

CITY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON
WORKING LUNCH
FEBRUARY 1, 2018

1: ROLL CALL: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Liaison Working Lunch to order at 1:06 p.m. Council members present were Heidi Adamson, Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum and Jim Johnston. Also in attendance were Ruth Whitworth, City Clerk; and Jared Johnson, City Attorney. Council member Linda Leeuwrik was excused.

2: CITY COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

Mayor Blad distributed information identifying City Advisory Boards with dedicated money for projects and Advisory Boards that fundraise for projects.

Ms. Adamson gave an update on the following: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is excited about the new bathroom in lower Ross Park, Mink Creek Nordic Center is still generating income despite the low snow fall received this winter; Zoo Idaho upgrades were shared and it was mentioned that Zoo staff may approach the City of Chubbuck to help fund a Zoo Educator; NeighborWorks Pocatello are going through their annual Strategic Plan; the Sister Cities Committee – African subcommittee is still having quorum issues and funding efforts to purchase an ambulance for Kwaremangul, Burkina Faso, Africa was shared.

Mr. Bray gave an update on the following: Human Relations Advisory Committee history of their annual Humanity Award was shared and it was clarified that two separate awards will be given during Martin Luther King week. One will be from NAACP and other from Human Relations Advisory Committee; Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA) meet quarterly or as needed and are struggling until delayed funding is received; Bannock Transportation Planning Organization-Center Street Underpass Project update was given. It was mentioned that a delay in the Hawthorne/Quinn project should not have delayed the Underpass Project.

Mr. Johnston gave an update on the following: Housing Authority of Pocatello will celebrate 50 years of Fair Housing in 2018. The Authority is looking at changing their name and suggestions for the new name were shared. The function of the Authority within the City was discussed.

3: CITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE – COUNCIL: Mr. Johnston gave an update on land currently for sale within City limits.

4: CITY ACTIVITIES UPATE – MAYOR BLAD: Mayor Blad gave an update on his upcoming trip to Washington DC to discuss various City issues with Congressional Representatives. General discussion regarding the Airport and other areas followed. Mayor Blad is currently reviewing applications for Steve Brown’s vacated seat (No. 2) and hopes to make a recommendation to Council in a couple of weeks. Possible development of residential areas in Old Town Pocatello and hurdles to overcome were shared.

Mr. Cheatum shared that he met with Valley Pride representatives and feels the meeting went very well.

5: Adjourn.

Mayor Blad adjourned the working lunch at 3:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:

RUTH E. WHITWORTH, CMC, CITY CLERK