

SOUTH JORDAN CITY
CITY COUNCIL STUDY MEETING

May 21, 2019

Present: Mayor Dawn Ramsey, Council Member Patrick Harris, Council Member Brad Marlor, Council Member Jason McGuire, Council Member Don Shelton, Council Member Tamara Zander, CM Gary Whatcott, Administrative Services Director Spencer Kyle, Engineering Director Brad Klavano, City Attorney Ryan Loose, ACM Dustin Lewis, IT Director Jon Day, City Council Secretary MaryAnn Dean

Others: Attachment A

OAK CONFERENCE ROOM
4:30 P.M.

A. Invocation: *By Council Member Jason McGuire*

Mayor Ramsey welcomed everyone. She noted that Council Member Shelton will be arriving shortly. All other Council members were present, as listed.

Council Member Zander offered the invocation.

B. Mayor and Council Coordination

Council Member Zander reported on a Sandy City Chamber of Commerce meeting that she attended. She said Kristen Cox spoke and talked a lot about the service tax and why she's in favor of it.

Mayor Ramsey said the Salt Lake County Council is meeting today and will be discussing a Resolution to address the original Olympia Hills application. She said as nice as it would be for them to wait for the visioning study, it does not work that way. There is not time to wait. She believes the intention is to send the application to the County Mayor's office for review and they will bring it forward to a future County Council meeting. Council Member Zander asked if Amy Newton indicated what she would consider? Mayor Ramsey said she wants to consider a temporary moratorium on new development, but it would not effect this application. She is unsure if that moratorium would happen. Council Member McGuire said they will take input from the summit and apply that into the development. Mayor Ramsey said if they can get the density similar to Daybreak and address the infrastructure needs, it could be a good development. She said the proposal last year was a density of 9.2 units per acre. The current proposal is just under 7.

They discussed the proposal to split Salt Lake County. Mayor Ramsey said the ability to split exists. Whether or not they should split is another discussion. City Attorney Loose said the County can split. The practical reality of a split is more difficult than it used to be. It requires a vote of those staying in the County and those leaving the County.

Mayor Ramsey said on Thursday, she will be presenting the Wasatch Front 2050 plan. It primarily deals with transportation issues, roads, and trails. Council Member McGuire said it also acts as a blue print for how UDOT proceeds.

Mayor Ramsey said they have 4 proposals for the visioning project. Engineering Director Klavano said the technical committee has scored them and will be recommending 2 to the steering committee.

Mayor Ramsey said they hired an Executive Director for the point of the mountain project. His name is Alan Matheson. He will report to the Land Use Authority.

Council Member Shelton arrived at this time.

Mayor Ramsey noted the following calendaring items; Summerfest, the Memorial Day event at the cemetery, A Jordan School District open house for Dr. Johnson tomorrow from 3-7, and a police event tomorrow at 7 at the Workers Compensation Building in Sandy. She also noted that the Lt. Governor would like to be in South Jordan's parade.

Council Member McGuire said there is a UDOT open house tomorrow for the Bangerter 10400 South project. Mayor Ramsey said the Governor's office is interested in a presentation on water reuse. It is scheduled for June 11th.

C. Discussion/Review of Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Marlor requested that tonight's regular City Council agenda be amended. There will be residents here to talk about a bikeway/pathway issue. He recommended they make that issue a discussion item so they can discuss the issue with them rather than the typical public comment format.

Council Member Marlor said he would also like to add a nomination/appointment for the Planning Commission, Michele Hollist. He said under litigation, he would like an update on the litigation for 3400 West. City Attorney Loose indicated that is the Leisure Villas rezone. He said they need to wait until the issue goes to a vote.

Council Member Marlor said regarding the pathway, the residents that are coming do not want it paved. They are concerned about crime. He asked if the police have seen additional crime around canal walkways? Police Chief Carr said paving it or not will not make a measurable difference in crime. He said if it takes people off the street for bikes and jogging, it is safer. CM Whatcott said having more people on the trails will keep it safer. The trails that are problematic are the ones that are dead ends.

Council Member Marlor said he feels paving this path is the right thing to do. CM Whatcott said this trail has been on the master plan since 2007. It was chosen to be paved because it is one of

the only canals in the city that is not encumbered. The next phase would be 9800 South to 4000 West.

Council Member Marlor said the residents are also concerned about 4 wheelers on the trail. Mr. Klavano said the plan shows bollards to be placed on the trail. Council Member Marlor said the residents are also concerned about people letting their dogs roam free, creating noise and havoc. He requested that signs be put up reminding people of the rules. The residents are concerned that more activity on the trail will bring more crime.

City Attorney Loose said it is rare to have crime issues on a trail. He also reviewed the leash law in the city. The dogs have to be on a leash or under direct control of the owner.

