

**WORK SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL TO
REVIEW THE GENERAL PLAN
January 5, 2017
6:00 PM**

PRESENT:	Tyler Vincent	Mayor
	DJ Bott	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Ruth Jensen	Councilmember
	Tom Peterson	Councilmember
	Mark Thompson	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Mark Bradley	City Planner
	Mary Kate Christensen	City Recorder
	Paul Larsen	Community Development Director
	Kristy Law	CSA Director
	Dennis Vincent	Police Lieutenant
	Derek Oyler	Finance Manager
	Jason Roberts	City Administrator
	Jake Young	Civil Solutions Consultant

Parks and Trails

Councilmember Farr said in this chapter it states that *“the City is largely underserved in trails when compared to cities the same size in Northern Utah.”* He asked how many miles of trails are currently in the City.

It also states that *“Brigham City seniors have outgrown the current Senior Center in terms of the facility’s capability to handle the numbers for meals, recreation and senior activities.”* He would like to see a weekly or monthly schedule of activities. Councilmember Jensen would like to know the capacity ten years ago compared to current capacity, and how many meals were served ten years ago compared to current. Councilmember Bott said no matter what the activity level is now, ten or twenty years from now the City will need a new senior center.

Councilmember Farr said the proposed plan states that three specific areas of town do not have parks within walking distance. He asked if this is something the Council wants to make a priority. Councilmember Peterson felt that this was a misrepresentation because the map shows the sports complex as accessible to the southwest portion of the community, when the railroad excludes it from everything. It is inaccessible to everyone.

Councilmember Farr said there are trails planned for west of town. He wondered if this was something the developers should pay for. Mr. Bradley said that is possible. Some of the areas will be outside of developer areas. Some of the proposed trails are part of the 1200 West corridor that would connect into the Heritage Trail.

Councilmember Peterson said when the county built the building at the County Fairgrounds, Tremonton required them to put in 8’ sidewalks. This allows two strollers to pass each other. He suggested a 6’ sidewalk along 1200 West.

Councilmember Jensen said she did not agree with the order of the goals and strategies in this chapter:

- 1) Provide new parks in recently developed areas and in all future development.
- 2) Improve existing parks.
- 3) Develop a City wide trail system.

4) Develop a new City Community Center.

Mr. Jake Young said these are based on the recommendations of the Steering Committee, but they can be rearranged if the Council desires. Councilmember Farr felt that this is something the Council would look at and determine what should be done first.

Councilmember Jensen said this chapter also talks about developing another fishing pond and an ice skating rink. At one time the City considered making an ice skating rink at Pioneer Park. Now there are fish in the pond, so she suggested Watkins Park. Mr. Bradley said the details will need to be worked out at the time the Council determines to make one.

Councilmember Jensen did not feel that the City needed another fishing pond. There are already two – Pioneer Park and the Mayor’s Pond. Mr. Bradley said this is not required. It is just the result of what the public requested.

Public Services

Councilmember Jensen said the plan states that Brigham City’s water supply is sufficient for the next 15+ years. She did not agree. She thought it should be ramped up.

In addition, she did not agree with the suggestion for future fire stations north and south in the City. She did not feel that it was Brigham City’s responsibility to provide someone else’s fire stations. She also did not agree with a training facility.

Mr. Bradley stated that the plan is just identifying the services the City would need for the future, whether it’s five, ten or twenty years.

Councilmember Jensen stated that there are now different ways of burial, which means the City won’t need as much land. Councilmember Bott said the plan encourages acquiring property around the cemetery, rather than purchasing property somewhere else and having two cemeteries.

Councilmember Farr suggested the Council determine what items the City should start working on. Mayor Vincent said the City has started looking at property surrounding the cemetery. He agreed that the City shouldn’t wait.

Councilmember Peterson said the current Public Works Standards requires that any new subdivision install a line for secondary water. He felt that it should also be required any time there are any major road repairs. Mr. Young said he will change the wording in the general plan.

Housing

Councilmember Farr said the City has sufficient moderate income housing. He wondered if this is something the City should shy away from in the future. Mr. Bradley said the state requires every municipality to meet a certain moderate income housing demand. The City is within those guidelines, so we do not need to continue to taper towards this, but should reach out to all different kinds of housing opportunities. Councilmember Farr asked if there was something the City could do to encourage more upscale housing. Mr. Bradley said there were a lot of comments that there is a desire for developed subdivisions with high end housing. However, a lot of this is developer driven.

Mr. Young stated that this is covered under Goal #4, “*develop initial higher end homes within the City limits.*”

Environment

Councilmember Bott said he did not agree with Goal #5, No. 7, “...*phasing out the use of wood burning stoves.*” Mr. Young said this could be removed, or it could state efficient wood burning. The Council asked that it be changed to “*encourage more efficient wood burning stoves.*”

Transportation and Land Use Chapters will be discussed in a work session on January 19.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.