

Mayor's Report

17 October 2022 – 25 October 2022

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Greetings, Boss. Here is my status report with some of the Nibley activities from last week.

Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO)

In previous reports, I have mentioned our applications to fund development of 1200 West through the CMPO with a county-wide, voter-approved, local-option sales tax. We have great news on those applications. We submitted funding requests on three phases of this project and were successful on two of them, giving us a total award of \$3.4M. We just missed on the third application, and we will resubmit that phase again next year with a good chance of receiving that award.

We have reason to celebrate! The award allows to Nibley to build a commuter-friendly, 35 mph road, complete with active transportation that includes walking trails and a protected bike lane. Nibley has already achieved our required funding match by completing a 90 percent engineering design. The Cache County Council accepted the Council of Government's recommendation, a committee of the CMPO, tonight (25 October), so its official.

Although I am lucky enough to be the mayor that announces this success, it is the result of a much larger and longer process than my term that started in January of this year. Nibley's anticipation and support for this project started long ago. I remember 1200 West being on our Master Road Plans when I was on the Planning Commission twenty-some years ago. We have been working towards a completed 1200 West for at least that long. The realignment and roundabout, already finished, at 3200 South were major steps. Leadership from previous Councils and Administrations, support from Planning Commissions, and especially, follow-through on implementation from City Staff have made this funding possible. I am confident that 1200 West will be an asset for Nibley citizens as well as the rest of Cache County. I can't wait for us to see its completion.

Transfer of Development Rights Ordinance

Levi Roberts (City Planner) and the Planning Commission did some great work last week on an upcoming recommendation to the City Council on a Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Ordinance. I have mentioned previously that this ordinance is designed to protect critical open space by creating a mechanism for individual landowners to voluntarily transfer the development rights from their property to another area within Nibley. The first area is called a "sending area" because they send their development rights to a "receiving area". As a result of buying those development rights from the sending area (and preserving open space), the receiving area gets a density bonus. Once the TDR Ordinance establishes how many TDR Units are associated with the voluntary transfer, the dollar value of each unit is established by the real-estate market. However, the city is still the authority that establishes eligible sending and receiving areas.

It was great to sit in the Public Hearing held by the Planning Commission and to hear the citizens' comments on the proposed TDR Ordinance. There were great suggestions from Nibley's Citizens throughout a very productive Public Hearing. Good job, and thanks, folks.

Miscellaneous

I continue to spend considerable time on two ongoing items. The first is a potential commercial development on US 89-91 in the vicinity of 2600 South, including opening 2600 South that is currently a privately-owned road. The second is garbage collection to fill the void created by Logan's upcoming discontinuation of service. I will report results on those efforts when I can.

Until then, thanks for reading. Please call, text, or write anytime.

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