D. Discussion Item: Parks Impact Fees *(By Colby Hill and Fred Philpot)*

Council Member Harris made a motion to move this item to be discussed in the regular City Council meeting. Council Member McGuire seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

E. Discussion Item: The Gale Center of History *(By Admin Director, Spencer Kyle)*

Administrative Services Director Kyle said the program coordinator is retiring in June and they thought it would be a good time to discuss the vision of the Gale Center. He noted that most of the historical committee members are present. He reviewed a prepared presentation (Attachment B). He reviewed other historical facilities in the region. Half are run by cities, the other half are run by 501C3 organizations, but they are still owned by cities. He said staff is not recommending any changes, but they want direction from the City Council. He reviewed maintenance issues that have been done on the building.

Council Member McGuire asked if they will need to retrofit the building for seismic issues? CM Whatcott said not with the current use. It was noted that the city has a shared earthquake insurance policy for city buildings.

Mr. Kyle asked if the City Council has any desire to change the use of the building in the next 5 years? Council Member Harris said they have made an investment on maintenance issues on the building. He does not see why they would want to change course.

CM Whatcott noted a fence line in the property that is inaccurate. They also noted an access used by nearby residents when they want to go to Smith's. Some of the docents also use it to come to the Gale Center.

Mr. Kyle said when the museum was set up, it was run and staffed by volunteers. He said if they add a full time museum curator, it would add more expertise. He said that would however, create a need for additional staff to fill some of the recreational needs. He said if they have a museum curator, they would need to go to the expense to build upon what is already at the museum. They have discussed doing a curator with some recreational components. It may water down the

applicant pool for those that want to be just museum curators. The recommendation from staff is to do a hybrid position with both museum curator and recreational responsibilities.

Council Member McGuire asked if they had someone that was a museum curator and an arts/historical preservation person that could help with the Holt Farmstead, and then free up a staff member to do some of the recreational responsibilities such as the Farmers Market? He said he feels like the museum is stagnant. They should do something to bring fresh life to it.

Mr. Kyle said if they combine the arts with the recreation program coordinator, that is 1 ½ positions. Something would have to give, meaning their level of service may decrease. Council Member McGuire asked if they could get a grant to fund additional staff? CM Whatcott said staff could look into that, typically they are matching grants. Mr. Kyle said they may not be eligible for a grant since the position would be both arts and recreation.

Council Member Zander said she does not feel this warrants a full time curator. She likes the idea of getting the arts and the Gale Center under the same umbrella. She would like to hire someone with both arts and museum interest.

Mr. Kyle noted that art museums and history museums are not the same.

Council Member Harris said he feels they should go for a curator and separate the recreation duties to someone else. Council Member Marlor said the arts stuff makes more sense with the museum.

Council Member Marlor asked if they can cut back on the Gale Center hours on a certain day to allow the curator to focus on their work. Would it negatively impact the Gale Center if they were open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and then they can use the other 2 days for the curator to do their work? Associate Director of Public Works Hill said they could run into issues with the farmers market (if it stays with the museum). He said Saturdays are busy for recreation programmers.

CM Whatcott said growth in the city is eating the capacity of their staff. If they combine jobs, the end result is that something will be dropped off. They can't take 1 ½ jobs and make it 1.

Mayor Ramsey said they need to look beyond today and see if they want a larger museum with traveling exhibits. CM Whatcott said they need to have a plan. He said they can schedule some work sessions or workshops with the historical committee and determine their long term goals. Mayor Ramsey suggested a tour of the Gale Center as well.

They discussed the need to hire someone good at museum and arts. They are concerned that if they throw in the farmers market responsibilities, that could detract the right person. They can focus on an arts or history person. They will have to address the other responsibilities with staff, or reduce their services. CM Whatcott said they might have to get some ½ time staffers.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member McGuire made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Harris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

The May 21, 2019 City Council study meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

This is a true and correct copy of the May 21, 2019 City Council Study Meeting Minutes, which were approved on June 4, 2019.

