

Mayor's Report

2 January 2023 – 13 January 2023

Larry Jacobsen

Greetings, boss. Happy New Year! Here is an update on some Nibley work.

Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) and Interface to Hyrum

The Planning Commission continued their work on the proposed TDR ordinance (links to information below). As residents and other entities contact me, I am getting more involved in this discussion—even before the City Council receives a recommendation from the Planning Commission. Specifically, Levi Roberts, Nibley City Planner, and I met with Hyrum Mayor Stephanie Miller and Planner Matt Holmes to coordinate TDR plans in the currently unincorporated areas between Nibley and Hyrum. It was a productive meeting on a couple of fronts. In addition to the TDR discussion, we also talked about a draft agreement the Nibley Council sent to the Hyrum Council a little over a year ago that would establish a future boundary between our cities as we grow towards one another. The Hyrum Council hasn't yet considered that agreement. Just as important as the actual boundary, the agreement proposes land uses on the future border that would be compatible with both cities. On a side note, Hyrum City is managing a Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) project that considers building a new east-west corridor between US 89-91 and Hwy 165. This new road would replace the current Hwy 101 that snakes through Hyrum. The meeting participants agreed that this new road would be a good dividing line between Nibley and Hyrum and help establish our municipal identities, even if the exact location of the new road is not yet known. We have more work to do on the boundary agreement between Nibley and Hyrum.

Back on TDR, this discussion is becoming more interesting beyond the details of the ordinance. The discussion deals with balancing private property rights with the rights of the community. These concepts are fundamental to the founding of the United States and one of the reasons that I became interested in local government many years ago. I am not going to use this space to lobby for one opinion or another, but I would enjoy talking to you about this if you are interested.

<https://nibleycity.com/index.php/latest-city-news/708-transfer-of-development-rights-study-ordinance>

<https://nibleycity.com/index.php/latest-city-news/709-tdr>

2600 South

Based on progress with the 2600 South developer last November (link to information below), I hoped we were close to accepting ownership of the portion of 2600 South that is currently closed by the owner. The remaining step was the developer bonding to guarantee completion of the road. This has proven more difficult than I expected, and it continues to require effort. We will keep working towards the hope of accepting the road and getting it open for use.

https://nibleycity.com/images/2022/Mayors_Journal/2022_11_12_1.pdf

Solid Waste

The Cache Waste Consortium (CWC) met to narrow the four proposals down to a single third-party bid. The CWC will now further refine details of the contract before awarding it. This still looks promising, and I look forward to sharing details with you soon about collecting, hauling, and landfilling trash once Logan stops providing that service.

https://nibleycity.com/images/2022/Mayors_Journal/2022_11_23a.pdf

Code Enforcement, Animal Land-Use Enforcement, and Traffic Enforcement

Justin Maughan and I continue to work on strategies to better achieve enforcement goals. I will share details as we define plans that we will eventually propose to the City Council. Although it's early in the process, I feel compelled to mention this item in this report because Nibley citizens continue to contact me with enforcement concerns. I know there are those who will feel adversely affected by additional enforcement once we implement the plans (think additional traffic citations). However, I am committed to making enforcement improvements.

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

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