MAYOR’S MESSAGE

Planning Commission

What do you know about our Planning Commission and their role in the City? Some of you may have had some interaction with our Planning Commission for things like a conditional use permit in your area or a rezone of a property close to you, but I want to briefly explain the role of our Planning Commission and also about our City’s General Plan for those of us who might not be as familiar.

Our Planning Commission consists of seven members, all of whom must be residents of the City. Members are selected from different professional and vocational backgrounds, when possible. It is not stated in our Code, or even recommended, but I have always liked to have representation on our Planning Commission from all different areas of the City. Some of the most notable powers and duties of the Planning Commission include the following: prepare and recommend a General Plan and amendments to the General Plan to the City Council, recommend zoning ordinances and maps, and any amendments to the City Council, recommend subdivision regulations and amendments to the City Council, and recommend approval or denial of subdivision applications to the City Council. They also approve or deny conditional use permits. Of these, the most notable responsibilities are zoning recommendations, subdivision recommendations, and approval or denial of conditional use permits. A conditional use permit, for one example, can be granted in regards to business licenses: let’s say that you want to apply to use your home as a day care; you would not meet with the City Council to get approval, but you would meet with the Planning Commission after submitting your application, and after making sure you qualify and setting certain restrictions or “uses”, they would give you approval for a conditional use permit for your day care.

We have been lucky to always have some great residents step up and want to be a part of our Planning Commission. It requires a lot of work and time away from their families, but it also provides such a valuable service to our City as they look ahead and plan for the future. Our Planning Commission meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM for an Administrative Session and 7:00 PM for the General Session (subject to change if needed). The public is always invited and welcome to come and be a part of the process as they discuss important land-use related issues in our City.

General Plan Revision

As stated above, one of the responsibilities of the Planning Commission is to prepare and recommend General Plan amendments to the City Council. Our Planning Commission is actually just finishing up some amendments to the General Plan, and they have been working hard to make sure we keep updated with all the changes happening around us. This is not a quick process. They have been working on this for over six months and are trying to do their best to look ahead and plan for our land-use needs in the future as property owners eventually choose to sell or develop their properties. The process is meant to be an open and transparent process that involves residents and seeks their input through the public hearing process; there has been some public involvement in this current revision process, but this is quite unusual. Welcome and needed, but unusual.

One important thing to understand is that the General Plan is just that – a general idea of land-use for the City. Zoning of property does not change with each General Plan revision. The actual zoning will not change unless the property owner decides to apply for the change.

If you would like to look at the new General Plan and the amendments being considered, each Agenda and its accompanying Staff Reports, that are updated as discussions throughout the process dictates, are available and posted before each meeting online at www.westpointcity.org. This “Agenda Packet” is the same one given to the Planning Commission before each meeting, and so it is an easy way to access the information that they will be discussing at the meeting. This is also true for the City Council. You can also stop by City Hall and ask for the information as well. Once the final General Plan is approved, it will be posted on our website.

I am grateful we have such great people serving on our Planning Commission and I thank them for their invaluable service to West Point City.

- Mayor Erick Craythorne
COMMUNITY AFFAIRS & EVENTS
If you would like more information about the activities listed on this page please contact
Shelby Sargent @ 801-614-5347 or email ssargent@westpointcity.org

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>April</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>S</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City Council @ 6 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Planning Commission</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Senior Lunch @ 11:30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Easter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

YOUTH COUNCIL
This month the Youth Council has been preparing for the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th. They have been filling eggs with candy and donations from local businesses including Pizza Pie Cafe and Chick-fil A. The Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Loy Blake Park and begin at 10 AM sharp. Please make sure to arrive early because right at 10 AM the fire truck sirens will go off and the hunt for the 15,000 eggs will begin!

For any youth looking to get more involved with the city, the Youth Council Applications for 2019-2020 have been released and will be due Thursday, April 18th at City Hall. Applications are available at City Hall or online at www.westpointcity.org on the Community Affairs page.

JUST FOR SENIORS
Each month West Point City holds a lunch for Seniors 55 and older. The cost is $2.00 per person and both residents and non-residents are welcome!

