

**Pleasant Grove City
City Council Meeting Minutes
Work Session
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
4:30 p.m.**

Mayor: Guy L. Fugal

Council Members: Dianna Andersen
Brent Bullock
Eric Jensen
Cyd LeMone

Staff Present: Scott Darrington, City Administrator
Deon Giles, Parks Director
Kathy Kresser, City Recorder
Denise Roy, Finance Director
Drew Engemann, Fire Chief
Sheri Britsch, Library and Arts Director
Neal Winterton, Public Works Director
Daniel Cardenas, Community Development Director

Excused: Todd Williams, City Council Member
Tina Petersen, City Attorney
Keldon Brown, Police Chief
Megan Zollinger, Recreation Director
David Packard, Human Resources Manager

The City Council and Staff met in the Community Room, 108 South 100 East, Pleasant Grove, Utah.

4:30 P.M. WORK SESSION

Mayor Guy Fugal called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

a. Update on Kindness Park.

City Administrator, Scott Darrington, reported that there are two different parts to the parks discussion. He explained that Zachary Scott from Horrocks Engineers would talk about the Splash Pad. After that, Mark Welling from the Cook Center for Human Connection would speak about the groundbreaking and the name of the park. Mr. Scott introduced himself to the Council and stated that the last time an update was shared, it pertained to the Skate Park and the Pump Track. At that time, the Splash Pad was not well defined. However, there had been work with City Staff and a concept for the Splash Pad was created. It was vetted from a functionality standpoint and there had been some conversations about various sprays and nozzles. The preliminary sizing of pumps was done as well as plumbing layouts. He was now ready to share some of those details.

Mr. Scott shared a rendering with the Council and explained that the yellow area is the playground. There is a large group pavilion off to the right side and a restroom building to the left side. Around the perimeter of the Splash Pad, there is a combination of hard roof pre-fabricated shelters. In between those, were some soft shade structures with artificial turf areas. Those features allowed for some flexibility of use. It was expected that this area of the park would be a draw and plenty of space had been provided as a result. The Splash Pad itself would be very unique as there would be a large Viking ship feature in the middle.

Around the perimeter, there would be a stream feature that had two low points. He identified the highest point of the stream. Around that, there were some vertical spray features and a seat wall. Everything above the ship would be a bit calmer and was suitable for toddlers and younger children. Shade structures were provided for additional protection and fewer spray features in that area. On the lower portion, there would be more open stream areas and sprays. The sprays there would be slightly bigger and more suited to older children. Throughout the Splash Pad itself, there was a combination of concrete, pathways, bridges, and benches. There was an Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") route onto the ship on the lower side and a plank feature on the upper side. Mr. Scott shared images of some of the nozzles, misters, and bubblers that had been contemplated.

Council Member Andersen wondered if there would be a lifeguard needed in certain areas. Mr. Scott explained that the water level was below the requirement for a lifeguard. If the water was higher than three inches it would fall into pool and lifeguard requirements. Mr. Scott shared a 3D graphic of the Viking ship that was prepared by the manufacturer and designer. The size and scale would be as shown in the image. However, some of the colors and finishes still needed to be finalized. The dragon head would have a spray feature and the shields along the side of the Viking ship would have sprays that children could turn on and off as desired. The mast arm would have sprays that would turn on periodically. Council Member Jensen wondered if it would be possible to add the Viking logo to the flag. Mr. Scott confirmed this. Council Member LeMone thought a Viking head with a helmet might be better than a dragon. That was what the logo looked like at the high school. The area was known for the Viking with the helmet. It would be interesting to have that at the front of the ship instead of the dragon head. Administrator Darrington noted that it might be possible to display that elsewhere on the ship.

Mr. Scott noted that in some areas of the park, there needs to be a way to activate the Splash Pad. The idea was that the stream would run all the time when the park was open but the rest of the sprays would shut off when not in use. One concept was an entry feature at the front of the Splash Pad. It would have a Viking shield and helmet. The center of that shield would have an activator button. Someone would push the center of the shield and all of the sprays would turn on. Along with that, there had been discussions about having Norse characters on the welcome sign. There would also be Norse characters with various messages scattered around the ship. Children would be able to interpret those character messages. He explained that there were many ways to integrate the Viking helmet and shield into the splash pad design and functionality.

Administrator Darrington reported that there would be a spot wired for food trucks in the park. There had been discussions about room for a portable stage in case there was a concert. However, the slope needs to be taken into consideration. The groundbreaking would take place on August 2, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The program was still being determined but working with the Cook Center for Human Connection, it would be a semi-event rather than just a shovel and some dirt. There had been

discussions about closing a portion of 400 North to allow for some entertainment. For example, there could be a climbing wall and events for children. He noted that the naming of the park had been considered as well. The name that was initially proposed was Kindness Park and it had been referred to that way internally ever since. He clarified that the name had not been finalized and some other options were also being considered.

