

1 River Heights City Planning Commission
2 Minutes of the Meeting
3 January 7, 2014
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5 Present: Commission members: Jim Royle, Chairman
6 Rex Davidsavor
7 Danny Petersen
8 Lorin Zollinger

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10 Council Member Blake Wright
11 Recorder Sheila Lind

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13 Excused Commissioner Patti Seeholzer

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15 Others Present: Kevin Opsal
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17 Motion #1

18 Commissioner Davidsavor moved to “approve the minutes of the November 19, 2013
19 Commission meeting.” Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion, which carried with all in
20 favor except Seeholzer, who was absent.
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22 Nomination #1

23 Commissioner Petersen “nominated Commissioner Davidsavor as chairman of the
24 Commission.” Commissioner Zollinger seconded the nomination which carried with all in favor,
25 except Seeholzer, who was absent.
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27 Nomination #2

28 Commissioner Zollinger “nominated Commissioner Petersen as vice chair of the
29 Commission.” Commissioner Davidsavor seconded the nomination, which carried with all in
30 favor, except Seeholzer, who was absent.
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34 Proceedings of the Meeting
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36 The River Heights City Planning Commission met at 7:00 p.m. in the Ervin R. Crosbie
37 Council Chambers on January 7, 2014.

38 Adoption of Prior Minutes: Minutes for the November 19, 2013 Planning Commission
39 Meeting were reviewed.

40 **Commissioner Davidsavor moved to “approve the minutes of the November 19, 2013**
41 **Commission meeting.” Commissioner Zollinger seconded the motion, which carried with all**
42 **in favor except Seeholzer, who was absent.**

43 Nominations of Commission Chair and Vice Chair for 2014: Commissioner Royle opened
44 nominations. He stated he has served as chair for two years and was ready for someone else to
45 take the position.

46 **Commissioner Petersen “nominated Commissioner Davidsavor as chairman of the**
47 **Commission.” Commissioner Zollinger seconded the nomination which carried with all in**
48 **favor, except Seeholzer, who was absent.**

49 Commissioner Davidsavor had some concern about possible conflicts of interest since he
50 is the president of the irrigation board. Councilmember Wright suggested, if he felt a conflict
51 over an issue, he could recues himself and have the vice chair take over.

52 **Commissioner Zollinger “nominated Commissioner Petersen as vice chair of the**
53 **Commission.” Commissioner Davidsavor seconded the nomination, which carried with all in**
54 **favor, except Seeholzer, who was absent.**

55 Cemetery Discussion: Councilmember Wright would like to have Cathy Wood come to
56 the next meeting to give more input. He would like to have some decisions made in time to
57 apply for the RAPZ grant, which is due in March.

58 Commissioner Zollinger showed some roads he had sketched on the property. He
59 suggested starting with the cemetery on the east side and use the west for recreation. He also
60 suggested a parking lot on the west side.

61 Councilmember Wright reminded that Bob Davis owns a one foot protection strip on the
62 west end of Stewart Hill East, which he will sell for \$10,000. He would like to recoup some of
63 his costs for installing improvements in the development. Mr. Wright agrees a turn-around
64 would be nice for garbage, snow removal and fire protection. If it can’t be worked out with Mr.
65 Davis, the City can probably work through Providence for ingress.

66 Commissioner Royle sketched the property in park only. He doesn’t feel there needs to
67 be more cemetery space in River Heights. There is already a cemetery and Providence is paying
68 for it. River Heights will pay a whole lot more for a cemetery than a park, over the years. It
69 doesn’t make economic sense to him, to develop a cemetery. He suggested a park could be
70 used in conjunction with the Providence Cemetery. He’d like to see lots of trees, picnic area,
71 exercise stations, a gazebo, trails, benches.

72 Councilmember Wright has heard the Providence Cemetery is filling faster than they
73 thought it would. They can check with Providence to see if this is true. He stated a park could
74 easily be converted into a cemetery. He suggested Cathy Wood could give some input on long
75 term costs for parks vs. cemetery.

76 Commissioner Davidsavor suggested a memorial park which could have a place for
77 babies, urns, a veterans wall, etc. He likes the idea of a gazebo overlooking the valley.

78 Commissioner Royle suggested 'doing something' rather than have it in weeds another
79 year. It was agreed that whatever happens would be done in phases.

80 Commissioner Zollinger said there are River Heights' residents buying plots in Logan's
81 cemetery because they feel Providence is charging too much.

82 Councilmember Wright suggested he and Commissioner Royle talk to Providence to see
83 if they are willing to work with River Heights. Commissioner Royle is anxious to see what the
84 citizens want. Commissioner Zollinger said they need to have costs in front of the public so
85 they would have something to base their decision on.

86 Commissioner Petersen said Logan Cemetery lists their costs on a building in their
87 cemetery.

88 Councilmember Wright agreed with getting the public involved sooner than later. He
89 also agreed they need to have projected costs. Discussion was held on how Brigham City
90 handles costs and the different funds they have to cover expenses.

91 Commissioner Royle suggested picking a different sight for a cemetery. Councilmember
92 Wright said it makes the most sense to have it by the Providence Cemetery.

93 Commissioner Royle and Councilmember Wright will set up a time to meet with
94 Providence in hopes of finding out what they might be willing to do in a joint effort. Then they
95 could talk to Cathy Wood about maintenance.

96 Commissioner Petersen is tired of parks. He seldom sees River Heights people at Ryan's
97 Place Park. This city provides and pays for non-residents to use the park. Commissioner Royle
98 feels parks are an asset and raise property values.

99 They all felt the public should be involved soon. They will try for a public hearing at
100 their next meeting.

101 Commissioner Davidsavor suggested having a 10 question survey on the city's website.
102 They discussed questions to include with a survey. An opening paragraph would state the
103 property is zoned 'parks and recreation.'

104 A public hearing will be scheduled for the next meeting. Commissioner Davidsavor will
105 check into setting up a website survey. Recorder Lind will get an ad in the paper to run on
106 January 19 (Sunday). Councilmember Wright will get some wording ready for a flyer, to be
107 delivered to all the homes in River Heights. The flyer will state that written comments can be
108 submitted by mail or email.

109 Discuss General Plan Verbiage Pertaining to Pedestrian and Bicycle Paths:

110 Commissioner Davidsavor read the proposed changes (included in these minutes), which were
111 suggested by Councilmember Okelberry. Councilmember Wright suggested a volunteer on the
112 Commission get the process going for amending the General Plan, if the Commission is okay
113 with the wording. The State Code says exactly how to amend the GP.

114 A few changes to the wording were discussed.

115 No one volunteered to work on the amendments. Commissioner Davidsavor will check
116 with Commissioner Seeholzer to see if she might be willing to do it.

117 The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Sheila Lind, Recorder

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124 Jim Royle, Chairman