

Minutes

Mount Olympus Community Council

Oct. 7, 2024 Meeting

- Minutes drafted by Tom Stephens.
- Members present: Britt McPartland, Tom Stephens, Cabot Jennings, Chuck Pruitt, Brian Jorgenson, Richard Williamson, Kyle Taft. Absent: John Knoblock and Ivan Blatter.
- City staff present: Francis Lilly, Rita Lund, along with Mayor Silvestrini.
- Public present: several individuals, names unknown with the exception of Craig Weir, 3907 Pluto Way, all interested in the Cowboy Partners project.
- Draft Sept. 2024 minutes approved

Mayor Silvestrini

- Fortuna Park playground equipment discussed.
- Bike lane on west side of Wasatch Blvd discussed.
- The likely need for community councils to formalize their open meeting responsibilities, including posting agendas and minutes on the Utah Open Meetings website.
- The city council / community council relationships from a legal perspective, including amending the Millcreek code dealing with this relationship, such as promoting a more formal separation, tighter budget process. How best to make these changes is a topic of discussion that will include the chairs of the community councils.
- The mayor emphasized that the city council continues to value the community councils' recommendations.

Rita Lund:

- Discussed community council budgeting and use of funds.
- Donating community council funds to third parties is prohibited.
- The MOCC must set up a bank account with an EIN number in order for it to finish its budgeting process and receipt of funds from the city.

Community council election / appointments

- Clarifying that Ivan Blatter was appointed to serve on the Mt. Olympus Community Council, and that his re-election process is to be completed by Nov. 2026 for the January 2027 election cycle.
- Corey Pederson is to serve a four-year term beginning January 2025.
- Corey Pederson is hereby appointed to begin serving immediately, per motion and unanimous approval.

Cowboy Partners Project

- Francis Lilly of the city and Chris Zarek of Cowboy Partners [CP] present.
- CP is requesting a one-month extension before the MOCC makes its recommendation due to the need to refine the project architectural details, schematics, elevations, etc.

- Energy efficiency, lighting fixture dark sky compliant, restaurant occupancy, minimum window percentages, traffic calming, elevations, grade changes, bird protection, maximum heights / elevations, residential apartments size, parking capacity, setbacks, cross walk protections, bike lane design, permitting and construction time line all discussed.
- Chuck Pruitt asked Chris Zarek of Cowboy Partners if he thought the interaction with the community council and the public has been beneficial. Mr. Zarek answered in the affirmative.
- Francis Lilly, planning director and assistant city manager, affirms that Cowboy Partners has not been offered any sales or property tax incentives and none will be offered in the future.

Fortuna Park playground equipment

- A prime goal for playground equipment design and protective surface is to prevent injuries.
- A motion was made by McPartland and seconded by Taft to recommend the “Sontag #2 proposal” with an accessible swing, deep protective surfacing, light color.

Porsche dealership development update.

An audience member, Craig Weir, stated that the city council authorized at its January 9, 2024 meeting a property tax and sales tax agreement with Porsche that shares back 25% of the sale tax and 90% of property tax increment for 20 years. (City Council Jan. 9, 2024 meeting minutes), titled: Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Millcreek Reinvestment Agency for Sharing of Sales Tax and Use Tax.

All community council members present stated that this is the first time they had heard of this agreement to share sales and property tax funds with Porsche.

Mr. Weir provided the community council with a section of the City Council January 9, 2024 minutes that describes this agreement and the actions of the city council. These city council minutes are included by reference into these minutes.

A discussion ensued between Francis Lilly and community council members.

Adjournment

- Upon motion and vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.