

1 **Minutes of the North Logan City**
2 **Planning Commission**
3 **Held on August 28, 2014**
4 **At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah**
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8 The meeting was called to order by Chris Nelson at 6:30 p.m.

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10 Commission members present were: Chris Nelson, Nathan Hult, Brad Crookston, Brett Robinson
11 and Kevin Christensen. (Geri Christensen was excused).

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13 Others present were: Roger Anderson, Lydia Embry, Cordell Batt and Marie Wilhelm.

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15 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Christensen.

16 An invocation was given by Brett Robinson.

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18 **Adoption of Agenda**

19 Chris Nelson mentioned that Cordell Batt wanted to show a short video. Nathan Hult said he
20 would like to add an item to discuss upcoming conferences.

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22 *Brett Robinson made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Kevin Christensen seconded*
23 *the motion. A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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25 **Follow-up**

26 Nothing at this time.

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28 **New Business**

29 Presentation of a video discussed at a previous meeting regarding the Envision Utah process.

30 Cordell showed a brief video from years back regarding Envision Utah.

31 Chris Nelson briefly discussed participating in that process.

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33 Continued discussion on proposed changes to the city's General Plan Land Use Element.
34 Specifically to be discussed are "district plan changes" to work with the new proposed future land
35 use map. (Staff)

36 The Planning Commission continued their review, discussion and revision of the latest draft of the
37 Land Use Element of the General Plan; which now includes comments by Chris Nelson and
38 Nathan Hult.

39 Chris Nelson discussed economic development and said his feeling is that it can be in the
40 General Plan but that it should be something that the City Council works on, as opposed to being
41 in the Planning Commission's realm. The Planning Commission and Cordell discussed this
42 further.

43 The Planning Commission continued their review and discussion of various related items.

44 Cordell discussed what updates will be included in the last draft, including maps, which will be
45 reviewed by the Planning Commission again, and then given to the City Council.

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47 Discussion about Planning Commission Roll Call, Welcome, Opening Ceremony as requested by
48 Commissioner Hult.

49 Nathan Hult expressed his comments and concerns on the opening ceremony for the meetings,
50 particularly in relation to the potential discomfort of attendees when prayers are given. He
51 suggested doing the opening ceremony without an invocation, and just with some sort of
52 welcome. He said in terms of the Pledge of Allegiance, that he feels it is a formality, but maybe
53 not a meaningful formality.

54 Various commissioners commented on this. They voiced their appreciation in Nathan raising this
55 issue. Kevin Christensen expressed his support of our current opening ceremony; and said he
56 agreed with the thought that having an invocation at the beginning of a meeting lent gravity to the
57 occasion, and commented further.

58 Marie Wilhelm mentioned that the City has a policy that allows for other forms of invocation and
59 openings at the beginning of the City Council and Planning Commission meetings.

60 Kevin also expressed his support of performing the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and said he
61 does not have another opportunity to do that other than these meetings; and commented further.
62 He discussed how the city of Tremonton handles their opening ceremony; and also said he would
63 very much welcome a prayer from one of another faith.

64 Brett Robinson said we do need to be sensitive to others. He also mentioned that our community
65 reflects primarily a Christian populace, but that we would welcome prayers from other faiths. He
66 also expressed his support of doing the Pledge of Allegiance.

67 Brad Crookston said he agreed with the other comments in support of having the prayer and
68 Pledge of Allegiance, and explained further.

69 The conversation continued.

70 Chris Nelson said he would like to see a copy of the City policy. He also explained why, as a
71 citizen of the United States, he would like to keep performing the Pledge of Allegiance. He said
72 he is very open to the idea that anyone at any time can pray, or to not to in the case of deference
73 to someone who is an atheist in attendance, and commented further.

74 Kevin Christensen discussed appropriate and inappropriate prayers.

75 There was more discussion about making people feel more inclusive.

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77 Upcoming Planning Conferences

78 Cordell explained the upcoming Utah League of Cities and Towns conference.

79 Cordell also discussed the information regarding a three-day conference coming up in fall at the
80 Planetarium in Salt Lake City; and said early registration is September 15th.

81 Brett Robinson asked about training that had previously been done by an ombudsman. Cordell
82 said that is done once in a while and some of it will be done at the Utah League of Cities and
83 Towns conference. Cordell explained further. The commission discussed this further with
84 Cordell; and Cordell mentioned that he would not be able to attend the APA conference this year.
85 He discussed the benefit of the training at League, per a question from Nathan.

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89 *Brett Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Christensen seconded the motion.*
90 *A vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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92 The meeting adjourned at: 8:10 p.m.

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95 Approved by Planning Commission:

September 18, 2014

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97 Transcribed by Marie Wilhelm

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Scott Bennett/City Recorder

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