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**CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**11/11/1997**

The Cache County Council met in regular session on the 11th day of November, 1997 in the County Council Chambers located at 120 North 100 West, Logan, Utah 84321.

**ATTENDANCE**

Council Chairman Darrel L. Gibbons and Vice Chairman C Larry Anhder were both present. Council members present were: Sarah Ann Skanchy, H. Craig Petersen, Guy Ray Pulsipher, Cory Yeates and Layne M. Beck.

Others present were: County Executive, M. Lynn Lemon, County Clerk, Stephen M. Erickson, County Auditor, Tamra Stones, County Wide Planner, Mark Teuscher, County Zoning Administrator, Lorene Greenhalgh, Bear River Mental Health Director, Mick Pattinson, County Water Policy Coordinator, Thad Erickson, a large number of concerned citizens regarding the Public Hearing on the County-wide Comprehensive Land Use Plan, members of the local news media and other interested citizens.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Darrel L. Gibbons, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed all who were in attendance.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Councilman Layne M. Beck.

**AGENDA AND MINUTES**

The agenda for the meeting was discussed, adjusted and approved.

The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on October 28, 1997, were discussed corrected and approved.

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

The County Executive, M. Lynn Lemon, reported on the following items:

1. Bear River Mental Health Director: The new Bear River Mental Health Director, Michael Pattinson, was introduced to the Council. Pattinson expressed thanks for being able to work in the

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County and asked the Council for direction when he makes his quarterly report. Pattinson comes from the Sheridan, Wyoming area where he was doing similar work.

2. Cache Chamber of Commerce New President: Lemon told the Council that Jay Clark, is the new Chamber of Commerce President and he was to be introduced to night. However, Clark was unable to attend and he will be introduced during a future meeting.

3. Logan City RV Park Rezoning: A letter from Logan City inviting the County Executive to participate in a public hearing regarding a zoning change has been received. Lemon, in a return letter to Logan City stated that he will not be able to attend the meeting and made reference to his concerns about the zoning request.

(See attachment #1)

4. Warrants: The county warrants for the periods of October 24 to October 30, 1997 and October 31 to November 7, 1997 were presented to the County Clerk for filing.

**BUDGETARY MATTERS**

The following Intra-Departmental budget transfers were considered by the Council:

1. Water Policy	\$2000.00
2. Building & Grounds	\$2000.00
3. Extension	\$455.00

(See attachment #2)

Vice Chairman Anhder moved to approve the three Intra-Department budget transfers. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

**HARDSHIP TAX ABATEMENT REQUESTS: DISCUSSION**

The Council discussed one hardship tax abatement application. The application was tabled during the last council meeting for further information. Kay F. Roper, from Hyrum, parcel # 01-115-0001 is asking for a tax abatement. The Council, after further investigation determined that the Roper application met the requirements for tax abatement.

(See attachment #3)

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A motion to approve the Roper request was made by Council member Skanchy. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN-1998: DISCUSSION**

To meet Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) requirements the Council considered the County Capital Improvement Plan for the year 1998. The plan includes proposed improvement over a five year period.

(See attachment #4)

Council member Skanchy moved to adopt the Capital Improvement Plan reserving the right to adjust the plan after the County 1998 budget is discussed and approved. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

**TV TRANSLATOR: DISCUSSION**

The County Executive, M. Lynn Lemon, told the Council that an additional \$25,000 has been budgeted in the 1998 budget for the County TV translator. The extra \$25,000 would be used to replace a broken translator or could be incumbered and used for future upgrading or relocation. The Council discussed optional alternatives to upgrade TV service in the County. Some suggested working with cable companies, forming a TV taxing district, working with Franklin County and begin the application process with the FCC to relocate the system. Executive Lemon will follow up on the suggestions and alternatives and keep the Council informed.

