

CITY OF POCATELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON MEETING
MARCH 7, 2019

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Liaison meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Council members present were Heidi Adamson, Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Jim Johnston, Linda Leeuwrik and Beena Mannan. Also in attendance were Jared Johnson, City Attorney; Konni Kendell, Deputy City Clerk; and Anne Nichols, Administrative Services Manager.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: City Council Liaison Reports were given at this time.
CITY COUNCIL REPORTS
REGARDING CITY BOARDS
/COMMISSIONS:

Adamson: Bannock Transportation Planning Organization – Jim Johnston will give the update; Parks & Recreation Advisory Board – Idaho Gold Star Families Memorial Monument groundbreaking to take place in the Northgate area. Cemetery plots which have been abandoned for over 80 years will revert to the City. Staff carried out an inventory and identified 1,072 spaces which will be conveyed to the City and could add three years or more use to the cemetery; NeighborWorks Pocatello – funding was received for rehabilitation programs.

Bray: Animal Shelter Advisory Board – discussion regarding the possibility of a trap/neuter/release program. Funding sources are being researched; Construction Board of Appeals & Review – Board did not meet; Golf Advisory Committee – discussion regarding a new facility at the golf course.

Anne Nichols stated that meeting procedure training will take place for all advisory boards.

Cheatum: Airport Commission. – strategic plan information was shared with board members and lease agreements to be considered; Senior Activity Center – Senior Center and other senior groups have requested formation of an Advisory Board to address building issues and possible maintenance solutions for the three groups using the facility; Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA) – no report given; Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG) – No meeting held; Old Town Pocatello – annual meeting was held. Board is looking to increase business improvement district payments up to present property assessment value. Payments are currently based upon assessments made in 1990.

Johnston: Bannock Development Corporation – no report given; Bannock Transportation Planning Organization (BTPO) – Bicycle and pedestrian master plans were distributed to Council members; Housing Alliance and Community Partnerships – Sunny Shaw has been elected as National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Senior Vice President; Pocatello Development Authority (PDA) – an updated report was distributed to Council members.

Leeuwrik: Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) – opposition to the remodel project at Pocatello High School has been received. School district officials have requested a Certificate of Appropriateness to remodel according to ADA guidelines; Human Relations Advisory Committee – Chair has received calls from individuals addressing housing and racial issues, but overall Pocatello is doing well regarding human relations. It was suggested that a representative from HRAC be added to the Speakers Bureau to speak to groups and raise awareness in the community; Library Board – Board is considering elimination of fines for overdue books, as is the trend with many libraries. Revenue received through fines is not significant; Pocatello Arts Council – discussion regarding revision of grant application guidelines. They are planning a fundraising opportunity with an “Empty Bowls” project and awards for the arts.

Mannan: Child Care Advisory Committee – Week of the Young Child will be observed in April. Board members will encourage Council members to visit various daycare centers; CDBG Advisory Committee – projects have been identified for 2018 and 2019. There is concern that there is not enough low-income housing in the area; African Sister Cities Committee – no quorum was present, so no meeting was held; Japanese Sister Cities Committee – Council discussed the function of the Sister Cities Foundation and the roles of each Sister Cities Subcommittee in relation to the Foundation.

Ms. Nichols explained that the Sister Cities Foundation is the organization which can serve as the fundraising arm for each of the committees, in a function similar to the Zoological Society and other fundraising organizations. Mayor Blad met with members of African and Japanese Sister Cities Subcommittees to discuss options regarding organization functions and their affiliation with the City. Council discussed the appropriate jurisdictions of each organization and possible changes to keep the Subcommittees functioning appropriately.

Blad: Mayors Youth Advisory Council – membership is growing. Youth in Government Day is being planned for April.

Council members discussed the progress of the “Monarch Building” and stated that the owners of the building have been asked to give an update to Council at the April Work Session.

Discussion followed regarding the Johnny Creek sewer issues. Council members felt that an engineering study would be necessary in order to start working on a solution to issues in the area.

Council members discussed issues being considered during the 2019 Legislative session.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
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APPROVED:

BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:

KONNI R. KENDELL, DEPUTY CITY CLERK