

Minutes of the Syracuse City Planning Commission Work Session held on August 6, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 1979 West 1900 South, Syracuse City, Davis County, Utah.

Present:

Commission Members: Curt McCuiston, Chairman
Tyler Bodrero, Vice-Chairman
TJ Jensen
Wayne Kinsey
Anne Greeson
Ralph Vaughan
Sean Dixon

City Employees: Jenny Schow, Planner
Noah Steely, Planner
Kelly A. Janis, Administrative Professional
Steven Garside, City Attorney

City Council: Craig Johnson

Excused: Dale Rackham

Visitors: Mike Thayne

1. **Department Business**

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Five minute recess

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Commissioner Jensen – I would like to hear from Noah Steele about the trails.

Planner Steele – I have been working on the Great Salt Lake Shorelands Trails that is in our trails master plan. I have been writing an application and I just submitted it last week to the National Park Service Rivers and Trails Assistance Program. What this entails is having the expertise and time of someone from the National Park Service to help us get our Great Salt Lake Shorelands Trail. We have toured the area with National Park Service staff and they were very positive about it. I submitted the application, but we will not find out if we get their assistance until October. I believe they received around 40 applications and they choose 13; we have a reasonable chance. The Shorelands Trail would conceptually connect the Antelope Island Causeway parking lot down to Bluff Road. This trail would go along the shoreline of the Great Salt Lake and connect with the Immigrant Trail, or down to the Bird Preserve. We have been working on this and it is very exciting; I think it would be a wonderful thing for the City and it could bring in tourism. It would be an equestrian trail and a eventually become a general greenway, but there are a lot of wetlands in that area and they would be not quite as developed, but the access and infrastructure would be in place to provide for our residents. The trail is approximately 4 – 5 miles. I think we have a good chance of getting their assistance because it matches the National Park Services' mission which is to increase access to natural areas and educate residents of those sensitive areas and endangered species. There is a lot of bird habitat out there. Currently access is limited to hunters that are willing to cross fences and know exactly where to cross; there is actually a lot of public land out there right now. The problem is a lot of that public land, which is called a wetland mitigation bank which is set aside and they restore the wetlands. They do not want a lot of heavy development.

Commissioner Jensen – Most of that land is to the west and south of Gentile.

Commissioner Kinsey – What kind of assistance would they provide if we are chosen?

Planner Steele – If you are referring to money, not really any direct money; but they have a lot of expertise in getting grants and other federal type funding. They have worked on trails with Salt Lake County with the Jordan River Trail network and they mentioned that they helped West Jordan get \$300K for their trail development. They are kind of connected to all of the resources, but they are not offering specific resources besides their time and expertise. West Point has received grant funding to create a trail. So as part of the Shoreline Trail application, we included a proposal to connect to Rock Creek.

Commissioner Bodrero – What is the proposed name for this trail?

Planner Steele – The Shorelands Trail or Shorelines Trail. The Bonneville Shoreline Trail, as part of the West Davis Corridor, they are going to build a trail on the north side of that, which would connect our Immigrant Trail into a much larger trail network. Eventually you would be able to go from Jensen Nature Park up to the canyons.

Planner Schow – We have scheduled a joint Planning Commission and City Council work session. It will be on August 14, 2013. The point of the meeting is to review the remainder of the calendar and for the upcoming year. We will review any ordinances and General Plan changes that we may need to make or discuss.

2. **Next Agenda**

Writing language for Zero Lot Line.

R-4 Zoning

Annual Training for new and existing commissioners.

3. **Adjourn – Motion by Commissioner Jensen. All in favor.**

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