

# Provo City Neighborhood District Program

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Begins January 1, 2023



Purpose:

Public participation and involvement in Provo City affairs and to provide a mechanism for communication between the City Council and the public.

# What's the same?

- Meetings with resident input.
- Neighborhood names, boundaries, Facebook groups.
- Neighborhood Matching Grants program (\$5,000 per district).
- COP program.
- Meet with developers on land use items.
- Representatives from City Departments present at meetings.
- Fees waived for planning applications on behalf of the District.
- Chairs present residents' views at public hearings.

# What's different?

- Going from 34 neighborhoods to 5 districts.
- District Board with a chair, 2 vice chairs, and secretary.
- Executive board members are appointed by the City Council.
- Official District Facebook pages (informational only).
- Neighborhood Coordinator contacts Developers and creates agendas.
- City planner to be at every meeting with land use items.
- \$1,000 per district for meeting costs or social functions.
- Zone changes, General Plan amendments, Major Street Plan amendments automatically put on the agendas.
- Set time, place, and date for meetings.

# What I like about the new program

- Know what's going on in surrounding neighborhoods.
- Spreads out responsibilities between board members.
- Greater pool of people with knowledge and resources.
- Secretary takes minutes instead of the chair.
- Consistent meeting time and place.
- Every meeting recorded and available through Zoom.
- Fewer Facebook groups.

# What if you don't like this new program?

- Give it some time.
- Tell me your complaints (I'm keeping a list).
- Contact the City Council (they will reevaluate the program at 6 months and again at one year).
- You don't have to be a part of the program to be heard -- submit GRAMA requests for information about a project; attend and make comments at public hearings; submit feedback on Open City Hall; email boards, commissions, and City Council members.