**ROAD POLICY-LAND USE:DISCUSSION**

Executive Lemon is recommending that the current Land Use Policy dealing with roads be amended. He is concerned that the 20 foot surfacing and the 50 foot right-of-way is too restrictive for those who are building their own home beyond their own property boundaries. The County Zoning Administrator, Lorene Greenhalgh, said that the fire code requires that the width of the road be 20 ft hard surface for fire protection. Lemon agrees that if a subdivision is being developed then the current road standards should be met. Lemon does not approve requiring up grading a road through someone else property and he stated that currently there are a number of homes in the county that have previously been built with out the 20 & 50 foot restrictions. Lemon was asked to draft a recommended revision to the Land Use Road policy for Council consideration.

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**ORDINANCE NO. 97-05: CURFEW-COUNTY YOUTH-FIRST READING**

An ordinance, has been drafted by the County Attorney to be adopted by municipalities in the County that would establish a curfew for youth in their communities. Some Communities have already adopted the ordinance. Executive Lemon is recommending that the Council adopt the ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County. The ordinance will be on the next Council meeting agenda for second reading.

**BUDGET-1998:DISCUSSION**

The 1998 proposed budget was presented to the Council by Executive Lemon. Lemon thanked the County Auditor, Tamra Stones for her long and untiring effort to organize the proposed budget. Stones and Lemon both put a lot of extra time in, to provide the 1998 balanced budget without a tax increase. Executive Lemon reviewed high lights of the budget from a memo that he had written and sent to Council members.

(See attachment #5)

The Council scheduled a workshop to review the budget with department heads. The workshop will be held before the next Council meeting on November the 25th at 4:00 p.m..

**PUBLIC HEARING: LAND USE-COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Council Chairman, Darrel L. Gibbons, convened a scheduled public hearing to receive public input on the proposed County-Wide Comprehensive Land Use Plan at 6:30 p.m.. Members of the audience were given 3 minutes to comment on the Plan. Organized groups were asked to be represented by one member to make comment.

The following individuals and group representatives gave public input:

**Dixon, Bryan**, President of the Bridgerland Audubon Society, provided written comment and read from those comments.

(See attachment #6)

**Meikle, Jon**, Chairman of the local Agriculture Land Preservation Committee, said that the group approves the proposed plan as it is written and encourage the Council to adopt the plan.

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**Nielsen, Brad,** representing the County Farm Bureau read from a prepared statement.

(See attachment #7)

**Pettis, Margaret,** a resident of Hyrum, who called herself a naturalist, told the Council that any plan should preserve the valuable land and wildlife habitat. We should protect the beautiful landscape and keep the land as natural as possible.

**Peragallo, Nadra,** representing a group of citizens calling themselves "The Cache County Residents for the County Comprehensive Land Use Plan". Peragallo, expressed concern about public input and adopting the plan. They are encouraging the Council to remember all the public input into the plan. Ordinances should be drafted keeping in mind the "meat" of the plan. They are encouraging adoption of the plan as soon as possible.

**Coover, Mae,** a resident of Providence, read from a prepared statement.

(See attachment #8)

**Webb, Don,** a concerned Logan resident, feels that the plan is great and should be adopted. He suggested that communities like Logan City provide more affordable housing for young couples.

**Gilbert, Keith,** suggested that FR 40 zones be preserved and Logan Canyon should be protected from development. He recommends that the County contract with professionals when the ordinances are drafted.

**Koller, Evan,** a farmer from Cornish, told the Council that they should remember the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence when dealing with private property. He said that the Government was organized for the people and not people for the Government.

**Yonk, Larry,** suggested that development should be only allowed on one side of the road so that future roads could be expanded to meet traffic demands. He also recommends putting all utilities under ground doing away with unsightly power polls.

**Anderson, Marge,** a dairy farmer from Wellsville, said that we need some kind of plan and she suggested that the Ordinances be written and adopted first. Anderson wants the Council to keep in mind the private property owners rights as they create the ordinances.

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**Olsen, Hal**, the College/Young Township Board Chairman and a dairy farmer, supports the proposed plan and we should do all we can to protect agriculture property. Open space should be protected.

