



## Neighborhood District 2

Meeting Agenda

6:30 PM, Thursday April 20, 2023

City Hall Community Room

445 W Center St, Provo UT 84601

**Direct Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87472573348?pwd=QmlyOFNDRUFKdzF2REFOOHRHWGpiZz09>

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McKay Jensen directing meeting,

Ruth Thomas taking minutes

Board Attendance: Mary, Ann, Katherine, Hannah, Ruth, Ashley, Kristina, Ryan, Michael (all board members present)

6:30 begin

### 1. Provo City Department Topics

#### A. Wildland Urban Interface – Fire & Rescue Captain Jeanie Atherton (6:30-6:45 PM)

Cpt. Atherton emphasized that fires are more commonly transmitted by wind, so defensible space around homes is relevant to all houses in Provo. She gave suggestions (on slides) about creating defensible space – i.e., removing fire hazards from around the home. She emphasized gutters, trees overhanging, firewood storage, shrub spacing, and ladder fuels (brush under trees), spacing of brush. The goal is to create a 100' radius around house, emphasizing roof and attic factors.

Topography of east Provo is a problem because fire spreads over uphill and can radiate very quickly to neighboring structures (showed video of homes subsumed in under 10 minutes).

Fire dept is actively mowing trails and open spaces to mitigate wildfire spread.

Also offers community chipping program for targeted neighborhoods. Aim is to motivate homeowners to cut down scrub oak and trees, the city chips and removes the debris for free.

Contact info: [jatherton@provo.org](mailto:jatherton@provo.org), 801-852-6342. Offers home site evaluations for free and can tell if your address qualifies for chipping program.

Q: how does current weather effect expectations for this year?

A: the wildland growth is behind last year's schedule but we expect rapid growth in the coming months.

B. Slate Canyon Drive traffic report & traffic control measures – Staff (6:45-7:00 PM)

McKay: relevant city officials not present, McKay will moderate open discussion. Slate Canyon drive identified as a parking, speed, and safety issue. McKay emphasizes that district board do not have decision-making 'power', but that the benefit of district meetings is communicative and to find mutual support amongst residents of other neighborhoods. Speed trailer stats were taken over two weeks in March (see slides). McKay suggests 'deciding what we want to happen'; reflects that other neighborhoods also have traffic and speed issues, little has been done because neighbors come together but rarely find consensus. Leaves elected officials unsure what to do because of lack of consensus.

Rachel Breen: PD has reported speed trailer stats. Police will be patrolling times of day with highest speed violations. Credited neighborhood action with bringing about patrol.

Rachel also referenced a report from Public Works (Kaehan Shour) about Slate Canyon drive, summarizes his findings and ideas. (Document available on website), Engineering has discretionary budget for enacting pilot projects through police department. Will install police vehicles and signs as deterrents. Reference report for action phases and responses to neighbor concerns. Permanent structures require budget approval for city council. Full report available on Provo City Neighborhood program website.

Public Comment Moderated by MJ:

Resident 1: we don't want roundabouts bc road is too skinny and was dangerous when temporary ones were put in.

Resident 2: Problem time is 7-8am during work commutes. People driving out of driveways can't see into the street bc of parallel parked cars. People are backing out onto collector roads, this is a violation of planning principles. Street is R4 zoned, "unlike any other in Provo." No overnight parking was brought up at a previous meeting (undefined meeting).

Rachel: Reminds commenters that Public Works requested only safety and parking issues – not parking. McKay comments in affirmation that these are related issues, we are grateful for PD willingness.

Eliz. Vanderwerken (as Slate Canyon resident, also city employee): Would love more pedestrian crossings marked.

Melia Dayley (as SC resident, also city employee): agrees with previous comment. Cites many children/teens walking in the road to get to bus stops, have no pedestrian crossing to signal where to cross, and also signal to drivers that pedestrians are present.

McKay: previous experience around schools is that there are school guidelines about how many crosswalks can be in a certain area – McKay suggests asking what the maximum number of crosswalks that can be placed in a certain area can be. Will help to set expectations.

Rachel B: Katrice McKay (city council chair) is present. Can KM explain how process works to get permanent funding.

