ULCT Convention Notes

October 5, 6, 7, 2022

P. Gardiol

Duties of Elected Officials

- Take the long way around the city to see what is changing.
- We are creating a hometown, a community to connect people for common goals.
- Park City has 8K residents and thousands of recreationists.
- Voting – no strategic abstentions for ethical grounds, disqualifying interest. We are elected to vote on the tough issues.
- Zoning – we have legislative discretion. Courts are moving to look at the underlying assumptions communities have about zoning
- Importance of Declaration of Findings for motions. They matter, and are critical!
- Councils, Commissions have to govern themselves – need to talk with each other. Have discussions/lunch to find points of agreement. Not violation of Open meeting law.
- Planning Commission can meet/talk with land use applicants because the Commission is not the LU authority.
- Don't engage with citizens in public comments. The public may attend work meetings but not provide comments there.

General Plan

- Look at living standards, safety, physical and mental health, and social connection. These elements should be in the General Plan.
- Establish baselines to track progress and actions.
- Utah State – Dr. Courtney Flint – survey 10-15 minutes, free, available in 2023. Companion data with the General Plan and future decision-making.
- Connection to community = well-being. Community design reinforces community activities.
- Establish time at each Planning Commission meeting to talk about long-term planning. "Reaction Commission"

Increasing citizen voice –

- Dedicate computers at the city office, library, and other public spaces to encourage broader citizen involvement. Include computer locations in the newsletter.

Rapid Growth Caucus –

- Get the ear of the Hill – invite legislators to tour Ivins to understand the complexity of the state's issues. Not one-size-fits-all. Senate President's philosophy is to think as such.
- Meet quarterly with Ivins' representatives for updates and awareness.
- Be more tenacious in telling the legislature what we are doing now and what are our real challenges. E.g., the time it takes to complete developments, etc.