**Lofthouse, Lyle**, expressed concern over things that may be hidden in the plan. He is worried about the proposed farm land buy out. He said "look what it has done to Russia". He suggested not to buy for the future and farmers should be given a tax break.

**Goodwin, Russell**, read from a prepared statement.

(See attachment #9)

**Christensen, Gayle**, a resident of the unincorporated area of the County East of Richmond, wants the road better planned. She wants a County wide bussing system and bicycle trails.

**Parker, Blake**, a local realtor, expressed concern about the plans suggested development of property in the low portions of the valley instead of the bench areas where the land is not used for agriculture. Parker suggests that the County and Cities work together when ordinances are written.

**Karren, Bruce**, representing the North Cache Soil Conservation District and a dairyman from Lewiston, is in favor of the plan. Karren expressed concern over the bench development because of water and sewer problems. He also told the Council that the Conservation District Office has maps that provide water information for anyone who is interested.

**Nelson, Grant**, a member of the County Planning Commission, said that he has always been in favor of the plan and the process to get the plan to where it is was well done. Nelson said that page 7 of the plan should be read by everyone. That page of the plan references the fact that the plan can be amended at anytime.

**Cone, Douglas**, the Resource Director for the Soil Conservation Districts suggested that the Forest Management Plan should be clarified to match Federal Government guidelines. Cone thanked Mr. Tuescher for his efforts in developing the plan.

**Bigelow, Dave**, a resident from Paradise, stated that we need a plan for orderly development. The plan will cost money and he believes that funding should be set aside to keep open lands and build roads.



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A motion to close the public hearing was made by Council member Skanchy. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

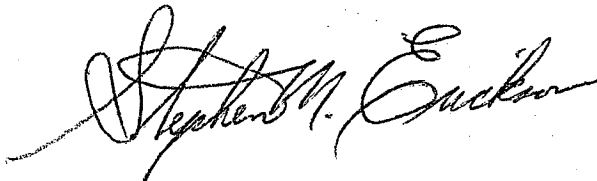
The Council proceeded to question some of those who made comment regarding what they meant and to clarify some of the issues. Chairman Gibbons thanked everyone for coming and stated that the Council will continue to study the plan and will soon make a decision.

**COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilman Pulsipher: Guy Ray expressed concern for those who are asking for tax abatement due to hardship reasons. He has read most of the applications and is concerned that people are in such poor conditions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

No further business was presented for discussion or action and Chairman Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m..



**ATTEST: Stephen M. Erickson**  
**County Clerk**



**APPROVAL: Darrel L. Gibbons**  
**Council Chairman**

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CLERK

November 11, 1997

Eric Jay Toll, Director of Community Development  
City of Logan  
255 North Main Street  
Logan, UT 84321

Reference: Travelodge RV Park Amendment

Dear Eric,

On Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, I will be out of town at the Utah Association of Counties Annual Convention in St. George and will not be able to attend the meeting scheduled on the above referenced amendment to the conditions.


At the time this property was annexed into the City of Logan and during the re-zone hearings, one of the major concerns of the residents of this area was that the RV Park would turn into a transit trailer park. If the change in condition that is requested is allowed, it appears that one the residents greatest fears will have become a reality.

Before considering such a request the City of Logan should go back to the concerns that were expressed by the residents and make certain that the commitments that were made to the surrounding citizens are kept.

