

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING
FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY
910 South Mountain Road
January 30, 2018

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

The Strategic Planning Meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited and Mayor John Pohlman offered a word of prayer. The entire City Council and Mayor, City Manager Green and Recording Secretary Kelli Rollins were present. Residents, Mr. Andy Busch and Mr. Jim Crismer were also present for the meeting.

The Mayor stated that the goals for this meeting were to get to know each other better, to know why they were there and to set strategic directives and tactics. He introduced the plan to have a vision statement, which would be to make Fruit Heights better. That vision statement would be driven by directives which are supported by initiatives. He mentioned that the goal for tonight was to come up with 5 directives for the City Council.

The Mayor had previously had each member of the City Council and City Manager Green take a strength assessment. The assessment was called Strength Finders and would divide dozens of strengths into four different areas. He asked the City Council and City Manager Green to share their strengths with each other and then with the entire group.

City Manager Green was asked to give a brief history of Fruit Heights. He talked about the one hundred people that worked together to incorporate the City of Fruit Heights in 1939. He also mentioned that there are now about 6,800 residents, 1,770 homes, 24 miles of road and 20 acres of parks. The one thing that has remained is the ability for good neighbors to work together.

The City Council, Mayor and City Manager discussed what they see as their responsibilities and determined that the five directives to drive the vision that the City Council has in mind.

The first directive is Fiscal Responsibility and the way they were going to achieve that would be to identify and prioritize the needs of the City. They discussed learning from the City Councils who have come before and looking to the future.

The second directive is Infrastructure and includes roads, storm drain, water and sewer. They would achieve this by relying on the City Staff. The City Council would do their homework, listen to the recommendations of the City Staff and task the City Staff with keeping them informed.

The third directive is Community. It includes Parks, Cemetery, Trails, Veterans Memorial, Founder's Day, Food Truck Night, the 100 acres development. The emphasis is giving the residents a place and a reason to get out of their homes and to be with their neighbors.

The fourth directive is communication. The City Council, Mayor and City Manager discussed how important it is to approach communication through multiple layers. There is not just one way to communicate with all the residents and there is not a way to force them to use the different forms of communication.

The final directive is Planning. The City Council recommended that the directives be kept on the City Council agendas to help them remind them of their purposes. They also discussed using the committees and helping them see the vision and to know the directives of the City.

City Manager Green presented the projects that the City would be looking to complete in the fiscal year 2018-2019. He mentioned that how many projects the City would be able to complete would all depend on the prices of oil and concrete. Money for the roads projects comes from the street fees, property taxes, and the remaining balance from the road fund, the local tax and the B&C road fund. They discussed water projects and the need for the City Council to determine the water, storm water, and traffic utility fee schedules for the future.

The Mayor mentioned that the City had received another bid for the new playground at Nicholls from Big T Construction. It is similar to the other plans. The Mayor mentioned that the City could provide the labor to assemble the playground under the supervision of Big T and save money. He also mentioned grants and donations to help with the costs. The City Council voiced the concerns of insurance and warranties. They discussed a basketball court at Harvey Park. It was determined the City would need to know the true cost of a 80x50 post tension concrete basketball court before moving ahead.

The Veterans Plaza was discussed and it was determined that the City Council was in favor of moving ahead with the plaza as long as it is not that expensive. The City Council member over the Plaza will work to find out the costs of lining the wall with brick, marble, stainless steel or granite. It was also suggested to have a thought or dedication at the bottom of the wall.

Council Member Jeanne Groberg made a motion to open the meeting to public comment. It was seconded by Council Member Julia Busche and was approved unanimously.

The two residents who attended the meeting were both in favor of the Veteran's Plaza.

The Mayor mentioned that the Planning Commission would be working with the Trails Committee in regards to the east bench trails. The City Council is excited about the possibility of a cemetery in Fruit Heights but they would like it not to be a huge strain financially on the City. City Manager Green mentioned that you need to think of a cemetery as being similar to a park in that doesn't ever make money.

The Mayor thanked Council Members Julia Busche and Gary Anderson for finding a couple to chair the Founders Day celebration this year. The Mayor and City Council discussed that they needed to fully support Founders Day. The Mayor encouraged the Founders Day Committee to reach out to all neighborhoods for their committee.

The City Manager explained the need to update the Affordable Housing Plan because the requirements change on a regular basis.

Mayor Pohlman reminded that as part of their fiscal responsibility is not only to save money but to always be looking for ways to increase the revenue for the City. He asked them to think creatively and out of the box. He also encouraged them to ask residents, especially those who own businesses to donate to the different projects. The City Manager updated them on the Rock Loft and at this time they are planning on a food supplement company, four offices and perhaps a small fitness gym.

The Mayor made the Council assignments. The Citizen Corps Committee representative will be Council Member Gary Anderson. Council Member Diane Anderson will be representing the City Council on the Cemetery and Parks committees. Council Member Julia Busche will be the liaison for the Youth City Council and the Trails committee and will also be the Mayor Pro Tempore. Council Member Brandon Halliday will be the liaison for the Planning Commission. Council Member Jeanne Groberg will represent the City Council on the Founders Day committee and as the Legislative Representative. The Mayor will serve on the Wasatch Integrated Waste Board.

The Mayor talked about the City Council taking the five directives to their committees and setting goals in the different areas. He tasked them with creatively thinking outside the box. He also mentioned that the Citizen's Tool box is the driving force behind the directives and will help the City Council to determine their goals.

It was determined that Council Member Brandon Halliday and City Manager Brandon Green would attend the Citizens' Academy on February 6, 2018 at 6:00.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Brandon Halliday made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Diane Anderson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 pm.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true, accurate and complete record of the Fruit Heights City Council meeting held January 30, 2018.

Not approved until signed



Kelli Rollins, Fruit Heights Recording Secretary

Date approved by City Council:

February 6, 2018