

Mayor's Report
19 September 2022 – 24 September 2022
Larry Jacobsen

Greetings, Boss. Here is my status report for the week.

CMPO

The Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) met last week. I thought the biggest item on the agenda was talking about how to fund inflation-driven cost overruns on adopted road projects. Those road projects are the result of competitive awards against a voter-approved, local-area sales tax for transportation. It's disheartening to have to find money for these inflation-driven overruns, but we verified that the extra costs were not the result of increases in the project scope.

Another item was the discussion on an upcoming UDOT study on the US 89-91 corridor. The study will start in Brigham City, end at Logan's southern border, and will likely result in a new corridor access management plan. This is a multi-faceted issue for us. While Nibley doesn't want to clog up the corridor, there are real safety issues to solve, and that highway represents an opportunity for economic development for our city. Nibley will certainly be represented during the study, and I will keep you posted.

LED Street Lights

Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) recently gave us a proposal to replace the light-producing elements in Nibley's streetlights with LEDs. Their proposal includes installation. The present electric energy rates give a payback period of around four years. RMP put up an LED source at an overhead streetlight at 1500 West, 3200 South, if anyone is interested in seeing it. I like the hotter color temperature (whiter light) that is available with LEDs, and I thought the installed sample looked great. We have included this LED upgrade in this year's budget but haven't pulled the trigger yet.

Firefly Park Reimbursement

Nearly eight years ago, Nibley City purchased the land for our Firefly Nature Park. Funds to purchase that land were available because the Cache County School District made plans to build the Green Canyon High School on, and adjacent to, property that had a recreational easement in place. To compensate for the loss of that recreational use, Cache County coordinated a chance for all cities in the county to purchase land and then be reimbursed if that purchased land was dedicated for recreational use. Nibley, along with Hyde Park and North Logan, took advantage of that opportunity, and that was the genesis of our Firefly Park. Fast-forward to today, and we are working with Cache County for compensation of that purchase. It shouldn't be as hard as it seems to be, but we will get it done.

City Council Meeting

I don't want these Status Reports to become a replacement for the right place for you to learn about City Council meetings. However, I might get in the habit of pointing out a couple items from our last meeting and encourage you to learn about them from the City Council page on our website. In our last

meeting, some major items included hearing from Chris Searle on Nibley's emergency preparedness and management. In addition, we adopted an updated Moderate Income Housing Plan.

Young Truck and Trailer Grand Opening

Justin Maughan and I attended the Young Truck and Trailer grand opening last Friday. The Young Automotive Group recently purchased the Poulsen Trailer facility on US 89-91. We appreciate the Poulsen family's many years as a corporate citizen, and we look forward to having the Young Automotive store in our town. I mentioned in a previous report the Young Caring for Our Young Foundation and the aid they provide throughout Utah. My whole point of attending the store opening was to ensure that everyone working at that site knew we were proud to have them in Nibley rather than Logan. I think they got the point.

Firefly Park Native Pollinator Planting

Becky Yeager (I'm Becky's husband) wrote in Nibley's September Newsletter about our receipt of a competitive grant of about 400 native pollinator plants through the Utah Department of Agriculture and Foods. Last Saturday was the day to put those plants in the ground at Firefly Nature Park. If I look tired in the photo below, then it's because digging holes, putting down a patch of weed barrier, and mulching 400 plants in the ground is a fair amount of work. We appreciate the help of the Maybe family from Young Ward and of Miriam from Hyde Park. Our Firefly Park is truly a valley-wide resource for us to be proud of.



Thanks for your interest, boss. Please call, text, or write anytime.

Larry
435-512-7495
larry@nibleycity.com