I still believe that this annexation and the subsequent re-zone of this property was one of the major forces behind the Township movement and formation. There will always be difficult decisions to make as it relates to land use issues, however I think we can avoid some of the major differences by asking that conditions which are agreed to are kept.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions on the County's concerns as they relate to this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,



M. Lynn Lemon  
County Executive/Surveyor

cc:

County Council  
Lorene Greenhalgh  
Mark Teuscher

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# DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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EXECUTIVE

Eric Jay Toll AICP  
Director of Community Development

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### A PUBLIC HEARING ABOUT NEW DEVELOPMENT NEAR PROPERTY YOU OWN

Docket Number: 97-059  
Type of project: Amendment to Design Review Permit  
Project Name: Travelodge RV Park Amendment  
Person submitting the application: Logan Lodging  
Address where development proposed: 2002 South Hwy 89/91

The Logan City Planning Commission has received an application from Logan Lodging requesting an amendment to the original condition #2: "The recreation vehicle park shall have a maximum occupancy of thirty days per year for any recreation vehicle based on vehicle license numbers, not on the space occupied." The permit holder requests condition #2 to be amended to: "The recreation vehicle park shall have a maximum occupancy of *one hundred eighty days per year* for any recreation vehicle based on vehicle license numbers, not on the space occupied." In order to make a decision on this project, the Planning and Zoning Commission has scheduled a public hearing on Thursday, November 13, 1997, at 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Council Chambers. The purpose of the public hearing is to provide an opportunity for interested people to comment on the development proposal before action is taken.

The Planning and Zoning Commission invites your attendance at the public hearing in order to offer your comments or suggestions. If you are interested in the project, but not able to attend the hearing, you are welcome to send your comments to the Planning and Zoning Commission at the address listed above. Comments received by 4:00 p.m. prior to the meeting will be copied and distributed to the decision-makers.

If you have questions or need additional information, please come in to the Department of Community Development, and ask to see the project file. You may also call for answers to any questions about the project.

Thank you for your interest in planning matters.

Sincerely,

Eric Jay Toll AICP  
Director of Community Development

# REQUEST FOR INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFER

Department: Water Policy  
 Date: November 5, 1997

Amount to be transferred --- (rounded to the nearest dollar) \$ 2,000.00

Transfer from ---	10	4115	240	\$ 500.00	<i>Office Expense</i>	
Line Item No. <u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4115</u>	<u>620</u>	\$1,500.00	<i>Misc Services</i>	
Fund Designation: <del>Salary and Benefits</del>				1,200.00		
Original Budget:				\$ 2,000.00		\$ _____
Current Budget:				\$ 1,200.00		\$ _____
Expenditures to date				\$ 500.00		\$ _____
Balance before transfer				\$ 1,500.00		\$ _____
Balance after transfer				\$ 633.16		\$ _____
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Transfer to ---

Line Item No. <u>10</u>	-	4115	-	120		
Fund Designation: <u>Salry and Benefits</u>						
Original Budget:				\$ 11,611.00		\$ _____
Current Budget:				\$ 11,611.00		\$ _____
Expenditures to date				\$ 11,729.56		\$ _____
Balance before transfer				\$ (543.56)		\$ _____
Balance after transfer				\$ 1,456.44		\$ _____

Description of needs and purpose of transfer ---

To cover deficit in salary and benefits and to cover additional hours worked.

*Shad E. Erickson*  
 Department Head

Recommendation:  Approval       Disapproval  
 Comments:

Date: 11/5/97

*Jamra Stones*  
 Cache County Auditor

Recommendation:  Approval       Disapproval  
 Comments:

Date: 11/6/97

*M. Kuznetsov*  
 Cache County Executive

Consented by the Cache County Council Meeting in regular session on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
 day of Nov, 1997



*Robert M. Coate*  
 Cache County Clerk

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# REQUEST FOR INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFER

Department: Buildings & Grounds

Date: November 5, 1997

Amount to be transferred --- (rounded to the nearest dollar) \$ 2,000.00

Transfer from ---

Line Item No. 10 - 4160 - 730

Fund Designation: Improvements

Original Budget:	\$20,000.00	\$	
Current Budget:	\$20,000.00	\$	
Expenditures to date	\$15,673.94	\$	
Balance before transfer	\$ 4,326.06	\$	
Balance after transfer	\$ 2,326.06	\$	

Transfer to ---

Line Item No. 10 - 4160 - 260

Fund Designation: Buildings & Grounds Main.

