

Canyon Rim Citizens' Association Minutes
October 16, 2007

In attendance: Ben Picklesimer, Aimee McConkie, Jeff Waters, Jed Mouritsen, Louis Melini, Derrick Sorenson, Diane Schaefer, Nancy VonAllman, Reece Stein, Scott Allen, Kory A

Aimee went over dates:

Millcreek township Meeting- Oct. 23, 7:00 p.m. Millcreek Library

ACCT meeting-Nov. 8th 7:00 p.m. County Complex, 4th Floor

Halloween Party- Oct. 27 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Canyon Rim Park... we do need volunteers.

Millcreek Township Compatible Landfill meeting- THE MEGA MEETING- Nov. 8th,
6:00- 7:30 p.m. Christ Methodist Church in the gymnasium.

Millcreek Community Center Public Input Meetings:

Nov. 14, 7:00 at Evergreen J.H.

Bev Uipi:

Sidewalk issues: There were concerns about the sidewalks. They need exact addresses.

Tom Schaefer:

Infill concerns: They wanted to create a committee that represented both sides of the issues. They had 3 meetings in August. He has a 3rd stage draft proposal. This should be on their website. There are estimates on building heights. There are illustrations. We wanted to have it balanced so it didn't shut down development. They are proposing how the height is measured. They are establishing a building coverage standard. They are establishing a floor area ratio.

They plan to take it to all the C.C. They are asking for input. They will be back to meet with us next month. The website is: www.pw.pds.slco.org Go to the link that says townships and community councils.

Mark Crockett:

Topics of the day are quickly turning to budgets. We have some positive energy on another site for the fire station. This might ease up the REC center concerns. It may cost more.

Eventually we will have to raise taxes, but we haven't had to yet because of the economy. Small school districts: This topic needs to come up next spring or summer. They are creating a committee to work on/ improve Granite Schools. They are looking at alternatives for the school board set ups.

What are the concerns with the fire house? Is it functional today? Yes, but it is currently slated to be renovated in the next few years. It does need to be a little bigger and brought up to date. The biggest concern is that we are over using the land in the Evergreen Park and the fire house is the easiest one to separate and move to another site.

Sidewalks: They are a priority. We don't have enough of them. They are lacking near the school districts. They are adding money to build sidewalks. This all comes out of the municipal services fund so it affects other projects that we want to do. That is where we might need to raise taxes.

Property Taxes: How much will they jump? Other areas they jumped double and triple. There are several points that affect property taxes. The first is the assessment of property. Even if your property value goes up, your taxes cannot go up without a truth in taxes hearing. The county has NOT raised taxes for many years. Other entities have.

It is state law that every property is assessed every year. This did not happen in Davis County. When they finally reassessed properties, they were worth more.

The second point involves revenue. The property taxes were over raised in 1999 so that the county had a surplus of money.

The 3rd point is that the county is over spending. We have about a billion dollars in school spending. We should all expect our property taxes to double in the next few years to help pay for renovating schools and building new schools.

Rita Lund:

There are leaf bags for who wants them.

Cottonwood Heights is talking about breaking their contract with the Sheriff's office.

The core services are supported by economy of scale. Cottonwood Heights has done a feasibility study that says they can provide the same services for cheaper.

Please get your surveys in.

Oct. 25... take in toys, clothes to County Council Center and get them tested for lead.

Planning and Zoning: there are no issues at this time.

Heritage Lot: Several years ago Canyon Rim C.C. requested money from the county to improve Heritage Lot. We erected the sign. When they started to work on the ramp, they dumped piles of dirt on lot. Rita called and they moved the dirt, but it is a mess. They are going to meet about this at some upcoming date.

amcconkie@msn.com.... If you have questions for Rita or Bev, send them to Aimee. She will put them on the agenda.

Jeff Waters:

This council is the legislative body representing unincorporated Millcreek Township. ACCT is currently doing training sessions. These were all day Saturdays in the past. This will be Saturday, Jan 12th.

Nov.10th... there will be a parliamentary procedures workshop.

Newsletter will be coming out on Nov. 10th.

Website is being worked on. There will a Millcreek Township Page.

