

Mayor's Report
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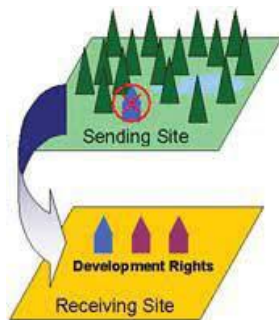
Greetings, boss.

Here are some of the things I worked on this week, and an indication to what's going on in Nibley City governance.

- Transfer of Development Rights Ordinance
- Secondary Water Systems
- USU Farm South of Nibley
- Possible Roundabout at 2600 S
- Planning Commission Appointments

Rather than type full names and titles throughout this report, I use these references.

Justin	Justin Maughan, City Manager
Darren	Darren Farar, City Engineer
Levi	Levi Robers, City Planner
Cheryl	Cheryl Bodily, City Recorder



Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Ordinance. The Planning Commission and City Council met in a joint workshop to hear from consultants about writing an ordinance that would preserve open space in one part of Nibley while developing other parts to a higher density. In that regard, it is like our Open Space Ordinance. However, this ordinance could coordinate the preservation and development between parcels of land owned by different individuals working on different projects. We heard about a new wrinkle I had not considered before. Specifically, that Nibley could receive some, or all, of the land from which development rights are transferred rather than leaving that land ownership as is. I need to think about this one. I'm in favor of Nibley

City owning important open space, but it seems this process could be akin to the city "selling" density at the expense of residents who could be next to the increased density. Two private parties selling density from one to the other seems ok, but I'm not sure how far the city's involvement should go beyond enabling the process with an ordinance. As mentioned, I will continue to think about it.

Secondar Water System Safety. Justin organized a meeting with representatives from neighborhoods with secondary water systems to talk about protecting Nibley's culinary water system. I attended as a representative for our neighborhood (I am the pump boy for our development), and I learned that I can't (and don't want to) hide from being the mayor. The intent of the meeting was to ensure that a pressurized secondary system cannot back feed surface water into Nibley's culinary system and there was some pushback from some residents. A proper configuration of pipes can ensure



this back feed doesn't happen, but not everyone with secondary water has this proper connection. Despite some pushback, I am committed, as is city staff, to making our culinary water safe. Since the meeting, Justin and I talked about a way to ease the pain for secondary water users and achieve the safety goals.



Darren set up a tour for our staff at the USU Animal Science Farm, and he let me tag along. This USU farm is Nibley's neighbor towards Wellsville, and we provide culinary water and sewage collection for the facility. It was great timing for to meet with farm personnel. As mentioned in previous reports, Hwy 89/91 will be changing as that corridor develops, and the USU farm figures into those plans. I believe we reenforced a corporative relationship between Nibley City and the USU Farm.



Possible Roundabout. We met with engineering consultants to discuss including a roundabout at 2600 S in the 1200 W design. As mentioned before, we will be asking for help to fund 1200 W project and had not previously decided whether to include this roundabout in the proposal. The study performed by the consultants showed the anticipated traffic justifies (warrants, in traffic terms) a roundabout. Staff and I like the plan, and we will recommend to the City Council to include it the 1200 W design. That item will be on our Thursday Council agenda. I believe that 1200 W – a 30-mph designed for bicycle and automobile commuting will be an asset for Nibley's citizens.

Planning Commission Appointments. Although the news is a week old, I haven't mentioned that the Council gave consent to some excellent additions on the Planning Commission. Erin Mann will serve as the Alternate Commissioner and Bret Swenson agreed to be the P&Z Chair.



Erin has a great background to be on the Planning Commission with a master's degree in Environmental Planning and a passion for our community. Bret has long served on the commission and has been a past chair. These folks give their time and expertise on the Planning Commission for the right reasons. They are motivated to serve our community, and I appreciate their service. Many thanks to them and the entire Commission.

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

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