Original Budget:	\$15,000.00	\$	
Current Budget:	\$15,000.00	\$	
Expenditures to date	\$14,886.21	\$	
Balance before transfer	\$ 113.79	\$	
Balance after transfer	\$ 2,113.79	\$	

Description of needs and purpose of transfer ---

To cover routine maintenance through remainder of year.

*Wayne Ramsey*  
Department Head

Recommendation:  Approval       Disapproval

Comments:

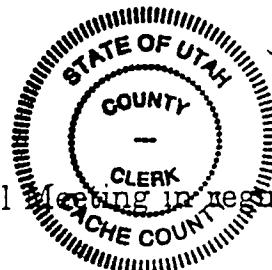
Date: 11/5/97

*Jamra Stone*  
Cache County Auditor

Recommendation:  Approval       Disapproval

Comments:

Date: 11/6/97



*M. [Signature]*  
Cache County Executive

Consented by the Cache County Council Meeting in regular session on the 11th day of Nov., 1997.

*[Signature]*  
Cache County Clerk

# REQUEST FOR INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET TRANSFER

Department: Extension  
 Date: October 31, 1997

Amount to be transferred --- (rounded to the nearest dollar) \$455.00

Transfer from ---

Line Item No. <u>10 - 4610 - 290</u>		
Fund Designation: <u>Rental</u>		
Original Budget:	\$ <u>500.00</u>	\$ _____
Current Budget:	\$ <u>500.00</u>	\$ _____
Expenditures to date	\$ <u>45.00</u>	\$ _____
Balance before transfer	\$ <u>455.00</u>	\$ _____
Balance after transfer	\$ <u>-0-</u>	\$ _____

Transfer to ---

Line Item No. <u>10 - 4610 - 240</u>		
Fund Designation: <u>Office Expense</u>		
Original Budget:	\$ <u>3600.00</u>	\$ _____
Current Budget:	\$ <u>3600.00</u>	\$ _____
Expenditures to date	\$ <u>3417.90</u>	\$ _____
Balance before transfer	\$ <u>182.10</u>	\$ _____
Balance after transfer	\$ <u>637.10</u>	\$ _____

Description of needs and purpose of transfer ---

Copies and other office expenses

*Don R. Heber*  
 Department Head

Recommendation:  Approval       Disapproval  
 Comments:

Date: 10/31/97

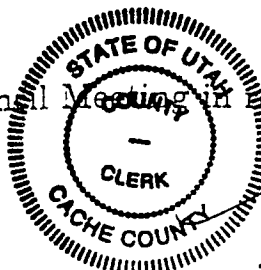
*Jamra Stones*  
 Cache County Auditor

Recommendation:  Approval       Disapproval  
 Comments:

Date: 11/6/97

*M. Lynn Hermon*  
 Cache County Executive

Consented by the Cache County Council Meeting in regular session on the 11th  
 day of Nov., 1997.



*John H. Enoch*  
 Cache County Clerk

CACHE COUNTY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
1998 UPDATE

<u>Description of Improvements</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
(1998) Airport Environment Assessment	\$ 25,415	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Land South of 3700N	\$ 200,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Land North of 3700N	\$ 600,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Overlay Hangar Taxilanes	\$ 130,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Extend Taxilanes	\$ 56,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Expand Aircraft Apron	\$ 300,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Assessor's Office Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 75,000	County
Attorney's Office Furniture and Equipment	\$ 8,260	County
Auditor's Office Equipment	\$ 4,720	County
Buildings & Grounds Improvements & Equipment	\$ 14,000	County
Buildings & Grounds Court House-New Roof Covering	\$ 30,000	County
Building & Grounds Remodel Extension Offices	\$ 12,000	County
Buildings & Grounds Re-Roof Juvenile Court	\$ 7,500	County
Buildings & Grounds Repair Veterans Monument	\$ 18,000	County/ Contributions
Cache Employment & Training Safety & Health Upgrades	\$ 120,000	CDBG/Other
CAPSA Remodel-Additional Space	\$ 109,900	CDBG/Other