Halloween Party: Jane showed us posters that were designed. They will be placed around the neighborhood. There will be food, crafts, a band, a pumpkin drop.

CRCA nominations:

Aimee McConkie nominated Camille Johnson to be a member of the council. Camille is a social worker. She has lived in the Canyon Rim area for the last 10 years. We can have a positive impact as community members. She would be representing area 5.

Jeff seconded the nomination. All voted in favor. There are other seats open if others are interested.

Priorities:

1. Self Determination (HB 40) HB40 came into being so that we could stop others from commandeering areas in our community as belonging to them. We wanted to stop unwanted annexations. The state legislature said they want wall to wall cities. They wanted to do away with unincorporated Salt Lake county. HB40 says we can determine what type of community we want to live in. There are 3 options; become our own city, become a part of the city, stay as a township. Currently Mayor Caroon is our governing body. This is somewhat dormant. We have until July of 2008 to come up with our survey. There has been a feasibility study done to see what would happen to our taxes if..... this is on the County website.

Education will be available in January. Somehow next year we have to do a survey?

What should we do on this issue? Should we develop a sub-committee? How do we get with our neighbors to help educate them? Should we hold open houses in our own homes? Should we access the report on the county web site and sort out the Canyon Rim information? Could Bev report on this in November? Stacy Adams in the mayors office is the point person. We need to get this issue to be as important as the compatible infill issue.

There is an interlocal agreement is that we must be fair in our campaigning one way or another for this issue.

Aimee will send out an email asking for input.

2. Millcreek Community Center: The survey went out. Could we send out an email to community members with the link for the survey? Rita did do this recently?
3. Park Maintenance/ improvements: We have a list of items we submitted to SL county for improvement. How do we follow through that the improvements are happening? The sidewalk at Canyon Rim park is to start tomorrow. The county asks for suggestions from the community councils on an annual basis. We will focus on our current park improvements: sidewalks in Canyon Rim, tennis courts in Canyon rim, signage in Tanner park
4. Street repair ((2300/3300): Written requests help to get the ball going. Dave Scott showed some energy here. Keep writing letters. We are about 50 years behind on sidewalk funding. This administration has been making sidewalks a priority. Safer sidewalks is a big push in this administration. Andrea Pullis is the sidewalk engineer. She does count letters. She looks at whether they are near schools. Code enforcement has been going up and down canyon rim streets to make sure sidewalks are being built.
5. Traffic calming without speed bumps: County is using speed traps to calm traffic.

Compatible infill: when will the community council wear in on their opinions? There was a vote to see if we will be supporting the process. This vote failed. Canyon Rim C.C. is always a body that should weigh in on issues such as this. It will come before the C.C. to make recommendations before it goes in front of the county council.

It will be before the planning commission on Nov. 15th. The community council should make recommendations before it goes to the planning commission. The mega meeting will count as their presentation.

The mega meeting on Nov. 8th will be for 3 community councils. This is for input and explanation on an issue that is such a touchy issue and we don't want to take community council time.

Could buildwise present to the community council? Encourage us to attend the mega meeting. We will have a discussion in November? Tom Schaefer's proposal seems like a compromise. No one will be happy. The county council is the last word and they could change everything no matter what the community council recommends. John would like to know our questions before he presents.

Mike Cupello:

We will be getting a new captain. What is the biggest complaint by citizens? Speeding. We increased our speed cops.

Unfinished New Business? Do we want to go back to Canyon Rim Elem. School. This seems like an inbetween plan. Derek will make a motion that we stay in the church. Ben 2nd ed it.

Discussion: because of the lack of representation from the imperial area, it is nice to be closer to that area? All in favor.... Unanimouse. Send a letter thanking canyon rim for letting us use their school in the past.

Questions:

Kory: how will we know how to educate folks on HB 40? Bev will bring more information in Nov. Voice concerns to Stacy Adams in the mayor's office or our county council reps.

Nancy: Thank you all for sitting patiently.

17 page draft is on the web site and we all on the community council received this draft. We should read this as a start to understanding compatible infill.

9:06 We will adjourn until Nov. 20th.