

Mayor's Report

17 January 2022 – 22 January 2022

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Here is my status report for this week with the highlights of what I worked on.

- Prepared with Staff for the City Council meeting, including the Public Information Packet
- Met with a group of Deacons at our house
- Attended Locals Day at the Legislature with the Nibley Youth Council
- Received orientation on the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization and Council of Governments
- Met with a USU nursing student to talk about Nibley public health

City Council Meeting Prep. The lion's share of the City Council meeting on 27 Jan 2022 will be considering approval on two Preliminary Plats: Nibley Meadows and later phases of Ridgeline Park. The Public Information Packet, found on the Nibley website, gives lots of detail on these proposals, and I won't repeat that information here. Both are Residential Planned Unit Developments and are bound by Development Agreements already in place. Those Development Agreements already include concept plans. The goal of the Preliminary Plat is to agree with the proponent on the placement of roads, utilities, buildings, storm water facilities, amenities, and other items. Once the Preliminary Plat (possibly with conditions) is approved, the Council cannot ask for additional concessions at the Final Plat approval, so the heavy lifting comes here. In addition, the proponent needs to bring a final Plat that follows Preliminary Plat. The tricky part is requiring enough design and engineering to establish and agree to the Preliminary Plat without requiring all the work to have the final engineering completed for the Final Plat.

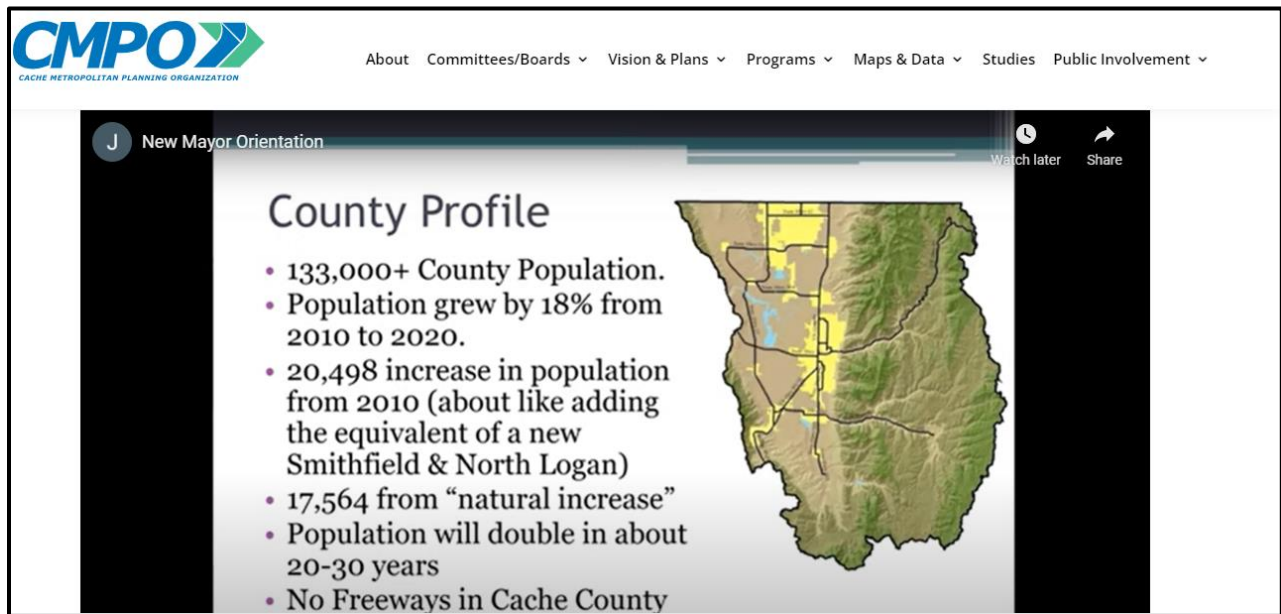
Meeting with a group of Deacons. I enjoyed meeting at our house with a group of 12- and 13-year-old young men from the Nibley 16th Ward. We talked about the role of local government, and I quizzed them on why we have Nibley City government in the first place. We talked about woodworking and visited my shop. Fun group of guys, and I invited them back to drive my 73-year-old tractor during the daytime.

Locals Day at the Legislature. Councilmember Kathryn Beus and I met the Nibley Youth Council at the State Capital for Locals Day. We enjoyed one-on-one sessions with Michael Mower, Senior Advisor to Governor Cox, and Casey Snider, our local state representative. Most of the youth's time was spent learning about flag design (if you haven't heard, the Utah flag is likely getting an overhaul), and Kathryn and I also spent time hearing about upcoming legislative issues from the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization Orientation (CMPO). Jeff Gilbert, CMPO Director, and County staff gave newly elected mayors an orientation on county-wide planning. The CMPO, in conjunction with the Council of Governments (COG) aids in regional transportation planning - including active transportation (think of trails and cycling paths). In 2007, the Cache County residents voted on themselves a 0.25 percent sales tax to fund local transportation projects, and the COG receives and rates proposals for transportation projects before making recommendations to the County Council to spend that money. Depending on the year, between \$3M and \$5M has been awarded to local projects.

Nibley City has benefitted from past funding, and we are working on a proposal to help complete 1200 W with a 30-mph road, including a separate bike commuter lane, that will connect our 3200 S roundabout (currently being built) to Logan's 1000 W at Hwy 89/91.

I pasted below one of Jeff's slides from the orientation. It shows some interesting numbers from the 2010 Census and 2020 Census. One of those interesting numbers how our population grew because of "natural increase". Here's what that means. Of about 20.5k new residents in Cache County during the past ten years, 17.6k was from us having babies. That's about 86 percent of the total increase. Across the state, Utah is closer to 65 percent. I am certainly not going to get involved in family planning for Nibley residents. However, I do believe that the numbers tell us that we all need to be part of the solution as we balance rural and open-space preservation with increased housing needs. This is a problem worth solving.



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County Profile

- 133,000+ County Population.
- Population grew by 18% from 2010 to 2020.
- 20,498 increase in population from 2010 (about like adding the equivalent of a new Smithfield & North Logan)
- 17,564 from "natural increase"
- Population will double in about 20-30 years
- No Freeways in Cache County

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USU Nursing Student. I spent time in an interview from a USU nursing student regarding Nibley community health. She is working on a school project that will conclude by writing a community health policy. I learned that community health covers a lot more than traditional health care, and I enjoyed our conversation about what makes Nibley a great place to live – along with the challenges that we face. We agreed that I could have a copy of the policy that she and her classmates write at the end of their project. Please stay tuned.

I got into the swing of Office Hours at Nibley City Hall last week. It's good to be at the city to converse with staff and take part in ad hoc discussions when they come up.

Thanks for reading. Please call, text, or email anytime.

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