This month’s lunch will be on:

**Monday, April 15th @ 11:30 AM**

The menu for this month is:

- Sloppy Joe & Corn
- An Easter Treat for Dessert

YOU MUST RSVP TO RESERVE A SPOT
Please call City Hall by April 11th at (801) 776-0970.

To view the 2019 Senior Lunch Calendar, visit the City Website under the Community Affairs Page.
West Point City's Annual Spring Clean-Up
April 26-27 until 3 PM
Dumpster's will be available at each City Park.
If the dumpster's are full, please try another location.
Do not pile garbage outside of the dumpsters!
No hazardous material, concrete, tires, etc.
Contact City Hall with questions.

GREEN WASTE INFORMATION:
Beginning April 1, your green waste can may only be used for green waste!
As for your blue recycling can, remember you can access the 2019 Recycling Schedule online at www.westpointcity.org.

Marching Muskrats
West Point City is currently seeking members for this year’s Community Marching Band! This group is one of the highlights of our Independence Day Celebration on July 4th. If you are interested please email Shelby at marchingmuskrats@westpointcity.org.

Please include the instrument you play, the years played, your name and phone number.

Be sure to share this info with all your friends and family who may be interested too!

Welcome to West Point City!
185 N 2000 W
(801) 774-6666

May 10 & 11, 2019
Utah State University Botanical Center
875 South 50 West, Kaysville, Utah
Join us for a fun, family event this spring!
Baby animals, reptiles, demos, goat milking, earth wing shows, pony rides, food vendors and more! We have a new layout this year to better accommodate our visitors!
Proceeds from the event support Davis County 4-H programs and the botanical gardens.
Tickets go on sale April 7th. For more information visit: http://www.babyanimaldays.org

Miss West Point Pageant
All young ladies ages 14-21 who reside in West Point are invited to register for the Miss West Point Scholarship Pageant!

Contestants for Miss West Point must be ages 17-21 and winners will receive a tuition scholarship to their choice of university.

Contestants for Miss Junior West Point must be ages 14-16.

Entry forms are available at the City Hall and the Registration Fee is $30.

Orientation will be held at West Point City Hall on Thursday, April 18th from 8-9:30 PM. The Pageant will be held at Syracuse High on Saturday, June 8th 7 PM

For more information, contact City Hall or visit the City website!
In April 1861, following secessionist declarations by nine of the 34 states of the Union, a Southern force fired on Fort Sumter thus opening the most humanly destructive war in the history of the United States. There were more fatalities in this war than in any other in which America has been involved, and it was brother against brother. Considered by many to have been the turning point of the war, the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, was entered by General Lee with the idea of driving into Northern territory and, eventually, forcing the North to accede to the South’s desires. General Grant, on the other hand, rushed to stop him and hopefully to break the back of the South and bring an end to the war.

The battle was fought, ironically, the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of July, 1863 - four score and seven years following the Declaration of Independence. When General Lee retreated he had lost a major share of his forces, while there remained on the field between 49,000 to 51,000 dead, both Yanks and Rebs.

In November of that same year while the war still raged, a gathering met at Gettysburg to dedicate that hallowed ground. Two speakers were scheduled. One was that great orator, Edward Everett, former President of Harvard University and one of the Nation's most celebrated orators. Everett spoke for 2 hours. Then, Lincoln stood and spoke for two minutes.

I had never seen a transcript nor even a description of the context of Everett's speech until I did some research in preparation for this article. However, every school child in the United States can, by the time he/she graduates from high school, can all but recite per verbatim the address President Lincoln gave that day. What I found of the speech of Everett is just an excerpt that ran more than 7 pages; Lincoln’s entire address is only three short paragraphs.

Gettysburg was, indeed, the turning point of the war, but not as Lee envisioned it. A year and one-half later, on April 9th, 1865, almost exactly four years following the assault on Fort Sumter, General Lee, at Appomattox Court House in Virginia, signed the papers of surrender. This provided for Lincoln's vision that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

Mr. Everett later wrote to Lincoln, “I should be glad if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion in two hours as you did in two minutes.”

’nuff said.