Administrator Darrington noted that some of the features were being paid for by the Cook Family, such as the playground and Splash Pad, which would cost approximately \$5 million. The City was paying a lot of money to develop the park as well and those costs would exceed \$5 million. It was a true partnership with the Cook family to bring this amenity to Pleasant Grove. There was a desire to discuss the name of the park so everyone agreed.

Mr. Welling was excited to support the groundbreaking. The Cook Center for Human Connection was thrilled about the partnership. The Cook Family wanted there to be something interactive for the children who attend the groundbreaking ceremony. As far as the name of the park, there had been a lot of internal conversations. There was support for Kindness Park but there were also other options to think about, such as the Cook Family Community Park, Cook Family Park, or Cook Park. Any of the connecting points, such as kindness, connection, family, and community, could be subtitles to the park so there was a clear and simple name. There was discussion about the name. There was a desire to keep the park name short, such as Cook Family Park. Administrator Darrington liked the name Kindness Park and wondered if the Council Members wanted to continue to discuss the name or if there was support for Cook Family Park. He explained that this was a partnership and it was important for everyone to work together.

Council Member LeMone liked the name Kindness Park. Council Member Jensen believed it sounded like there had been internal discussions and the Cook Family wanted a different name. He liked the name Kindness Park but understood that there were other options. Council Member LeMone thought the name Kindness Park would make it stand out from other parks in Utah. The word kindness has a lot of important meaning behind it. She wondered if it could be called Kindness Park – From the Cook Family or something similar. Council Member Bullock suggested Cook Kindness Park instead. Administrator Darrington commented that longer park names are eventually shortened when people reference the area. Council Member LeMone reiterated that she preferred Kindness Park but also wanted the Cook Family to be tied into the name in some way with a subtitle or something underneath on the signage. Administrator Darrington noted that there would be a large sign honoring the Cook Family for their contribution. Their contributions needed to be recognized in a meaningful way. All signs would have a City logo and a logo created by the Cook family specifically for the park.

Council Member Andersen suggested that it be called the Cook Family Park with the Kindness Splash Pad or vice versa. Administrator Darrington reported that a monument sign would be created and there would be a name on that. It was important to decide what that name would be. There was additional discussion regarding the park's name. Several Council Members reiterated their support for Kindness Park. Administrator Darrington suggested that there be another discussion with the Cook Family. Council Member Andersen believed the Cook Family should make the ultimate decision. Council Member LeMone pointed out that both the Cook Family and the City were contributing. It was a partnership and she believed there should be a discussion between both parties

before a decision is made. Administrator Darrington explained that he would reach out to the Cook family again and report back to the City Council.

Administrator Darrington shared additional information about the Groundbreaking Ceremony. There would be a traditional groundbreaking with golden shovels but also a side section where children would be given small garden shovels to participate in the ceremony as well.

b. Follow Up Discussion on the 600 West and Center Street Intersection. Presenter, Horrocks Engineering.

Public Works Director, Neal Winterton, pointed out the 600 West and Center Street Intersection and reported that transportation design benefits from distance between intersections. That was creating challenges in this particular area. Director Winterton explained that there are two receiving lanes on Center Street and there was an area where left turns stack. When those cars have a delay and there are too many of them to turn left to 600 West, it creates problems. That was what the City wanted to solve. As the Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) expanded State Street it will create additional left-turn opportunities. There will be continuous right turns and thru opportunities. This would result in increased traffic flow. He reminded the Council Members that in the past he brought 10 different options forward for consideration and four were recommended. One had since been removed and there were now three possible options. Director Winterton reported that the options were as follows:

- Option 1: High T Intersection.
 - There was a level of service (“LOS”) associated with the intersection. With this concept, there was not a lot of opportunity for vehicles to queue. There would be a signal so vehicles would have to stop to allow other vehicles to turn left. It would be signalized for vehicles to come off of 600 West and merge onto Center Street. All of that signal coordination would happen within Center Street and State Street. It was the least impactful and least costly option that was being considered.
- Option 2: Change Alignment and Increase Queue.
 - The second option would take the alignment more to the west and increase the queue length for vehicles waiting in line to turn left. There would be a right-in-right-out with the gas station property. The second option had a higher price tag than the first option, but the intention was to solve a long-term problem. There was a high cost for right-of-way, but a remnant parcel could be sold back. It was noted that all of the concepts would require significant railroad coordination.
- Option 3: Turbo Roundabout.
 - The option would alter the railroad somewhat. The 10-foot trail that the Mountainland Association of Governments (“MAG”) hoped to put in needed to be considered. The design would ensure there was a continuous flow of traffic. There would be two receiving lanes as well. Lanes should not come in at a perpendicular position to the roundabout, so a deflection was created. All of the roads needed to be designed for

different types of vehicles and trucks, which had been done. However, there would be some challenges accessing the corner station.

