

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
PLANNING COMMISSION OF
GARDEN CITY, UTAH

The Garden City Planning Commission held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 5, 2012 at the Garden City Lakeview Building located at 69 N. Paradise Parkway. Commission Chair Lance Bourne opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Members Present:

Lance Bourne, Chair
Jim Stone
Dallas Solum
DeWayne Gifford
Mike Schiess
Nate Gracey
Chuck Stocking

Others Present:

Sharlene Millard
Anita Weston
John Spuhler
Brian House
Bess Huefner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting will be approved next month.

STREET LIGHT DISCUSSION

Mayor Spuhler said street lights are important, but we also have a responsibility of not raising taxes because we have a budget and every year the taxes and utilities go up. He's been watching the budget and trying to get our expenses down. He's found that some of the lights around town are not needed. The role of government is safety and he's willing to listen to where lights need to be. But if it's not for the benefit of the public, they don't need to be on. People can get their own lights and pay for them themselves. He talked about getting solar lights soon and those people who want to pay for their own lights can get them turned on.

Mayor Spuhler talked about focusing our light attention to where the bus stops are, but we can't allow individuals or HOA's to drive our policy. Is it for the public good and safety? The role of government isn't here to supply everyone with whatever they want, it's for what they need.

He's trying to make sure lights are on where there is a bus stop. We should make sure the lights just south of the KOA are turned on. There was discussion about turning on your own porch lights to help light up the street area.

Commission Member Gifford would like to see all the lights on the boulevard back on. He feels that our town is not a friendly town anymore. We're fining for everything and taking lights away from people. If we're a friendly town, why are we taking lights away and then the putting up a lot of Christmas lights and lighting up an ice rink that we don't have yet? It was explained that so many lights have been on for a long time and it's not been for "public safety". They're just trying to save money for public safety reasons.

It was discussed that the light at 85 E. doesn't need to stay on. If residents around that area want light, they should leave their porch light on or get a solar light.

The lights that should be turned on are; Snowmeadows entrance, south side of KOA, and 200 N. needs to be on. 250 S. is already on, maybe it needs a new bulb. The light by DeWayne Gifford's should get shut off.

Mayor Spuhler said there have only been about 4 lights along the boulevard that have been shut off. He talked about how nice it is to have an Enforcement Officer to take care of problems that come up.

MISCELLANEOUS

Sign Ordinance

Andy Stokes talked about the sign ordinance. He explained some of the changes he's thinking of making so he can enforce the ordinance. He would like them to get any changes to him within a week.

Canal Safety Discussion

Mayor Spuhler said there were some laws put into place about 2 years ago. It relates to the canal in Logan that broke. He talked about the buffer zone from the center of the canal. Because the town has so many shares in the canal, he's concerned about the liability of the steepness and slide potential. We need to understand what the law is and make sure it's effective. He would like the planning commission to look into getting information about this and try to decide what to do. It's a big safety issue.

The canal has been close to being breeched by Randall Hansen's house.

Commission Chair Bourne said we probably should adopt what the state has. Council Member House said there are 8 lots in Lochwood that have frontage on the canal, but it's steep. The 33' from the center doesn't state anything about the slope. He would like our ordinance to be more restrictive than the state's.

Council Member House said you could tell the canal company to pipe the canal. Commission Chair Bourne said that would be great, but it's not foolproof either.

Council Member Bess Huefner said she did contact the Fordham's of Lochwood who built next to the canal. She also sent a letter stating that it would be a good idea for them to pipe the canal near their home.

Buttercup

Mike Schiess talked about 3 ½ acres in Buttercup that have been set aside for Buttercup future development. It is exactly adjacent to the pond. He's made a proposal to take that park development area and donate it to the city so it can be developed by the city engineers and reflect the same architectural design of the whole park. They wouldn't have to take care of it and the town could use it. Council Member Huefner said she will talk with Danny White about it.

Mr. Schiess also talked about 3rd West and the trash pick-up for Buttercup.

Re-Zone

Commission Chair Bourne talked about Darin Satterthwaite's mother's house that Darin wants to buy. He wants to make sure we will let him re-zone it to commercial before he buys it. Council Member House said we can't say we will. He will have to come before the Planning Commission to ask for a re-zone.

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Member Schiess made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commission Member Stone seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Lance Bourne, Chair

Sharlene Millard, Assistant Clerk