Anna M. West
South Jordan City Recorder

GALE CENTER DISCUSSION

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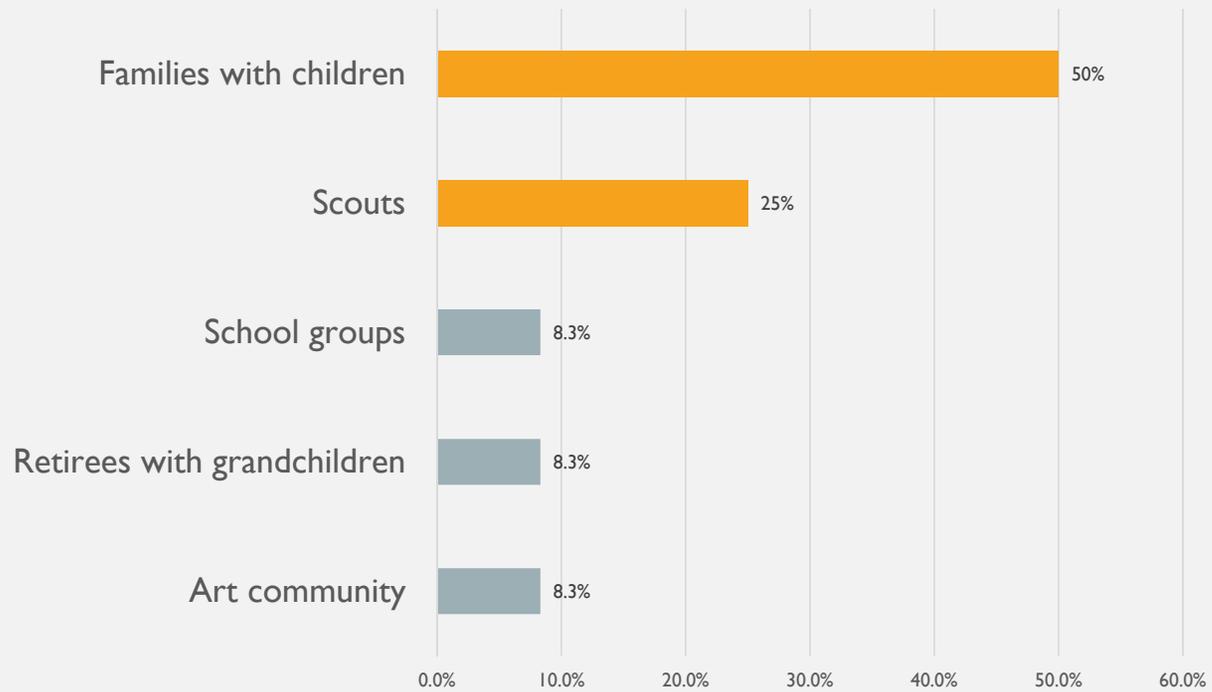
BACKGROUND

- Built in 1978
- 2.04 acres
- 15,125 square feet
- Purchased for \$955,238
- \$446,140 in initial improvements
 - \$185,487 park impact fees
 - \$259,653 MBA bonds
- \$501,572 in project expenses since 2012
- Opened in 2006
- Assessed by County at approx. \$2.6 million

PRIORITY BASED BUDGET PROGRAM EVALUATION

- Total program budget \$133,426 FY 2018-19
- Scores low on priority based budgeting system
 - Not tied well to City's strategic priorities
 - Small population served
- Attendance is growing, but rate of growth is slowing
 - Average 57 people per day
- Rental revenue is small but increasing
- Education could be more strongly tied to historical education

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE BY GROUP



OTHER REGIONAL HISTORICAL FACILITIES

Salt Lake County

- Draper Historical Society and Sorensen Home
- Midvale Historical Museum
- Sandy Museum
- Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center
- Murray City Museum
- West Jordan Historical Museum
- Sorensen Historical Museum
- Riverton Museum
- Ethnic and Mining Museum of Magna

Outside Salt Lake County

- Provo
- Orem
- American Fork DUP
- Santaquin Chieftain Museum
- Lehi Hutchings
- Mapleton Heritage Museum
- Peeteenet Payson
- Park City Museum

FUTURE OF THE PROPERTY

- We have an older property, how long will we be able to keep it?
- The maintenance has been kept up with, but will likely grow in the future as the building ages.
- Are there other uses for the building that the City Council wants to consider?

STAFFING OF MUSEUM

- Museum was set up to be run by volunteers
- Over the years, recreation staff has been added as a liaison to help
- Recent change from Recreation Program Coordinator to Museum Coordinator
 - 50% of duties assigned to museum
 - 50% of duties assigned to other recreation activities
 - Youth Council, Farmer's Market, Terrific Tuesdays, Event Permitting, other recreation activities, auditorium rental, building maintenance

REQUEST FOR FULL-TIME MUSEUM CURATOR

- Some City residents have requested a full-time museum curator
- Recreational programs would need to be dropped or additional staff hired to continue
- Museum curator would have more expertise in collection acquisition and maintenance
 - Would probably need increase in collection acquisition budget
- Based upon foreseeable needs of the City in future budgets, should the staff prepare a budget request for full-time curator in next year's budget?

FOCUS OF MUSEUM

Current collection includes:

- Artifacts historical to region or United States
- Children's play area
- Residents on Display
- Yard with historical farm and transportation items
- Heart medical technology

What should the focus be?

- Keep it as is?
- South Jordan, Utah, America?
- Traveling exhibits to increase general attendance?
- Focus on activities or history?