Central Mail & Copy Equipment	\$ 600	County
Council Equipment	\$ 1,317	County
Data Processing Computer Equipment	\$ 8,000	County
Executive Office Equipment	\$ 3,117	County
Extension Equipment	\$ 800	County
Family Life Center Housing & Financial Mgn.	\$ 25,000	CDBG/Other
Fire Department Equipment	\$ 42,940	County
Hispanic Center-Cache Valley Children & Youth Initiatives	\$ 65,000	CDBG/Other
Jail Improvements & Equipment	\$ 98,150	County
Jail Work Release Equipment	\$ 4,500	Work Release Revenue
Jail Special Grant Equipment	\$ 2,550	Grant
Jail Remodel Entry Area	\$ 8,500	County
Neighborhood N/P Housing Corp. Land Acquisitions	\$1,254,600	CDBG/Other
Parks & Parks Maintenance Land Purchase	\$ 5,000	BOR Funds
Recorder Equipment	\$ 14,000	County
Road Department Equipment	\$ 42,423	Class B
Road Department Bridge-2900S, 200E Repl.	\$ 248,000	Federal/Class B
Road-500E, 3000S-3800S Purchase Right-of-Way	\$ 24,000	Property Owners/ County



Road-500E, 3000S-3800S Widen, Double Chip Seal	\$ 40,000	Millville City County/Class B
Road-7800N, 400E-800W Double Chip Seal	\$ 25,000	County/Class B
Road-300E, 9800N-10400N Double Chip Seal	\$ 15,000	County/Class B
Road-3400N, 2000W-2400W Double Chip Seal	\$ 12,000	County/Class B
Road-2400W, 2800N-3400N Double Chip Seal	\$ 15,000	County/Class B
Road-5800N & 4800W to 6200N & 5400W Double Chip Seal	\$ 17,000	County/Class B
Road-East Canyon Road Double Chip Seal	\$ 30,000	County/Class B
Road-1000E, 500S-800S Based & Pavement	\$ 150,000	County/Class B
Senior Citizens Center Automobiles & Equipment	\$ 4,956	SCCF
Sheriff's Office Automobiles & Equipment	\$ 127,995	County
Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Equipment	\$ 4,545	Grant
Sheriff's Office-Civil Automobiles & Equipment	\$ 19,805	County
Sheriff's Office-Liquor LE Automobile & Equipment	\$ 20,200	County
Sheriff's Office-Emergency Mgn Computer Equipment	\$ 7,900	County
Sheriff's Office-Municipal Ser Automobiles & Equipment	\$ 27,600	Municipal Services
Sheriff's Office Remodel Entry Area	\$ 8,000	County
Sunshine Terrace Foundation Update HVAC System	\$ 458,400	CDBG/Terrace
Surveyor's Office Equipment	\$ 9,850	County

T.V. Translator Equipment Replacement	\$ 25,000	County
Victim Services Printer	\$ 1,500	Grant
Weed Department Mower	\$ 6,000	County
Zoning Office Equipment	\$ 1,000	Municipal Services
(1999) Airport Extend Runway 17/35 3,470'	\$2,000,000	FAA/State Authority
Airport Taxiway Extension 3,470'	\$ 900,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Overlay 17/35	\$1,100,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Relocate RW35 Threshold	\$ 40,000	FAA/State Authority
Airport Replace Taxiway Lights	\$ 200,000	FAA/State Authority
Airport Security Fencing	\$ 84,000	FAA/State Authority
Airport Perimeter Fencing	\$ 187,000	FAA/State Authority
Assessor's Office Vehicles & Equipment	\$ 33,000	County
Attorney's Office Equipment	\$ 1,300	County
Auditor's Office Equipment	\$ 1,300	County
Building Department Vehicle	\$ 15,000	Municipal Services
Buildings & Grounds Improvements & Equipment	\$ 26,700	County
Countywide Planner Equipment	\$ 2,000	CWPD Funds
Data Processing Computer Equipment	\$ 22,000	County

