will teach children how to play Lacrosse.

e. **Bruce Cline** – updated the Council on a dispatched medical call that occurred on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The medical call was sent to the Salt Lake City dispatch center from a gentleman living in Draper. The information was then transferred to VECC who dispatched units. Sandy's crew at Station 34 was dispatched to the call. In route, the gentleman called dispatch back telling them he was fine and didn't need assistance. VECC canceled the call and turned crews back or the crews would have continued responding. When the gentleman's wife came home later she found him on the couch deceased. In the future, it has been decided that any time a patient cancels a call, crews will continue to respond and do a welfare check.

**Mayor Dolan-** the Majority Leader of the House has been proposing legislation to consolidate the various dispatch agencies in Salt Lake County. There are three dispatch centers; VECC, Salt Lake City, and the County Sheriff's Office. Sandy City, Salt Lake City and the Sheriff's Office are on Versitrans. A study was conducted indicating that the Salt Lake valley needs two centers to adequately provide redundancy and cover the valley.

### b. Planning Commission Alternate Interview

**Mike Coulam-** introduced Ron Mortimer who will fill a vacancy as an Alternate to the Planning Commission.

**Ron Mortimer-** an engineer for Horrocks Engineering, would like to take this opportunity to give back to the community.

**Dennis Tenney-** asked Mr. Mortimer what his philosophy was regarding planning and zoning.

**Ron Mortimer-** as a civil engineer, is concerned with infrastructure. There needs to be more innovative planning.

**Mayor Dolan-** Mr. Mortimer will be an asset to the Commission.

### c. Urban Forester, Annual Report

**Mike Marett-** presented the 2014 annual report for our Urban Forest. The report was an inventory on the number, types, and effects of trees in the City. The City received a \$5,000 grant from the State. One of the requirements of the grant was that the report be presented to the policy makers of the City in order for them to base their policy decisions on the information provided. Based on the report, the Parks Department will have a web page available for the public to view and find out information on the trees in the City.

**Mayor Dolan-** clarified that the trees that were counted in the report were on City owned property.

**Mike Marett-** verified that the trees were on City owned property. Some cities count trees in the park strip. Technically, according to the City's ordinance, the City owns trees in park strips but requires that property owners maintain the park strip. Park strip trees are not counted because there is no maintenance done by the City.

**Phil Glenn-** asked if the trees on the Golf Course were included.

**Mike Marett-** only the trees around the club house on the Golf Course were included in the count.

**Scott Cowdell-** asked if he had any information on the proper way to prune trees. He thought it would be a good idea to send that information to the residents. His grounds crews are attending classes that the Parks Department sponsors.

**Mike Marett-** We put out a tree guide on topping and general pruning.

**Kris Nicholl-** asked if scrub oak was considered a tree or a bush.

**Mike Market-** technically it is a tree called Gamble Oak. It grows on a single rhizome.

**Steve Fairbanks-** He has a Norway maple and asked if it should be wrapped in the winter.

**Mike Market-** If the tree is 8 years or older it most likely is hardy enough to protect itself.

**Steve Fairbanks-** A study showed that consumers were 80% more comfortable with tree lined sidewalks. He asked if there was a difference between urban areas and Suburban areas.

**Mike Marett-** Affluent people tend to have more trees in their yards. Physiologically, people are more at ease and there is less crime with tree lined sidewalks. Trees are good for your health and the wellbeing of a community. He noted that the Governor is considering making the Quaking Aspen the State tree of Utah. It is good if you live up in the Mountains. If you live in the valley, quaking aspen can be a troublesome tree.

The Colorado Spruce is currently the State tree. Utah has the largest Quaking Aspen stand (of the same generation base) in the world.

**d. Budget, Review & Discussion Compensation Plan, Revenue Projections**

**Scott Bond-** Administration met at the River Oaks Golf Course for the Cabinet Budget Retreat last week. From the Retreat, they identified many budget needs and issues. They would like to report their findings on the City's financial background and revenues.

**Brian Kelley-** reviewed the City's revenues and what they forecast for next year's budget. He presented various charts comparing sales tax, property tax, and franchise fees.

**Steve Fairbanks-** asked if internet sales were factored in.

**Brian Kelley-** if there is an internet sale related to a store based in Utah, the City would collect sales tax. If items are purchased outside and on the internet, no tax is collected.

**Katrina Frederick-** presented an overview of the compensation plan by reviewing pay, benefits, and salary survey information.

**Dennis Tenney** asked for a copy of the power point presentation.

**e. Discussion: Consideration of planned roadway section in Civic Center**

**Chris McCandless** asked that this item be tabled. He believes that a future date would be better for the adoption of a resolution.

*These items may or may not occur during the Planning Meeting Session, depending on time availability, otherwise, some or all will occur in the regular Council Meeting at the end of other official business.*

The following reports were held during City Council Meeting: Mayor's Report, CAO'S Report, Council Office Director's Report, Other Council Business.

The content of the minutes is not intended, nor are they submitted, as a verbatim transcription of the meeting. These minutes are a brief overview of what occurred at the meeting.

At approximately 7:00 p.m., Chairwoman Saville adjourned Planning Meeting.

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Linda Martinez Saville, Chairman  
Sandy City Council

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Pam Lehman  
Council Office Manager