

Cedar City and Iron County School District joint meeting

Minutes
August 19th, 2022

The City Council held a meeting on Friday August 19th, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10 North Main Street, Cedar City, Utah.

PRESENT: Mayor Garth Green; Councilmembers: Terri Hartley; Craig Isom; Ron Riddle. **Superintendent Hatch**

EXCUSED: Councilmembers, R. Scott Phillips; Tyler Melling.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Paul Bittmenn; City Attorney Tyler Romeril; City Engineer Jonathan Stathis; Police Chief Darin Adams; Library Director Steve Decker; Leisure Services Directory Ken Nielson; Public Works Director Ryan Marshall; Executive Assistant Natasha Nava.

IRON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF PRESENT: Superintendent Lance Hatch; School Board Members; Michelle Lambert; Dale Brinkerhoff; Dave Staheli; Ben Johnson; Jeff Corry.

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Hess; Janette Stubbs; Kevin Garret; Roy Matthews; Steve Burton; Denny Heaton; Shauna Lund; Rob Dotson; Jacks Jenson; Milton McCormick; Kim Schoonmaker; Neisha Hawkins; Karli Eldredge; Sheral Whicker; Vicki Chrisham; Heather Stonely; Jenny Sorensen; Dixon Tiffany; Julianne Forsyth.

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Green welcomed everyone. He outlined the purpose of this meeting, an open coordination between the City and the School District. **Natasha** led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Superintendent Hatch** introduced the Iron County School District Board Members and others present.

2. **Safe Routes to Schools Program:** Ben spoke about a grant that is given to communities to create safe paths to schools. The grants are requested through the City. Cedar City has a high likelihood of getting it as they like rural communities. It will require in-kind work. In-kind work can be done through local volunteers and contractors, it does not have to fall solely on the City. It can be applied for every year. When zoning, show that you are incorporating sidewalks in your plans. In Parowan we located the most populated areas where children are walking and started there. I would start at the schools and work out from there identifying your paths. There is a website that assists in these safe paths to school, it helps with applying for the grant as well. Parowan received \$65,000 six years ago. **Superintendent Hatch** if the City needs help the school would be happy to write letters or whatever we can do in support. **Ron** we discussed Canyon View High School and Middle School. Are there other schools we need to look at? **Superintendent Hatch** the east side of North Field Rd and Fiddlers Canyon does not have sidewalk when it should. **Ben** I would suggest breaking it into phases and apply for the grant funding each year. I recommend working with your community and your schools to identify these areas. Lastly, you do not have to identify paths when applying for the grant, you just have to identify need. The deadline is Sept 21st for 2023.

Sheral Knoll St and North Fairway Drive; there is no busing they are a walking community. There is sidewalk most of the way, however there is no way out of the neighborhood that has sidewalk. Fairway Dr. is a very steep hill. The road is not very wide and its poorly lit. **Mayor Green** where would you put your emphasis first? **Sheral** There are 2 places we are very concerned about. The apartment buildings here have a bus stop however it doesn't have sidewalk. Elementary aged kids are waiting for the bus on the side of the road. This is where I'm most concerned, the road is narrow, there is a horse corral, there's no lighting. Depending on the time of year, kids will be walking in the dark. **Dave** the picture you sent us with a child walking in the dark, and a car passing on a road not large enough for 2 cars to pass each other safely. It's evident there is a problem there. This is private property. Could the City acquire a cut through with this property owner to allow kids to cut through their property? What if we created a trail through the north end of the Golf Course?

3. **Street crossing safety concerns around Canyon View:**

Sheral Fiddlers Canyon and Main Street has become a nightmare. There is so much traffic on a 45 MPH road where kids as young as 10 are trying to cross to go to school. We had 2 accidents just this week. My son's best friend was hit in that crosswalk, walking with the light several years ago. He was trapped under the truck and dragged to Sprit Fitness Club. Thankfully he survived, Austin Evans. Many accidents are happening in that area. There is a huge problem with the layout of having 2 schools on one road. We see kids crossing outside of crosswalks. We see kids being nearly hit. I've contacted UDOT asking them for a study. They will try and do a study the 2nd week of September. If the City could contact UDOT and ask for a study. We would like them to do a left turn arrow only going East to West across Main Street. **Ron** they could time the lights so that the kids are free to walk, and all traffic is stopped allowing them to go.