Executive Office Improvements & Equipment	\$ 2,200	County
Extension Office Automobile (Mini-Van)	\$ 18,000	County
Fire Department Equipment	\$ 18,000	County
Jail Improvements & Equipment	\$ 48,000	County
Jail Work Release Equipment	\$ 5,000	Work Release Revenue
Parks & Park Maintenance Land Purchase	\$ 5,000	BOR Funds
Recorder Equipment	\$ 20,000	County
Road Department Equipment	\$ 250,000	County/Class B
Road-Bridge Replacement 600S, 4000W	\$ 100,000	County/Class B
Road-1200W, 3200S-3700S Base & Pavement	\$ 150,000	County/Class B
Senior Citizens Center Vehicle	\$ 15,000	SSCF
Sheriff's Office Automobiles & Equipment	\$ 93,000	County
Sheriff's Office-Civil Equipment	\$ 2,000	County
Sheriff's Office-Emergency Mgn Equipment	\$ 4,200	County
Sheriff's Office-Municipal Ser Automobile & Equipment	\$ 34,000	Municipal Services
Sunshine Terrace Foundation Tile & Floor Coverings	\$ 100,000	CDBG/Terrace
Surveyor's Office Equipment	\$ 7,800	County
Treasurer Equipment	\$ 2,500	County

Weed Department Truck	\$ 12,500	County
Zoning Office Equipment	\$ 5,000	Municipal Services
<u>(2000)</u> Airport Extend Sewer Line	\$ 18,000	Authority
Airport Taxiway B Rehab	\$ 420,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Overlay Aircraft Apron	\$ 415,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Overlay Taxiway A	\$ 78,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Airport Helipads	\$ 35,000	FAA/State/ Authority
Assessor's Office Vehicle & Equipment	\$ 22,000	County
Attorney's Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 5,600	County
Auditor's Office Equipment	\$ 2,000	County
Building Department Vehicle	\$ 15,000	County
Buildings & Grounds Improvements & Equipment	\$ 33,400	County
Countywide Planner Equipment	\$ 10,000	CWPD Funds
Data Processing Computer Equipment	\$ 26,800	County
Executive Office Equipment	\$ 1,450	County
Extension Office Equipment	\$ 500	County
Fire Department Vehicle & Equipment	\$ 27,800	County
Jail Improvements & Equipment	\$ 43,000	County

Jail Work Release Equipment	\$ 5,000	Work Release Revenue
Parks & Park Maintenance Land Purchase	\$ 5,000	BOR Funds
Recorder Equipment	\$ 20,000	County
Road Department Equipment	\$ 170,000	County/Class B
Bridge-600S 5200W Bridge-600S 5200W Repl.	\$ 74,000	Class B
Road-1200W, 4300S-4800S Base & Pavement	\$ 150,000	County/Class B
Senior Citizens Center Vehicle	\$ 45,000	SCCF/UDOT
Sheriff's Office Automobiles & Equipment	\$ 140,000	County
Sheriff's Office Automobile & Equipment	\$ 24,000	Municipal Services Funds
Sunshine Terrace Foundation Bathing Equipment Replacement	\$ 90,000	CDBG/Terrace
Surveyor's Office Automobile & Equipment	\$ 28,000	County
Treasurer Equipment	\$ 2,000	County
Zoning Office Equipment	\$ 1,200	Municipal Services Funds
(2001) Airport Remark RW 17/35	\$ 70,000	FAA/State Authority
Airport Deicing Equipment	\$ 25,000	FAA/State Authority
Airport Deicing Containment Pad	\$ 150,000	FAA/State Authority
Assessor's Office Automobiles & Equipment	\$ 78,000	County
Attorney's Office Equipment	\$ 6,600	County

