From: Monica Zoltanski
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: Red Hat Roundup, News From Council Member Zoltanski
Date: Monday, April 19, 2021 6:26:35 PM

Please forward the resident comment on RCV for the public record. Thank you.

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From: Bonnie Stout <BONNIE1384@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Monica Zoltanski
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Red Hat Roundup, News From Council Member Zoltanski

Hi Monica,

Thanks for sending out your emails to keep us all informed. On the matter of RCV, I think it looks like a great idea. The pros outweigh the cons as far as I can see. I would be in favor of implementing it as soon as possible without affecting current / existing races and deadlines.

Thanks again,
Bonnie Stout

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 14, 2021, at 2:26 PM, Councilwoman Zoltanski <mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov> wrote:

News from Monica Zoltanski

Council Member District 4

I'm sending you this newsletter to keep you informed on important issues and events in Sandy City. My #1 goal as your representative is to share information, elicit your feedback and empower people to influence decisions that affect our daily lives in Sandy. Thank you for taking the time to read and share this with others. Your engagement helps me represent your interests and ensures better decisions for our future.

Yours in Service,
Monica Zoltanski

April 14, 2021

Ranked Choice Voting — Coming to Sandy??

Last night the city council discussed adopting Ranked Choice Voting as a new way to elect our mayor and city council members. We vote next Tuesday, April 20th, on whether to adopt it. If passed, we also need to decide when to implement it.

Should we make the change effective immediately for this year's election? This could eliminate the primary (now scheduled for August 10th) and push back the filing period when candidates officially declare from June 1-7 to August 10-17. It would not change the general election date of November 2nd, and all the candidates would campaign all the way up to the general election.

To learn more about how RCV works, take a minute and watch the video at this link. There are many things ot consider with RCV, both pros, and cons.
Pros:

- Ensures that the winner of an election carries a majority of voters
- Deepens the influence of the voter by supporting more than one candidate in order of preference.
- Eliminates the need for a primary. Voters only have to vote once in the general election.
- The City would need to commit to an increased level of voter education which could enhance voter turnout

Cons:

- The process of determining a voter can be more complicated to understand for voters used to the traditional method.
- If a race is close and you get to the 5th, 6th, 7th, etc. rankings some voters may stop ranking, thus exhausting their ballot.
- Sandy would be a major test case for RCV in Utah. Only Payson and Vineyard have held RCV elections and their ballots combined are a small fraction of what Sandy's turnout would be.
- The City would need to commit to an increased level of voter education.

Because of the short decision time, I'm asking for your help. Please share this with your Sandy friends and send me an email. Do you like Ranked Choice Voting for Sandy? If so, when should do you believe we should implement it?

Here is an example of a RCV ballot from the FairVote website.

Rare Development Moratorium Approved East of Wasatch Blvd.

Last week on April 6th, the city council voted unanimously 7-0 to approve a moratorium on development east of Wasatch Boulevard in the mapped area shown. This is a rare and temporary action by the city council to take time to study serious public safety concerns the council has about pursuing development in an environmentally unique and sensitive area in our city. This moratorium cannot exceed 6 months and will give city staff time to study and report back to council (and to you, our residents) on whether changes should be adopted to our land development code to address growing public safety concerns of building on steep slopes along the foothills and the impact to adjacent properties.

The public comment included residents who phoned in wanting to expand the moratorium area to include “the triangle” north boundaries of the city, north of Little Cottonwood Road but since that was not noticed in the public meeting material it will be addressed separately. I think this is a good idea since the conditions and concerns are so similar and the area is small enough to include in the same study. It just makes sense.

I will bring my proposal to expand the study area to the Council, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, April 27th and I ask for your participation. Please email me with your thoughts on this moratorium and any issues we should be attuned to as we weigh development interests in high East Sandy.

Bulk Waste Update

Bulk Waste is a well-loved program in Sandy City. At the end of March, I tagged along with one of Sandy's Public Works crews as they picked up the curbside spring cleanup. I learned a lot and even drove from Sandy out to the Trans Jordan Land Fill. I documented it here in this video to share with you.

Sandy City Council is currently working with the State of Utah regulators to decide the future of our bulk waste program. For now, District 4's curbside spring pick up is underway. Please make sure you know and follow the rules.

When you see the crews working in your neighborhood, give them a wave and appreciation for all they do to keep Sandy beautiful. Here's a photo of the activity on my street just this morning.

Bulk Waste Program Guidelines for 2021. You can find more info here.

All Smiles For Sandy Arts Guild youth: Frozen Jr.

After over a year of COVID quarantines, the ability to gather as a community to enjoy the arts is something to celebrate. Most recently, the Sandy Arts Guild put together a performance that was fun for all, with Frozen Jr. Thank you to the Sandy Arts Guild for bringing our community together again and congratulations to the wonderful youth cast on their performance.

New Format For City Council Meetings

Last month, the City Council voted to approve a change to the council meeting format. We've just begun to implement the changes and you will see us alternating between "Business Meetings" and "Work Sessions" every other week.

During Work Sessions, the Council will hear in depth-information items and presentations. No final votes will be taken on an issue during Work Sessions. Final decisions and votes will only occur during a Business Session where public comment is taken on voting items. Public comment will continue to occur every meeting at or after 6 p.m.

4/20/2021 — Business Session
4/27/2021 — Work Session
5/4/2021 — Business Session

5/11/2021 — Work Session
5/18/2021 — Business Session
5/25/2021 — Work Session

Sandy Senior Center Reopening

After being closed since March of 2020, the Sandy Senior Center will be opening it's doors to residents next Monday, April 19th, 2021. I look forward to many of you again who frequent the Senior Center for classes, lunch, and discussion.

For more information, check out this news story on the reopening.

Canyons School Distr. Breaks Ground On Two New Schools

Glacier Hills Elementary

Wonderful to celebrate a new beginning for the Bell View and Edgmont Elementary School communities as the Canyons School District broke ground for the future Glacier Hills Elementary. Their new mascot is the Yeti and the kids and parents I talked to were excited for their new combined school. Schools are the lifeblood of a strong community and I'm so proud of our students, teachers, and administrators embracing this change - they all seemed "Yeti" for this new chapter of learning and growth.

Peruvian Park Elementary

Congratulations Peruvian Park Elementary School family and Canyons School District on the groundbreaking for your new school which will open in Fall 2022. Proud to turn a shovel of dirt with educators, School District Representatives, students, and State Rep. Suzanne Harrison. We all came together to stand witness to this moment in educating Peruvian Panthers for generations to come!

Connect with Councilwoman Zoltanski on Facebook

If you know anyone who would also like to receive email updates from Councilwoman Zoltanski, please forward their email address to mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov.

You can reach me at mzoltanski@sandy.utah.gov with any questions, concerns, or comments. Follow my Facebook page for meeting updates, agenda item summaries, and more.

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