Council Members,

Attached below are the actual emails submitted to me by residents interested in serving on our Affordable Housing Task Force and our new Open Space Committee.

The makeup of the Affordable Housing Task Force as it existed five years ago is also shown below. You may want to consider inviting one or more of them with particular expertise to join the current Task Force. Richard Kohler, a local Architect who lives in Santa Clara and specializes in housing affordability, has already offered to serve as a member of or an advisor to the Task Force. Previously it was chaired by Mike Haycock but it can be structured otherwise if the Council prefers. He has plenty to do otherwise.

Ivins City Affordable Housing Task Force

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Former Mayor Chris Blake has agreed to chair the new Open Space Committee. He has suggested that it not exceed nine members on his committee stating that it can become cumbersome and unproductive with too many voices in the discussions. I agree with that At most two Council Members or Planning Commissioners may participate on the committees as liaisons. You are welcome to volunteer for those positions and I will poll the PC for theirs.

Thank you.

Mayor Hart

Affordable Housing Task Force



David C. Hatch davidc.hatch@gmail.com
via ivinscity.onmicrosoft.com

Wed, Aug 31, 2022, 5:49 PM

to landerson, jjohnson, dmehr, amurphy, Mayor, mscott

Dear Mayor Hart and the Ivins City Council,

Of the many issues facing Ivins, housing is a particularly knotty challenge. Consider the intersection of profit, citizen need, affordability and available property. For example, short term rentals (STR's) are a popular option for developers however does it address the citizen's need for availability and affordability. Attainable housing offers low profit margins so developers are less interested in that investment, yet it offers hope for the ever increasing numbers of those that cannot afford traditional housing expenses. Conflicts of interest abound.

A fundamental question becomes, "What is the purpose for housing?" Is it a ROI equation or a societal need that demands addressing? An either/or is not viable for multiple reasons. So what is the correct ratio?

We can reasonably expect a recession or worse that will hit the most vulnerable first and most significantly. We are already seeing inflation and rising food prices. Utah consumer debt is among the highest in the country. https://www.ksl.com/article/46527812/unaffordable-utah-beehive-state-ranks-no-10-for-most-household-debt . Building just for the affluent (residents and visitors) is short sighted. We also need to look at the public good. At the same time, we recognize that the developers and construction industry generate significant economic benefit to Washington County. Another rub.

Creating more (expensive) short term rentals seems to be the path of least resistance and provides the highest potential return on investment. Yet they do not solve the need to provide for the less affluent. To wit, the attachment prepared by the Housing Action Committee deserves close attention and rigorous analysis.

My suggestion is that Ivins organize a small task force to analyze the housing situation and present its findings and recommendations to the City Council later this year. We can consider the event below to be an important source of information organized by the Housing Action Coalition.

This task force (or whatever name is most acceptable) faces a challenging task and will require both the heart and mind to carry out its purpose effectively. I don't believe that we want to be behind the curve on this issue. We have one chance to get it right given the permanence of housing and its accompanying infrastructure, including water management.

With Best Wishes,
David Hatch

Lisa Ganz via ivinscity.onmicrosoft.com Sat, Dec 2, 9:36 AM

to chart@ivins.com

Hi Mayor Hart-
I just sent you a note about the Open Space Task Force which I prefer to serve on. However, I would also be willing to serve on the Affordable Housing Task Force if no one else steps up. I've read the code and understand the state's mandates. I think it's very important to have serious discussions with sister cities and our state representatives to make sure our interests are represented in this topic. I have the availability to serve. Please feel free to reach out to discuss.
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Hello Mayor Hart,

I would like to be considered to sit on the housing task force.

I have been an Ivins resident for 28 years, Rich and I bought our lot in 1991 in Kayenta for 18K, He was a union electrician, I was a social worker. We could never have afforded to retire to any part of Ivins today. We built our own house.

I was a licensed social worker (LCSW) for 35 years, President of our HOA for 18 years, President of the Landscape Committee for 15 years, Business owner for 17 years so far. I have been certified in critical stress debriefings and also American Red Cross Training in Disaster Relief.

I participated in Mayor Blake's first committee meeting about trails in Ivins.

I was also one of the participants in the round table discussions of Vision Dixie.

I'm active in numerous county volunteer organizations and also have worked at providing places and forums for potential council member to meet with local residents.

I have been active on various issues brought before the planning commission as well as city council.

I think my diversified background with understanding of both social/community and business needs brings a needed perspective to considering the needs of attainable housing, business factors from both the perspective of employee, employer and property owner or developer. I am invested in this community and very much want to see Ivins continue to grow in positive ways.

