

MINUTES OF A COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
APRIL 5, 1995 AT 6:30 P.M IN THE BUTLER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

PRESENT - Karen Eyre, Cameron Hansen, Richard Guthrie, Nick Morgan,  
Brett Besser, Rand Call, Jeannine Cunningham, Joyce Smith, Brian  
Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m . by Karen Eyre.

The invocation and pledge of allegiance were led by Troop 194.

Upon motion made by Richard L. Guthrie, seconded by Nick Morgan,  
and passed unanimously, the minutes of the previous meeting were  
approved.

Karen Eyre introduced Brett Besser, a new member of the Council.

#### Incorporation

Karen Eyre introduced the next topic. This subject has been  
discussed by U.A.C.C. and several community councils recently  
following incorporation attempts by Holladay, Magna, Kearns, etc.  
Members of the Cottonwood Heights Community Council attended a  
meeting of the Union Community Council on March 15 at Hillcrest  
High School. Union Community Council would like to know prior to  
their next meeting on April 19 whether Cottonwood Heights would  
like to be involved with their Council in researching the options  
on incorporation.

Karen introduced a panel of experts. Brent Overson - Chairman of  
the Salt Lake County Commissioners, Brian Hatch, Deputy Mayor of  
Salt Lake City, Sheriff Aaron Kennard - Salt Lake County Sheriff,  
Eugene Carr - Professor of Urban Planning at the U of U and member  
of the South Cottonwood Community Council.

Each person then introduced themselves.

Commissioner Overson distributed a flyer explaining the issues of  
incorporation. His biggest concern is to end up with lots of small  
cities. The only voice the citizens of unincorporated Salt Lake  
County have is through the Salt Lake County Commissioners. The  
Commissioners cannot instigate incorporation or annexations  
proceedings.

Brian Hatch - Cottonwood Heights presently gets its water from Salt  
Lake City. In a contract between Sandy City and Salt Lake City (for  
water for Sandy), Sandy agreed never to annex into an area  
receiving Salt Lake City water.

Eugene Carr - has been asked to chair a committee researching the  
options of incorporation, annexation, etc.

Sheriff Kennard - has a dual concern. As a resident of Cottonwood Heights and as a Salt Lake County Sheriff. He recommends 1 law enforcement agency for the entire valley. Recommended that we take a look at Metro Las Vegas.

The Council and citizens present were then invited to address their questions to the panel.

Irby Arrington - what is the status of "The Cottonwoods" . Will be heard by the Supreme court in June. Incorporation requests are heard in the order they are filed. Only one petition can be resolved at a time and others must just wait their turn.

Ron Fullmer - why so many requests?  
People are happy with their present service. The biggest concern appears to be planning and zoning and also being afraid of annexation. Another issue is water.

Cameron Hansen - double taxation?  
Gordon Thomas - even if we don't want to be part of a city we have to be defensive at all times. Should the Senators for the area be involved.

The County Commissioners are proposing legislation that would create an incorporation review committee made up of 3 elected officials, 3 members nominated by the cities, and these 6 people would then name 3 citizens at large. This committee would then conduct studies and public hearings and give a more impartial review on boundaries, etc.

Eugene Carr - showed some maps giving an indication of the scope of the districts. He predicted that wall to wall cities will happen. Davies County services all the cities with regional planning etc.

Don Machin - we are obviously not the first area to have encountered this problem. How have other areas resolved this? Why reinvent the wheel?.

Dale Hicken - how do we avoid annexation? - incorporation.  
Gordon Nichol - recommends a unified fire department. It would take political will.

Marianne Small - Cottonwood Heights should strive to retain their eliteness within the valley. A study should be done of the feasibility of incorporation.

The study should include what would happen to the balance of the unincorporated area if one area incorporates.

Nick Morgan - the study done prior to the West Valley incorporation almost exactly proved true.

Greg Alex - if was become part of a large city there would be less citizen input. We should have small committees to control our own areas.

One avenue is the Community Councils  
Jeannine Cunningham - the Salt Lake County departments do use Community Council input in decision making.

Commissioner Overson - 98% of the time the Commissioners vote with the Community Council recommendation.

In an annexation only property owner can vote. In an incorporation registered voters can vote.

Verl Buxton - what would be the additional charge on our taxes if Salt Lake City annexed us - 22 mils.

Irby Arrington - Sandy can't have us, Union didn't want us, the Cottonwoods don't want us, so it looks like we can stay as we are.

