

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON
WORKING LUNCH
JULY 5, 2018

1: ROLL CALL: Mayor Brian Blad called the City Council Liaison Working Lunch to order at 2:08 p.m. Council members present were Heidi Adamson, Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Jim Johnston, Linda Leeuwrik and Beena Mannan.

Also in attendance were Konni Kendell, Deputy City Clerk; Brian Allen and Dale Spencer, REDI Representatives; and Jared Johnson, City Attorney.

2: REDI BOARD UPDATE: Brian Allen, City of Pocatello REDI representative, gave an update on Regional Economic Development Eastern Idaho (REDI) Board activities.

Mr. Allen reported that REDI had hired Dana Kirkham as the new CEO. Ms. Kirkham is knowledgeable and is taking a very proactive approach with the organization. He stated that it is important that Pocatello businesses participate in REDI development in order for the city to be well represented. Mr. Allen added that 3rd party logistic businesses are the trend for economic development. REDI has been asked to adjust meeting dates and times in order to accommodate Pocatello City Council member schedules. He stated that Council members' presence at the meeting would be beneficial. Mr. Allen encouraged the City to develop a narrative outlining the City's description, economic goals and transportation outlets. This narrative will be beneficial for prospective businesses looking to locate in the area.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Spencer left the meeting at 2:58 p.m.

3: CITY COUNCIL REPORTS REGARDING CITY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS:

Adamson: Bannock Transportation Planning Organization, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, and NeighborWorks Pocatello

Ms. Adamson reported that the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board approved a "Loaner Library" at Alameda Park. NeighborWorks has shared information with board members encouraging individuals to contact Code Enforcement when violations are observed. Ms. Adamson deferred the Bannock Transportation Planning Organization report to Mr. Johnston.

Bray: Animal Shelter Advisory Board, Construction Board of Appeals & Review, and Golf Advisory Committee

Mr. Bray reported the golf courses had been using strobe lights at night on the grounds to deter geese. The lights were proving to be effective and the goose population was down to 10-15 percent of what it usually was during the day. He handed out discount cards for Council members to distribute to individuals to encourage them to use local golf courses. Mr. Bray announced the Animal Shelter surgical unit was functioning and animal adoptions had increased, according to the Animal Shelter Advisory Board reports. With the addition of the surgical unit, a program to capture and sterilize feral cats is now possible. Mr. Bray added that a group of citizens was working to bring a wildlife feeding ordinance to the Council for support.

Cheatum: Airport Commission, Senior Activity Center, Southeast Idaho Community Action Agency (SEICAA), and Southeast Idaho Council of Governments (SICOG)

Mr. Cheatum reported the Airport Commission continues to evaluate fees and leases at the airport. He reported the fourth daily flight will be eliminated in November. The change will be evaluated and may resume in February. This adjustment was happening in a number of markets as a result of pilot shortages. A new Airport manager is scheduled to be appointed in July.

Johnston: Bannock Development Corporation, Bannock Transportation Planning Organization, Housing Alliance and Community Partnerships, and Pocatello Development Authority

Mr. Johnston reported Housing Alliance and Community Partnerships will be holding a tour of properties and will also be hosting the Chamber After-Hours event during July. He reported that May was Bike to Work month and BTPO reported 6 percent of citizens participated in using alternate transportation during that month. Pocatello Development Authority continues to discuss the HOKU property and developments surrounding the land.

Leeuwrik: Historic Preservation Commission, Human Relations Advisory Committee, and Library Board

Ms. Leeuwrik announced the Historic Preservation Commission held an open house at the Greyhound Building in order to gain feedback from downtown business owners. Marshall Public Library is looking to increase services, as interest in programs is growing, but staffing is unavailable to accommodate those needs. Many outreach services are being fulfilled by volunteers. Human Relations Advisory Committee members have asked the City Council for a proclamation regarding Indigenous People Month.

Anne Nichols, Assistant to the Mayor, joined the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Mannan: Child Care Advisory Committee, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Committee, and Sister Cities Committee—both subcommittees

Ms. Nichols reported that due to reduced interest and membership in African Sister Cities Subcommittee, she and Mayor Blad had been in contact with Sister Cities International representatives in order to discover options available for the subcommittee. She stated the representative offered three options for the subcommittee: 1) Suspend the City's relationship with our African Sister City; 2) Have members serve as part of an independent committee, not associated with the City. This would require the group to file for non-profit status and formation of a 501(c)(3) for the group; and 3) Dissolve the City's relationship with our African Sister City.

Council members discussed the options and asked the Mayor to meet with members of the subcommittee to offer their input on the decision.

Ms. Nichols was excused from the meeting at this time.

Ms. Mannan reported that the Japanese Sister Cities Subcommittee was working on fundraising and plans for the arrival of the youth delegation to arrive in July. The Child Care Advisory Committee was recommending additional requirements regarding background checks for daycare workers and additional education opportunities for providers. The Community Development Block Grant Committee was looking for ways to contact citizens who own homes built before 1978 to raise awareness on the dangers of lead paint. It was noted that Adam Lane, CDBG Program Manager, could reach out to community groups (such as Rotary, etc.) for presentations on the topic of lead-based paint dangers and programs.

Council members expressed interest in having CDBG representatives apply for re-appropriation of funds in order to address community needs, such as sidewalk upgrades in neighborhoods.

- 5: CITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE - COUNCIL: There were no other activities to report.
- 6: CITY ACTIVITIES UPDATE - MAYOR: Mayor Blad stated the Mayors Youth Advisory Council has completed the 2017/2018 school year and will reconvene after schools start in the fall. Old Town Pocatello reported over 220 entries in the 4th of July Parade and that the new parade route was well-received and well attended. Revive at 5 events were also well attended, as reported by Old Town Pocatello. Upgrades to City Hall lighting have taken place through an Idaho Power grant. This cost-savings grant was initiated by a Street Department employee.
- 7: Adjourn.

Mayor Blad adjourned the Working Lunch at 4:38 p.m.

APPROVED:

BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

ATTEST AND PREPARED BY:

KONNI R. KENDELL, DEPUTY CITY CLERK