KM: Two entities: city can choose to budget things, city council can also push for things to be put into budget as a contingency of city council approval. The second way doesn't happen often, the administration and city council try to work collaboratively before things come to an impasse. To replace broken sidewalks/no sidewalks would cost \$100M for the entire city. Money is always an issue; but it's true that the "squeaky wheel gets attention" from noise, accidents, incidents, etc. Slate Canyon is not a priority site given accident numbers. Project timelines rarely get pushed back. Noise matters, petitions, large consensus of numbers, emails with signatures, productive solution that you think would work—city council's goal is to use money wisely and make as many people happy as possible.

MJ: community conversation often helps. No budget has been expended on 1450 E, for example, but community is now in conversation, and the collective awareness alone also improves the situation.

Resident (SC drive resident): 25 years lived here. Provo city promised two police cars at top and bottom of police canyon. Issued 200+ speeding tickets in 2 weeks on road. Believes Police car parked there would help slow everyone down.

MJ: Any radar signs present?

A: yes, there are three, top, middle, bottom. Residents say they're not effective in slowing traffic.

Kristina (board member): signs don't flash travelling speed, they only show speed limit. An improvement would be to post travelling speed, not speed limit.

Resident: comments that travel speed signs work for him.

Resident: find a sign that tracks and saves data? Photograph sign and send ticket? (State Legislature issue)

MJ: Public safety is a concern as a neighbor and is highest concern of elected officials. The better we can define it, the better they can act. Parking will be put on another agenda. Problems in Wasatch were largely solved by neighborhood putting out signs (not official) saying "don't park here". Neighbors had a philosophy of 'least restrictive' options first: therefore Wasatch did not endorse a parking permit program bc the less-restrictive option was working. Encourages fostering conversations and asking 'what can we try'.

1. Planning Item - Jon Jensen requests Project Plan approval for a new Wiggy Wash car wash in the SC1 (Neighborhood Shopping Center) zone, located at 1807 S State Street. Provost South neighborhood. PLPPA20230014 – City Planner Nancy Robison (7:00-7:15 PM)

Nancy Robinson representing (city employee). Shows slides of entrances and exits, elevation drawings. Building is still under planning review. Questions?

Resident: What is the process for plan approval?

Nancy: This is an informative meeting, land use is already approved

Mary Millar (board): In a previous meeting, the plan was to have entrances on state street and Slate Canyon? How did that chance?

Nancy was not present when that plan was presented, not sure why.

MJ: Owners likely wanted a slower speed entrance. Architect likely encouraged it also.

Mary Millar: previous presenter (at previous meeting) said that having two entrances would make it easier for cars to enter rather than having to turn onto Slate Canyon. The 7-11 on that property would suggest that entering on State Street is safe.

Lisa Jensen (zoom + planning commission chair): indicates that state street entrance will be through 7-11 parking lot.

Resident: how are builders handling elevation difference from east-west on property.

Nancy: elevation is within code/height restrictions. Not known how the builders will address grading/slope issues. Retaining wall is possible.

MJ: Can presume they will build a retaining wall to ensure cars are flat at all time.

Resident: any indication of a LH turn lane onto Slate Canyon Road? Current conditions are dangerous.

Nancy: Good question, will have to bring up with engineers

Hannah P (board member): already a problem w/7-11 there, because too many cars are waiting to turn left, turn is too congested near intersection. A second entrance would create similar problems near an intersection. (multiple residents agree).

MJ: likely will be reluctant to move entrance

Mary: Maybe a long line will generate congestion and slow down SC road?

MJ: there looks to be ample queuing space,

Resident: What do 7-11 owners think about entry going through their property?

Resident: would like to see concrete barrier prohibiting left turn.

Mary: Loves that Wiggy Wash recycles a lot of water.

MJ: remarks that this is not a zoning change, is already within the land use. Suggests opinion poll?

Resident: excited about it but wants it to be safe.

All in favor: by unanimous consent, in favor; no opposition

MJ: retail business in city is good.