Gordon Thomas - is it possible to have the County conduct a study?  
Commissioner Overson - I will make a proposition.

Ron Fullmer - 2 tiered system. Disincorporate all cities. Consolidate. Local planning, zoning, parks, recreations, etc. Central flood control, etc. with one official from each area.

Upon motion made by Nick Morgan, seconded by Richard Guthrie, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to form a task force to study this further. This task force to include Marianne Small as chair, Don Machin, Jennifer Bills, Sheriff Kennard, Gordon Thomas, Ron Fullmer, Greg Alex. All volunteers from this meeting.

Their first meeting will be 5:30 p.m. on April 17, in the County Complex, 2001 South State Street, 2nd floor, S2700. All are invited to attend. Members of Cottonwood Heights Community Council will be present to hear the recommendations to pass on to the Union Community Council on April 19, at Hillcrest High School.

Upon motion made by Jeannine Cunningham, seconded by Cameron Hansen, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to take a straw poll of those present

1. would they like to join Union in their current review
2. incorporate Cottonwood Heights
3. learn more about the options
4. any other viable option

results

1. 16
2. 2
3. 4
4. 2

Cameron Hansen will call Dr. Peterson of Utah State University, who had offered to conduct a survey of the general public for \$200, and see if he is available to do so.

Upon motion made by Cameron Hansen seconded by Nick Morgan, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to close the discussion.

Upon motion made by Joyce Smith, seconded by Jeannine Cunningham, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to address item #8 on the agenda at this time.

Ron Fullmer asked that a semaphore be installed at 1495 East as well as the one proposed at 1435 East. This request has been turned down by the Salt Lake County Traffic Engineer and Mr.

Fullmer wanted to appeal it to Commissioner Overson.

Upon motion made by Nick Morgan, seconded by Richard Guthrie, and passed with one member voting no, it was

RESOLVED, to ask that this request be resubmitted to the Salt Lake County Traffic Engineer, asking that they review the traffic survey. A light here may have a negative impact on the rest of the area, specifically the Santa Fe apartments. Also that consideration be given to opening up an exit onto Monroc Road out of Santa Fe apartments.

#### U.A.C.C. report

Joyce Smith submitted a report which was distributed with the agenda.

Upon motion made by Cameron Hansen, seconded by Jeannine Cunningham, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to continue to support the Council's #1 recommendation for parks and recreation development, the Golden Hills project. Joyce Smith and Brian Smith asked which other projects they should vote on and were given the authority of the Council to use their best judgement when they know more details of the other projects.

Edy Wright is invited to attend the U.A.C.C. meeting to promote her project.

#### Zoning

Jeannine Cunningham read a letter from Rainbo Oil stating that the gas station will be constructed on the Smith's Parking Lot.

The request to build more tourist homes at Wasatch Grove was denied by Salt Lake County Planning. Further to the problem of tourist homes, the Golden Hills neighborhood committee will meet with Commissioners Overson and Callahan next week.

PL-95-7001          8865 Danish Road - Street Vacation

The applicant failed to show.

Upon motion made by Cameron Hansen, seconded by Jeannine Cunningham, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to continue this application for one month.

PL-95-4013          Sign location

The Council failed to understand the logic or intent of this text change. Jeannine Cunningham to research this and

Upon motion made by Nick Morgan, seconded by Richard Guthrie, and passed with one no vote, it was

RESOLVED, to ask Jeannine Cunningham to make her recommendation for the council after she has researched the recommendation.

PL-95-4006          Set back ordinance

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Upon motion made by Nick Morgan, seconded by Richard Guthrie, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to ask Jeannine Cunningham to make her recommendation for the council after she has researched the bill.

PL-95-4019            7830 Danish Road            Harvey Hansen

Upon motion made by Cameron Hansen, seconded by Nick Morgan, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to approve this application.

PL-95-4024            6750 South 1300 East            Tom Lloyd

Upon motion made by Jeannine Cunningham, seconded by Nick Morgak, and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to approve this application.

#### Centennial Committee

Ken Verdoia, prior to leaving the Council completed the application for the Centennial project. The Council received the \$500 grant from Salt Lake County towards this project.

The \$500 will be used to purchase and plant a grove of trees and erect a commemorative monument sign.

A representative from West One Bank was present at the meeting and indicated that the bank would like to donate to the project also.

Upon motion made by Nick Morgan, seconded by Cameron Hansen and passed unanimously, it was

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting will be May 3, 1995 at 6:30 p.m. in Butler Middle School.