

ELK RIDGE  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
JULY 6, 2023

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the Elk Ridge Planning Commission was held on Tuesday July 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at 80 E. Park Dr, Elk Ridge City, Utah.

**ROLL CALL**

*Commissioners:* Maureen Bushman, Melanie Paxton, Ron Gailey, Ron Hill Absent-Matt Stewart

*Others:* Royce Swensen, *City Recorder*, Laura Oliver, *Deputy Recorder*

*Public:* Chris Hermansen, Larry Lee, Liz Moeller

**7:00 pm OPENING ITEMS**

Opening Remarks was given by Ron Gaily

Pledge of Allegiance led by Larry Lee

MAUREEN BUSHMAN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

VOTE                      AYE (4)                      NAY (0)                      ALL APPROVED Absent- Matt Stewart

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**CLAYSON SUBDIVISION**

Maureen Bushman opened the public hearing.

Chris Hermansen, owner of the Elk Ridge Assisted Living stated he is selling the few feet that adjoin his property and the neighboring property owned by the Clayson's. This has all been a frustrating process. He thought he could just quit claim it to the Clayson's but he was told by the city that he couldn't do it that way. He didn't know the laws. If he had known how much it was going to cost he would not have sold it. The property has already been rezoned. He had to fix a retention basin that is required for his property. He has the engineering worked out for that basin now and he has to put in a fence and the approval of the city engineer of what needs to be done for the basin.

There were no other comments.

Maureen Bushman closed the public hearing

**ACTION ITEMS**

Maureen Bushman reviewed the city engineering report with the planning commission. Ron Gailey recommended making the approval conditional upon the basin and fencing be put in place.

MELANIE PAXTON MOTIONED TO RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE CLAYSON SUBDIVISION BASED ON THE ENGINEERING REPORT AND ALL CONDITIONS SET BY THE ENGINEER MUST BE MET RON GAILEY SECONDED

VOTE                      AYE (4)                      NAY (0)                      ALL APPROVED Absent - Matt Stewart

**GENERAL PLAN DISCUSSION**

Maureen Bushman stated the planning commission has been working on the parks and open spaces. Shawn Eliot is working on updating all the maps which will be ready for the next meeting. Ron Hill worked on simplifying the language which is in yellow. Ron Gailey stated if parks are not being used maybe it is because they are not functional and may need to be rethought. Maureen Bushman stated there are grants available for parks and to improve what the city has besides building new parks and the city needs an overall specific long range plan. Melanie Paxton read the feedback on the grant submitted for trails and the most important factor was the specifics on what the project is and the overall plan. There is a grant writer at Jones and DeMille and MAG also has grant writers that could help. Ron Hill stated not only does the general plan need what type of park but how to get the funding. Discussion ensued on whether the sports section belonged in the general plan and was ultimately decided to keep it in the general plan. Does the city want to keep 5 acres per 1000 people as the city standard? Ron Gailey stated that if the city does not designate space for open space or parks the land and opportunity will disappear. Discussion ensued on specific types of parks such as dog park, splash pad using recycled water, multi-use sports courts, soccer fields, etc.

**Trails**

Melanie Paxton recommended adding a new designation of "natural trail" as a new category, moving the trail below the roundabout to the east side of Elk Ridge drive to meet the future trail coming up from Salem. The trail around Shuler Park, not the track, designate as a natural trail. The Call to Action Section should include maintenance such as repainting the striping on roads. Whenever there is a trail that crosses the street there has to be a striped street crossing. Loafer Canyon is treacherous; there is no room on the east side of the road to continue the trail. The ravine is the best place for the trail. In preparing a grant the plan has to show the regional aspect in connecting to other cities. Maureen Bushman summed up with recommending a comprehensive prioritized 5 year trails plan be created, to update the trails map when the road map is completed. The development capacity map needs to be updated and accurate.

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MAUREEN BUSHMAN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN RON HILL SECONDED  
VOTE                    AYE (4)                    NAY (0)                    ALL APPROVED Absent - Matt Stewart

ADJOURNMENT – Maureen Bushman motioned to adjourn.

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Planning Commission Coordinator