Director Winterton asked for City Council support to have discussions with MAG. Since this was a long-term solution, he encouraged the Council to consider the various options presented. He recommended that one option be removed from further consideration. He clarified that no action needed to be taken tonight. The intention was to speak to MAG informally without there being a formal City Council recommendation. He offered to email the presentation slides to Council Members for additional review. Council Member LeMone noted that the roundabout option seemed to be the most complicated. Director Winterton confirmed that it would be complicated but it would also be the most efficient. Looking at the roundabout numbers, there would be a LOS A through 2050. It was important to consider long-term impacts. He reported that the least impactful to the railroad was the High T Intersection option. Director Winterton stated that he would have informal discussions with MAG. He would share information from that discussion with the City Council at a future City Council Meeting.

Mayor Fugal asked about the business owner on the corner and compliance issues. It was a mess every time it rained. Community Development Director, Daniel Cardenas, explained that the ownership had changed. The business had been sold, so the City was trying to track down the new owners. Letters had been sent to outline what needed to be done to come into compliance. City Staff would continue to reach out to the new owners and follow up with them as necessary.

c. Kimberly Schroepfel, Victim Advocate Update.

Kimberly Schroepfel reported that she last presented to the City Council in April 2023. That presentation pertained to the grant. The goal was to be very intentional with the writing and make sure it was impactful. She informed the Council that she would review what was written in the grant, which included an outline of Victim Services and the most prevalent crime in the community. The Pleasant Grove Police Department Victim Services was under the direction of the Pleasant Grove Police Department. It currently serves the City of Pleasant Grove, which has close to 40,000 residents. The Police Department was established in the late 1800s when it consisted of a sheriff and a horse. In the early 1900s, it became an official Police Department. By the 1950s, it began to grow into a service-oriented department with officers and employees. Victim Services was implemented in 2002, starting as a part-time position. Over the years, the public has become more aware of the benefits of Victim Services. The department could not keep up with just a part-time Advocate, so a full-time position was implemented and funding was secured through the Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”) and the Victims of Crime Act (“VOCA”). In 2019, a new part-time Advocate position was implemented with the help of VOCA funding. This was critical as the number of Victim Services cases had increased over the years.

Throughout the years, Pleasant Grove has grown, and with growth came more crime. The Victim Services program was intended to empower and aid victims and their children by making sure they have the emotional support, safety, planning, critical service referrals, crisis intervention, and necessary assistance to navigate the judicial process in a timely, confidential, and efficient manner. With the Victim Coordinator and the part-time Advocate position, the City was able to improve the quality of services provided to victims. A positive and safe environment was created.

Victim Services works with patrol and investigations to implement new policies, procedures, and skill sets. The services are continually being upgraded. Ms. Schroepfel reported that the services have continued to expand to better serve the community. The Pleasant Grove Police Victim Services works with the survivors of domestic violence the most. In the grant, VOCA asked what the number one problem is that victims face. She explained that the answer was survival.

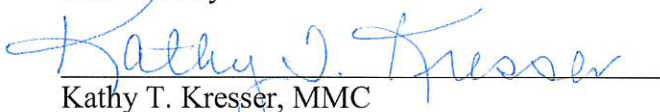
Ms. Schroepfel reported that Victim Services is partnering and coordinating efforts with the Utah County Attorney's Office, the Children's Justice Center, The Refuge, and the Provo Police Department. It was a goal to reach the underserved populations in Pleasant Grove by having brochures and resources translated into Spanish. There was also a commitment to attend multicultural events when possible and check on implicit bias at least once each quarter. Ms. Schroepfel reported that in the last fiscal year, Victim Services provided 4,578 services. Between July 1, 2022, and June 20, 2023, there had been 390 domestic violence or family problems, which was an increase of 80 cases in a year. She was proud of all the efforts made to help those in need.

d. Staff Business.

There was no additional Staff Business.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 5:33 p.m. Council Member LeMone moved to ADJOURN the Work Session. Council Member Andersen seconded the motion. City Council Member vote: Dianna Andersen, Yes; Brent Bullock, Yes; Eric Jensen, Yes; Cyd LeMone, Yes; and Todd Williams, Yes. Motion carried unanimously.



Kathy T. Kresser, MMC
City Recorder

(Exhibits are in the Recorder's office.)