Sincerely,

Kathy Barth

Open Space Committee

Kathy Roos kathyroos@icloud.com
via ivinscity.onmicrosoft.com

Wed, Nov 1, 3:26 PM

to chart

Hello Mayor Hart,

I just read your piece on open space. I would like to volunteer to be on the task force looking into this possibility. I am passionate about retaining open space in growing communities. In fact, I started the Treasure Valley Land Trust in 1995 which in partnership with local landowners has protected 100s of acres in the Boise Foothills and along the Boise River. I believe I would be a strong member of the task force.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathy Roos
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Lisa Ganz via ivinscity.onmicrosoft.com Sat, Dec 2, 9:30 AM

to chart@ivins.com

Hi Mayor Hart-
Hope you're kicking of the Christmas season with a bang!
Per our discussion a few weeks ago, I'd like to be considered for the Ivins Open Space Committee. As you know, I am passionate about smart growth in the city while maintaining our open spaces for all to enjoy. I think it's going to be important to seek out of the box ideas including research on what other cities/states have done. I have the time to dedicate on the committee and welcome the opportunity to serve.
Thanks for your consideration,
Lisa Ganz
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Rod Hardin via ivinscity.onmicrosoft.com

Hi Chris,

I couldn't find any of my work resumes so I hope the following helps. Feel free to call with any questions.

40 Years of Business Management Roles with Banks and Mortgage Companies. My primary role was Chief Information Officer (CIO) and I usually worked for the CEO or CFO. In addition to technology, I have many years in operations, finance, and legal. My employers include Pulte Mortgage (Subsidiary of Pulte Homes), Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, and North American Mortgage Company.

Non-Profit Work - Colorado Housing and Finance Authority is a state owned finance non-profit and I also served on the board of Trips for Kids Colorado..

Open Space Passion - I am an avid outdoor enthusiast! I mountain bike, hike, snow ski, and play golf.

My work style is highly collaborative and inclusionary. I believe in gathering information first and then feeding that back to the stakeholders. Once the problem is researched and understood, then various options can be considered to solve the problem or issue. So I would immediately ask for everything the City has already developed around this topic and also discuss the information with anyone that can assist with an even better understanding.

Best regards,

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via ivinscity.onmicrosoft.com

Wed, Jan 3, 5:09 PM (17 hours ago)

to chart

Dear Mayor Hart,
I am writing to you to express my interest in serving on the newly installed Open Space Advisory Committee. I am currently a part time Ivins resident that recently retired from a long corporate career. One of the reasons for coming to Ivins was the abundance of trails and recreation opportunities. I am an avid cyclist and mountain biker as well as a hiker and backpacker. I have long supported and funded initiatives and organizations that advocate for conservation and trail building, both in Utah as well as Washington State and California. I am a trained mathematician and computer scientist, I am experienced at analyzing data and uncovering the meaning of large amounts of data. I will ust paste my very short bio below and thank you for your consideration,
Best regards,
hans J Wolters

Hans Wolters is a successful and recognized technical leader and executive with extensive experience. He has worked in many diverse areas ranging from HP Labs to biotech organizations, and most recently as a Partner Data Science Leader at Microsoft. Hans has a strong track record of applying cutting edge methodologies and inventing new technologies to develop and commercialize novel products using AI and ML techniques. Hans is the author of numerous scientific publications and holder of 8 patents. Hans holds a Master of Mathematics degree from the University of Gottingen and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Arizona State University.

Shayne Jones thunderaz121@gmail.com
via ivinscity.onmicrosoft.com

Fri, Jan 5, 7:57 PM (15 hours ago)

to chart

Name: Kerry Shayne Jones (prefer to go by Shayne)

Resident of Ivins since 2017, no plans to leave unless the Utah Legislature regulates such that I

feel it better to retreat back to Page or possibly Littlefield.

As a member of the community for the past few years I feel I should give up some of my time to help the community.

A short review of my qualifications for this committee. Nothing too glamorous or influential I assure you.

- Work:
    - Both parents worked, spent my childhood assisting my grandparents in their store, pretty much grew up there.
    - 37 trips through the Grand Canyon, never made lead pilot but was 2nd pilot on 50% of the trips
    - 42 years at Navajo Generating Station. Started as an operator trainee, spent the last 20 years as the Maintenance Manager responsible for a multimillion dollar budget and the safety of over 200 employees. The hardest part of the job was working with engineers! JK'g!
    - Chaired the committee in charge of Page Attacks Trash for 10+ years
    - A member of the local civic group, Canyon Club, instrumental in removing the bounds of Rotary International and helping to build the foundation which allowed The Canyon Club to become the successful organization it is today.
- I have never lived in a community bigger than Ivins is today.
- I spent 60 years in Page, AZ so I recognize the value of open space.
- I would much rather watch the sunrise from a camp in the hills than from my porch.
- I don't believe I have any predetermined agenda or plans for what this could entail.
- I recognize that growth is inevitable and would like to offer my assistance in finding a balance which continues to provide opportunity to enjoy the wonderful space we have been provided.

While I am indifferent to my selection on this committee, if I am selected I will do my best to make unbiased decisions which would hopefully be in the best long term interest of the community.

Thanks for providing the opportunity.

Shayne