

Mayor's Report

14 February 2022 – 19 February 2022

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Thank you to all who gave me feedback from my last status report! Here are things I worked on this week, and an indication to what's going on with Nibley City governance.

- Prepared for Council meeting: Council goals.
- Signed Nibley up for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.
- Met with Malouf Companies about a Community Reinvestment Agency.
- Tagged along with Justin Maughan at the Nibley School Community Council meeting.

Council Goals. During our last City Council meeting, Nathan Laursen made a great suggestion that we set goals for the Council. Goals for the Council are goals for Nibley City. I have a list of my own and making a compiled list with the rest of Council during our 24 February meeting is an even better plan. We will list specific ideas and identify how big is the effort (S, M, L) along with the expense (S, M, L). Do you have ideas that we should or could be working on the make us proud to live in Nibley? If so, please share them with me or another Councilmember. Once we compile the list, the Council will agree on priorities and then get to work.



Monarch Pledge. Becky Yeager (I'm Becky's husband) helped me get Nibley City registered with the National Wildlife Federation pledging to promote Monarch butterflies in our community. This was an easy lift – without the need for additional funding – given the many things that our community is already involved with. They include demonstration gardens (the Firefly Pollinator Garden), community outreach (the Cache Valley Wildlife Association), and enacting

Ordinance to reduce light pollution (Nibley Code 19.24.240). I encourage you to see Nibley's pledge at <https://www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchportal/Community?CommunityId=375&ProgramYearId=3>

Malouf Companies Community Reinvestment Agency. This meeting was a follow-up from a previous decision of Council to work with the State of Utah, Cache County, and the Cache County School District, along with the Malouf Companies, in a future expansion project. It is a commercial development program that earmarks a percentage of property tax collected from the project area to develop infrastructure in that area – in this case, the area around the existing Malouf campus. The development project itself brings those property taxes, so I don't see this as a bad deal for Nibley City. We are working out the details of this Agency.



Nibley School Community Council (SCC). Justin Maughan, City Manager, let me tag along with him to a Nibley Elementary SCC meeting to talk about Safe Routes to School. Municipalities have interesting relationships with school districts, in part because school districts choose where to put schools without consulting local municipalities. That not a complaint, just a statement. Once those schools are built, then the municipality is responsible for providing safe routes to school, which means crosswalks and crossing guards at key intersections. We talked with the SCC about possibly shifting

some crossing guards and the possibility of adding new crossing guards. We are working on those details for the next Nibley City budget. The conversation gets even more interesting when students who live in Logan City attend schools located in Nibley City (think of the Strata development). Those students also need safe routes to school, and we will be talking to Logan about cooperating with Nibley to achieve those routes. If you haven't noticed, school district boundaries often don't align with municipal boundaries. Because of that, people who live in Logan City and the Cache County School District pay property taxes to the Cache County School District. Interesting, right? Again, not complaining.

Thanks for reading. You are my boss. Please call, text, or email anytime.

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