

Mt. Pleasant City Community Development and Renewal Agency
SPECIAL AGENDA MINUTES
May 23, 2017
6:00 PM

The Mt. Pleasant City Community Development & Renewal Agency Board held a special meeting on May 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, 115 West Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

1. Welcome:

David H. Blackham, Chairperson

2. Roll Call:

Justin Atkinson, Kevin Stallings, Dan Anderson, David H. Blackham, Heidi Kelso, Keith Collier, Jane Banks, secretary. Others in attendance: Dave Oxman, Treasurer, James Tilson, Dianne Blackham, Shane Ward, Colter Allen, Wanda Terry, Tom Smith, Jerri Fuhriman, Gaylyn Widdison, Jack Widdison, Carrie Matteson, Lani Taylor, George Andersen, DaLisa Nix-Andersen, Brian Okleberry, Ann Okleberry, Summer Peterson, Sam Draper, Bob Liddiard, Joey Liddiard, Denise Anderson, Chet Keisel, Stephanie Keisel, Carson Jorgensen and Shawn Ashworth.

3. Approval of Agenda Items:

Justin moved to approve the agenda of May 23, 2017 as written. 2nd: Heidi Kelso.

Roll Call: Justin Atkinson – yes; Kevin Stallings – yes; Dan Anderson – yes; Heidi Kelso – yes; Keith Collier – yes. David H. Blackham – yes. Motion carried.

4. Sanpitch Equestrian Center/ConToy Arena:

Mayor Blackham commended the managers of the Arena for doing such a fine job. He turned time over to Monte Bona. Monte Bona wanted to ask for input from the citizens about the arena. He then gave an overview of how the arena was built and where the money came from. There was a grant from CIB for \$565,000 and a revenue bond for \$1million with a payment of \$48,000 per year. Wasatch Academy pays \$20,000 a year to be able to have their equestrian program there. The ConToy Foundation gave \$125,000 grant and the George S and Delores Dore Eccles Foundation gave \$305,000 grant that was used for infrastructure. He noted that it was a county wide facility. We are going to have BYU do a survey about the memberships at the Contoy. We have many events now that generate revenue. The Skyline Eventing Park is one of them. Monte Bona then turned time over to the citizens.

Carrie Matteson a member of the Skyline Eventing Park indicated that the park was designed by a certified course designer. There are 5 levels of cross country jumps on the south side. We have received \$200,000 and all that has been put back into the courses. This year we will be giving the Mt. Pleasant City a check for \$10,000 to \$12,000 over the three day event that just finished. We have also donated a \$1,000 to help pay for the Polaris Ranger side by side that is used to clean up things down at the arena. Jack Widdison interjected that the total cost of the Polaris was \$9,500 and with Skyline's donation the CDRA paid \$8,500. It really helps on big events like we just finished.

Stephanie Keisel asked about the calendar down there for riding. She couldn't find where it was located.

Gaylyn Widdison passed out a calendar to everyone in attendance. She told everyone it is posted online and in the arena or anyone can call Jack or Gaylyn for calendars dates and times.

LaMonte Christensen from Wasatch Academy spoke about the relationship between Wasatch and Jack Widdison and the Public. He stated that it is working well. If we need something, Jack always makes sure it is taken care of.

Monte Bona said that tax increment funding was used to enhance the covered stalls. He asked Jack Widdison how many more covered stalls are needed.

Jack Widdison responded that the Area Championship was going to be held at the Contoy and they could use 150 to 200 more stalls.

Wanda Terry asked if we could more events at the Contoy like the Snow College Rodeo or Little Britches Rodeo.

Jack Widdison answered that the Snow College Rodeo didn't like how we groomed the arena and didn't like working with us. The Little Britches Rodeo didn't want to pay for anything. They wanted it for free.

Brian Okleberry spoke about Little Britches Rodeo. He said they usually have sponsors that pay for things for them. He was willing to be a sponsor.

Wanda Terry asked about the complaint that had come to the board. She was told that it was not something that would be discussed in the open meeting.

Lani Taylor inquired if you have a membership, you are not able to ride at the Contoy because there was not a time available. It was explained that there are more areas to ride there than just the inside arena. There is the outside arena as well as the trails around the arena.

Shawn Ashworth stated that they moved here in 2007 and it has been a cool experience watching the Contoy Arena expand. He continued there are always going to be folks that get upset but we got to work together, not fight each other.

Jerri Fuhriman explained that she was a local 4-H leader and she has had a membership for 10 years and it is 100% improvement in the current years. She continued do we always get what we want, no. We just have to work together.

Carson Jorgensen spoke about his uncle that lives in Idaho and he doesn't get to ride in the winter. He said the facility we have here is wonderful and we need to appreciate it.

Mayor Blackham talked about not doing complaints on social media. If you have a complaint come with a solution and let's work out the problem.

Wanda Terry stated that Jack and Gaylyn Widdison have been so good to work with. She continued that sometimes at 10:00 pm at night there are still people down at the arena. It is run so nicely.

Sam Draper asked if we could add to the policies down there. He would like to have something added about using city equipment.

LaMont Christensen wanted to know how much money the facility brings into the city.

Gaylyn Widdison answered that they would be bringing a \$13,000 check into the city offices tomorrow.

Jerri Fuhriman said we should look at the Nappa, Idaho horse shows to see how they handle things.

Denise Anderson stated that she does the little pee wee 4H classes at the Contoy and everything is so clean and nice when we come. We try to keep it that way.

Mayor Blackham polled the audience for how many people were from Mt. Pleasant City and how many were not residents. The poll showed the majority were not Mt. Pleasant City residents.

Brian Okleberry said that he would do a sponsorship for events. He would put up \$1,000.

Carson Jorgensen commended Jack Widdison for all his hard work at the Contoy arena.

Mayor Blackham thanked everyone for coming. He excused them to go into an executive closed session to discuss a personnel matter.

The open meeting was then adjourned at 7:03 p.m. to enter into the closed session.

The closed session adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

5. Adjourn: 7:39 p.m.

Jane Banks, Secretary