## 2. Additional Topics

### A. Old North Willow Pathway (CDBG funds) – McKay Jensen (7:15-7:30 PM)

MJ: Community Development grants conversation: have strictures on use and funding, Shows google map of Old Willow Pathway on east bench of lower Oak Hills neighborhood. Describes north section of OW lane above Briar Lane. There is old asphalt, but the road is abandoned. Is a common hiking trail access, despite weeds and large puddles. Looking for safe routes to new Wasatch School, the “walking bus” and pedestrian routes are along Locust lane, which is a high speed, wide street. Elevation change doesn’t allow pedestrians to come directly into street. City recommends improving Old Willow into a pathway that is cared for by engineering, not Parks department. Neighborhood is putting forth a proposal to make these improvements. MJ has proposed it.

Katherine (board chair): This is a city CDGB grant. It can be combined with other funds to pave. Engineering is happy about it because it takes kids off roads. CDBG is supportive of plan also. This doesn’t exhaust funds. CDBG funds are a great resources for neighborhoods and businesses. Combined funds might be able to help paving, call box, and low-level lighting. Both departments are supportive. Other neighborhoods are also open to submit projects.

MJ: This is an informational presentation, there will likely be requests for formal support in the future.

### B. Bike Month Activity – BikeWalk Provo’s Rick West (7:30-7:45 PM)

Rick West: presenter, is resident of Provost Neighborhood. Observes that there is a bikeable, non-car path between Provost Park to Bicentennial Park, through a neighborhood. There is one intersection that could use some calming measures. Shows map of how the route goes (Utah Ave, through a paved path, owned by city, cuts into Cinnamon Ridge neighborhood on a

double-wide sidewalk to retaining basin, to another city-owned pathway near union canal, to other sidewalks.) Excited that this path works well, has taken his kids on it with children. RW would like city support for traffic calming on road, but they need to show use. RW and Bikewalk provo suggests self-funded signs to mark path,

Resident: popularize as jogging trail, not a lot of paths in south provo.

RW: yes! And this pathway connects through bicentennial park to Bonneville Shoreline Trail.

Kristina: Has used path for 8 years. I thought the city didn't want signs on lampposts. How do we know when we can put signs up and when we cant?

RW: Great question. New city engineer has indicated a passive approach. Considering Zip-ties with plastic signs, would be temporary. Aaron Skabelund found trail, contacted Rick.

Resident: Have you verified land ownership?

RW: Yes, it's all public. Contact [rw@byu.edu](mailto:rw@byu.edu) for a byway map.

Kristina: This pathway is known by the city because they intended to improve it in times past.

Announce: Neighborhood Bike Ride! Wheeled vehicles and pedestrians are all welcome. Part of bike months. 22 May 6:30, begin at Provost Elementary (travelling to Bicentennial Park). Requests funds for refreshments, anything else to make it fun, help for hanging signs.

Resident: Call freedom festival, Timpview Battle of the Bands, to look for entertainers. Notify parks department about an event. Be careful of permitting issues. Also, advertise at Slate Canyon Saturday this coming Saturday.

RW: Thanks for support,

Zoom comments: Lisa Jensen – suggestions for contacting schools, safety at street crossing, bluegrass band member. Imagines connecting byway to spring creek.

#### 4. Public Comment (7:45-8:00 PM)

Ryan Nelson (board member): Concerns about people crossing 900 E between Creamery and MTC. Dangerous. There have been crosswalks in the past.

MJ: Crosswalks were removed because the road that comes out of BYU north of heritage halls was a hazard – people turning north were not watching for pedestrians. Very long stretch with high population on it. Can city engineering help work with BYU to make that road a no-LH turn? It's also a state road, we request communication about what the options are.

Kristina (board member): Slate Canyon day is coming up with Saturday. Collaboration of many city departments. Cleanup projects, Provo City Hillside Trail Task force, Engineer Gordon

Haight will be there listening to citizens – encourage people to come speak with him, 10-12. Apologizes that he could not be here tonight, invites all to come speak with him at that event.

MJ: Ends meeting.

5. Adjournment (8:00 PM)

Next Neighborhood District 2 Meeting: Thursday, June 1, 2023, 6:30 PM, City Hall Community Room

*Questions: Please contact Neighborhood Coordinator Rachel Breen 801-852-6122*

*Secretary submit meeting minutes within 5 days of meeting to: [rbreen@provo.org](mailto:rbreen@provo.org)*