

LPC Housing Advisory Committee

Language is being presented to the State legislature that defines when a planning commissioner may / should be removed from planning commission. It is intended to supplement the municipality's language, not override it. Most of the language involves ethics violations and failure to disclose conflicts of interest. One interesting criteria is "impermissible bias," defined as a prejudgment about a question of law or policy.

A letter from a large group of organizations (Utah City Managers Association, Utah Home Builders Association, Utah Association of Building Officials, Utah Property Rights Coalition, Utah League of Cities and Towns, and Utah Association of Counties) is being prepared for submission to the legislators clarifying that we can work together to resolve differences in perspectives and don't need the State to preempt our own decisions and rights.

Local Elected Officials Day

The Mayor of Rockville and I attended our first Local Elected Officials Day in Salt Lake City, and we both felt it was worthwhile to spend time with the state representatives for our region. I talked with the new Mayor of Hurricane, who was there with his youth council group, about the process of forming a youth council for teens in the Zion corridor. I'll follow up with him on that and then gauge interest.

Housing Committee

The Housing Committee met to review the submittals for the Trappers Circle project. We're in the process of checking references for the company we selected and should have a recommendation to Council soon.

Five County Association of Government

Jean Krause and I met with Michael Johnson, a new employee of the AOG who will be responsible for their mayors meetings. Jean was recently elected to chair the mayor group, and I was elected as vice chair. Mayors from Beaver, Iron, Garfield, Kane, and Washington Counties attend these meetings, and it's a good opportunity to share information and best practices.

Zion Forever Project

I met with Tiffany Stauffer and Stephani Lyon from Zion Forever Project and discussed their strategic plan for the next five years. One of their priorities is workforce housing, and we discussed working together on this goal. They will attend our next housing committee meeting.

ZFP is planning an America 250 event at the O. C. Tanner Amphitheater and asked for the Town's support. I will bring more information about this event and their "ask" as they finalize their plans.