

## **Mayor's Report**

**28 November 2022 – 3 December 2022**

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Greetings, boss! Here is my status report for the week.

### **Thomas Edison Charter School**

Justin Maughan and I spent time with Principal Kirk from the Thomas Edison Charter School discussing a development proposal that is in Logan and north of the school's property. At the meeting, we talked about how far along the proposal is, and we considered what role Nibley City might play. The landowner is asking Logan for a rezone from Commercial to a Mixed Residential zone that would allow up to 30 units/acre. Nibley City previously provided comments to the Logan Planning commission with several concerns, including a request to buffer the multi-story condominiums from the school. Logan's Planning Commission recommended against the rezone to the Logan City Council, with the most important reason listed as the current commercial zone being more beneficial to Logan City. I suspect the rezone will be denied by the Council. However, the existing Commercial zone could also have a substantial impact on the school.

Nibley City's role in this proposed project could be increased if the property was in Nibley's jurisdiction. For that to happen, the landowner must be on-board with either of two possible jurisdiction changes. The first would disconnect the property from Logan and then annex it to Nibley. If Logan opposes this disconnection, then the landowner would need to show cause for the de-annexation, such as lack of utility services available from Logan. In the past, this process has taken more than a year to complete. The second possible jurisdiction change is a boundary adjustment between Nibley and Logan that could go rather quickly because the cities agree to the change at the onset. Logan has expressed support for a larger, package-deal boundary adjustment for several properties but not for this single property. As mentioned, the landowner would have to support the change for any change of jurisdiction. Because Nibley's land-use code tends to be more restrictive than Logan's, it's not clear to me why the landowner would want to switch. A third entity to consider is Nibley residents near the property, who have shown strong opposition to less intensive projects in Nibley in the past. We will keep an eye out for the possibility of threading the needle to bring the property to Nibley and satisfy the landowner, the school, and the nearby residents. Short of that, Nibley City is happy to work with Principal Kirk to help the school's cause in the process.

### **Bear River Association of Governments (BRAG)**

I attended a BRAG meeting last week that held a Public Hearing for proposals for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG grants). These grants come from Federal funding through Housing and Urban Development to "build stronger and more resilient communities." The actual grant award is a rather long and intensive process. The BRAG Governing Council expressed their wish that the process could be more efficient.

## **Council Interim Appointment**

Kathryn Beus will take a Cache County Council position at the start of the year, and the Nibley City Council will appoint an interim Councilmember on 14 December 2022. Many thanks for Kathryn's years of service to Nibley, and I am eager for her help at the county level. I spent time writing a proposed process for the Council to select the interim Councilmember. The vacancy is advertised on our website (NibleyCity.com). If you have ever thought about being on the Council but didn't want to go through the usual election process, then please consider this opportunity.

## **Miscellaneous**

Other activities included work on the performance implementation of the Malouf Community Reinvestment Agency. I have mentioned this in past reports (for example, 26 February and 12 November).

I spent time with a USU student doing an interview for a class assignment. I think I learn more from these activities than the students do, as I get a chance to practice something I don't relish – being interviewed by the press.

I attended a meeting with Justin and a security company to talk about bolstering our protection at Nibley facilities.

Finally, (and not part of my mayor's job) I enjoyed a Cache Valley Historical Society lecture on Marriner Merrill, a Cache Valley pioneer and Latter-Day Saint Apostle.

Thanks for reading, boss. Please call, text, or write anytime.

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