

Mayor's Report

3 April 2023 – 17 April 2023

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Greetings, Nibley! Spring Break meant a light week for part of this reporting period. This report is a little shorter than usual.

Free Trees!

To honor Nibley City as a member of Tree City USA, and to continue a tradition started last year, Becky and I are giving away 100 bare-root trees and shrubs to Nibley citizens. Please come and pick up a tree or shrub on a first-come, first-served basis starting at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, 25 April, at City Hall**. If we have extras after everyone has had a chance, then we will give away additional trees until they are gone. We will have full descriptions of the types of trees available during distribution, and if you want to look up that information in advance, then here they are:

Little Leaf Linden	qty 50 (New this year, it's a great shade tree!)
Golden Currant	qty 20
Nanking Cherry	qty 20
Elderberry	qty 10

We hope to see you on April 25th!

Watermark Property

City Staff and I met with the Thomas Edison Charter School Administration and the owners of the property north of the school to talk about the owners' modified plans. As mentioned in previous reports, this property (known as the Watermark Property) is in Logan City and is zoned for a high-intensity (30 units per acre), commercial-residential mixed use. There are concerns from the property owners and from the school that have led to a conversation about the possibility of disconnecting from Logan and annexing to Nibley. From my point-of-view, Nibley City's interest (and only interest) in being involved is to help mitigate the development impacts to the school. The property owners would prefer a residential-only project, but that request was denied by Logan. The school is concerned about impacts of the development, especially in the area adjacent to their playground. At our meeting, we looked at a modified concept plan that would cut the residential density in half and reposition key buildings away from the school property. The school administration and property owners told us that they felt the modified plan struck a reasonable compromise, and we agreed to move forward. The next steps are for the property owners to start disconnecting from Logan and for Nibley City to work on an ordinance that would allow the modified plan. While there is still lots of work for this to happen, I believe we are headed in the right direction.

Miscellaneous

Levi Roberts, Nibley City Planner, and I continued our Walkability Academy training provided by the Centers for Disease Control. We are more than halfway through the ten-week, twenty-hour course, and I will give an update when we complete the course.

Justin Maughan, Nibley City Manager, met with Hyrum to coordinate Nibley's involvement in the Hyrum Justice Court.

Upcoming Events

Between now and my next report, several Council members (including me) and Staff will attend the mid-year conference for the Utah League of Cities and Towns. This is a great opportunity to learn details of new state legislation that will affect Nibley. In addition, I am one of the speakers at next week's Greater Cache Valley Economic Development Summit. I have a couple of days to work out what I want to say (gulp!). I will report on these upcoming events in a future report.

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

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