

Jana,

Your questions are perfectly timed. The Planning Commission had a full house last night for a public hearing on a specific item and the number of people presenting and wanting to speak required the Commission to set some ground rules before the hearing started. Staff is anticipating that the RMP line upgrade hearing will have an even larger audience. The following will be the public hearing process:

1. Prior to the beginning of the meeting, each person intending to speak should complete a comment card, providing their name, which item on the agenda they will be speaking about and if they will be speaking as a group representative or individually.
2. As each item on the agenda comes up: A. staff will give a brief report, B. the Planning Commission Chairman will ask the applicant if they have anything to add C. The chairman will then open the public hearing on the item.
3. When the chairman opens the public hearing he will call each person who filled out a card in turn to come to the podium.
4. The time limit for speaking is usually about 3 minutes or so. However, when there is a large number of speakers, 2 minutes is the limit unless speaking for a group and then more time will be allotted at the chairman's discretion. There will be a timer set for each speaker that will be visible to them so they will be aware of how much time they have remaining.
5. The Commission will advise the audience that because of the large number of people, that it is not necessary nor appropriate to repeat what others have already said.
6. To maintain proper decorum in the room, all speakers should direct their comments and questions to the Commission only. The Commission will generally wait until the end of the public hearing to answer all of the questions and to address comments. Clapping, cheering or jeering will not be tolerated.
7. After the public hearing is closed, the applicant may be asked to come back to the podium to provide answers to some of the questions posed by the public and/or Commissioners.
8. When the public hearing is closed, it will not be reopened, so please let others know to be thorough and concise when their turn comes up.

As to your question "Can we see the agenda?", the agenda for the March 12 meeting will be posted and available to view on the City's website no later than Friday, March 8th. There will also be copies at the meeting. If you were meaning the staff report, it too will be available on the website on Friday, March 8th. There will not be copies of the staff report at the meeting.

I understand that you have indicated that you and others will be bring evidence to the meeting that supports your positions. Since I am in the process of preparing the staff report for the Planning Commission and will be providing the Planning Commission with all of RMP's written evidence which has been posted on the website, I would also like to summarize any of yours in the report and also post it online. This will give them more time to review and digest the info. Of course any verbal evidence, i.e. expert speakers, will have to be heard at the hearing. Let me know ASAP if you plan to submit your written evidence to be included in the report.

I will post this email on the City's RMP South Jordan to Draper Line Upgrade website so that anyone interested has access to this information.

Thanks,

Greg