

MOUNT OLYMPUS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Churchill Jr. High School Library
April 2, 2019

Council Members in attendance: David Baird (chair), John Knoblock, Joan Haven, Chuck Pruitt, Kumar Shah, Brian Jorgensen, Ken Smith, Kate Johnson, Phong Nguyen

INTRODUCTION:

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Council Members

Minutes of previous meeting to be adopted later

REPORTS:

Senator Iwamoto Legislative Update

- It was a strange session, went by fast, crazy at the end.
- Passed all 12 bills she introduced
- Highlights:
 - A bill relating to noxious weeds
 - Lower age to apply for sheriff officer
 - Navajo code talking and Native American remains
 - Conflict disclosures and reports
 - Poll closing hours
 - Water banking – agriculture and city coordination
 - Campus safety amendments – Lauren McClusky’s family involved, more training and info sharing at public higher ed in the state
 - Hate crimes bill
- David Baird brought up Senate Bill 42, with regard to issue of double taxation. David is against it and so is Mayor Silvestrini.
- Iwamoto has handled a lot of emails and feels she has an active constituency.
- With regard to initiatives, they are like legislation and can be changed by legislature.

Jared Nichols of UPD (has taken over for Ronnie)

- Calls and cases in the city have been fairly flat for 5 years.
- Priority calls have been reached in about 2 minutes.
- Not a lot of change in February stats.
- Citations have gone up since last year.
- Various types of crimes were distinguished.

- Overall, we're in one of the lower crime areas of the Valley.
- David B noted that we may think crime is going up, simply because we have access to more information.

UFA Officer Rhoades

- Recruit camp begins early June.
- Drawings are coming in for Station 112 in the Cove. It should be a nice addition to the area.
- Chipper Days mentioned

New Salt Lake County Council Member, Shireen Ghorbani

- Introduced herself and let us know that she's ready to listen
- Joan H. mentioned that she likes ranked choice voting, and Ghorbani said she is also a fan and that the possibility is being worked on.
- Noted that we have a secure voting system.

Mayor Silvestrini

- Rank choice can eliminate the need for a primary election. We'll look at it for this year, but we don't have the software for now.
- Good news: sales tax up 8-9% this year
- Collected more property tax than expected. Probably no property tax increase for the city this year.
- Trying to keep firefighting wages stable, although police may have to be paid more.
- County is proposing to raise Public Works contract by 44%, or \$1.7 million. This is not realistic or sustainable. We still want to continue to contract with the county, if possible, however. There's too much overhead in the county. Mayor is working on it.
- We may have less road work this summer because of a lot of snow plowing.
- We also have storm drain problems that need to be addressed
- Encouraged everyone to get on the web page and review the city center plan. Let leadership know of any concerns. They would like to get input from 2000 people.
- David B commented for newsletter to mention open garage door crimes.
- Drugs appear to be fueling much of our crime.
- Rezone of UFA. Station 112 is most in need of replacement. It is not seismically sound. We have not found a better site, so the cheapest thing to do is rebuild there. The new station will have a 30-foot bay and a hammerhead turn in the front (rather than a drive through). We will be acquiring a small plot on the west side for parking. Need a zoning change to the side yard setback on the east side to commercial 2. We are able to build out of regular funds without having to issue a bond. Hope for ground breaking in a year.
- Francis Lilly noted that the zoning for the fire station be changed to C2, but limited to public uses only.

Community Council approved a recommendation to the city council for the approval of the fire station zoning change.

Council Member Cheri Jackson – nothing to report

BUSINESS:

1. Millcreek Road FCOZ application status (David Baird/Francis Lilly)
 - Several neighbors, including Lannie German discussed a flag lot above Millcreek road on which a very large hole has been dug in preparation for building.
 - At issue is the Foothills Canyons Overlay Zone (part of county/city code), as well as local CC&R's, which require that building be approved by the Millcreek Architectural Control Committee.
 - No development is supposed to take place on slopes over 30%, which seems to be happening with the hole in this flag lot. City has said it will be rectified. In essence, the permit was exceeded, although the FCOZ was not. The permit was revoked, giving the developer one week to submit a shoring plan. A revised site plan is under review.
 - Two requests are being made by neighbors (who are concerned about the stability of the hillside, drainage, etc.):
 - That an independent compact test be required for verification of replacement of fill pursuant to the shoring plan.
 - That a slope waiver not be permitted.
 - Francis noted that he has had a lot of conversations with the builder. The builder is looking for appropriate fill soil.
 - David B asked "How can we prevent this from happening in the future – also including issues with snow and drainage?"
 - **Community council voted to support the neighbors' requests.**
2. Chipper Days (John Knoblock)
 - Project between UFA, Forest Service, and citizens. Citizens to clear brush and stock wood on road to be chipped. Purpose is to reduce fire danger.
 - Rita noted that it can't happen this spring due to logistics. Question: Who's paying for it. Answer: UFA has funding. City doesn't.
 - Not sure what addresses will be involved.
 - We need to talk with Skyler.
 - David B – Can we rectify this by noon tomorrow?
3. Neff's Canyon Adopt a Trail Program (John Knoblock)
 - This is a program where organizations or businesses adopt a trail and provide light maintenance.
 - John suggests that MOCC adopt Neff's Canyon. Cost would be about \$500/year. Tasks would involve training volunteers and site inspection.
 - Question: Is it the trail through the trees, the road, or both? Probably both.
 - Question: Could we spend some of our budget on this?
 - **Community council voted to approve this spending, subject to whether we are permitted to spend city money outside of the city.**
4. Trails, Parks, and Open Space Committee (John Knoblock)

- Cottonwood Heights does it.
 - Formal and informal trails
 - Cheri Jackson: Councilwoman Cattan has raised this on City Council. It is on the agenda, but not on the top of the list.
5. MOCC Insurance Update (David Baird)
 - Cost is currently \$800 for each council. We may get a new policy, but until then, it could be \$800 out of our \$3,000 budget.
 - It was paid by the MSD earlier and before that by the county.
 - Question: If we're paying for it, should we get a bigger budget to compensate?
 6. MOCC Budget (David Baird)
 - Approved by the Council
 7. Jupiter Jump Cost Update (David Baird)
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 8. MOCC Bylaws update (David Baird)
 - Rita Lund: MOCC's bylaws are giving too much control to the city.
 - Joan H: I worked so hard on these!
 - David B: I can make the minor adjustments.

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