Auditor's Office Equipment	\$ 22,000	County
Buildings & Grounds New Courthouse Building	\$3,500,000	County
Countywide Planner Equipment	\$ 1,800	CWPD Funds
Data Processing Computer Equipment	\$ 12,000	County
Executive Office Equipment	\$ 2,800	County
Fire Department Fire Engines	\$ 300,000	County
Jail Improvements & Equipment	\$ 21,000	County
Jail Work Release Equipment	\$ 5,000	Work Release Revenue
Parks & Park Maintenance Land Purchase	\$ 5,000	BOR Funds
Recorder Equipment	\$ 2,000	County
Road Department Equipment	\$ 105,000	County/Class B
Road-1200W, 3700S-4300S Base & Pavement	\$ 150,000	County/Class B
Senior Citizens Center Automobile & Equipment	\$ 26,000	SCCF/Grants
Sheriff's Office Automobiles & Equipment	\$ 140,000	County
Sheriff's Office Automobile & Equipment	\$ 28,000	Municipal Services Funds
Surveyor's Office Equipment	\$ 9,800	County
Weed Department Equipment	\$ 5,000	County
Zoning Office Equipment	\$ 1,500	Municipal Services Funds

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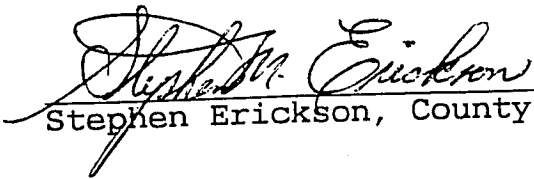
Airport

Extend Taxiway Lane	\$ 56,000	FAA/State Authority
Assessor's Office Automobiles & Furniture	\$ 80,000	County
Attorney's Office Equipment	\$ 2,000	County
Auditor's Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 14,000	County
Buildings & Grounds Furniture & Equipment	\$ 12,000	County
Data Processing Computer Equipment & Furniture	\$ 34,000	County
Executive Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 4,000	County
Fire Department Equipment	\$ 11,000	County
Jail Improvements & Equipment	\$ 40,000	County
Jail Work Release Equipment	\$ 5,000	Work Release Revenues
Parks & Park Maintenance Land Purchase	\$ 5,000	BOR Funds
Planning & Development Office Furniture & Equipment	\$ 14,500	County, CWPD & Municipal Serv.
Recorder Furniture & Equipment	\$ 16,000	County
Road Department Equipment	\$ 135,000	Class B
Road Department Bridge Replacement	\$ 235,000	Federal/Class B
Road Department Road Improvements	\$ 150,000	County/Class B
Road-800S, 1000E-1150E Double Chip Seal	\$ 5,000	County/Class B
Senior Citizens Center Improvements & Equipment	\$ 10,500	SCCF

Sheriff's Office Automobiles & Equipment	\$ 140,000	County
Sheriff's Office Equipment	\$ 5,000	Municipal Services Funds
Weed Department Used Vehicle	\$ 11,000	County

This project list was approved and adopted by the Cache County Council on 11th Nov., 1997.

ATTEST:

  
Stephen Erickson, County Clerk



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November 5, 1998

TO: County Council Members  
FROM: Lynn Lemon  
SUBJECT: 1998 Budget Information

Revenues:

1. General Property Tax-Assumes growth of 6.5%; Last Year Growth of 6.7% Less estimated Sales & Use Taxes provided by UAC & State Tax Commission.
2. Sales & Use Tax-Estimated from UAC and State Tax Commission.
3. Per Parcel Factor-Based on Spread Sheet from State Auditor.
4. Fee-In-Lieu of Property Tax-Assumes growth of 10% based on 1996 and 1997 estimates.
5. Fast Cops Grant for 4 officers at \$30,000 each for total of \$120,000.
6. Sheriff Contracts, Towns-Includes Fast Cops for Smithfield, Hyrum and Wellsville paid in full by the municipalities after July 1, 1998.
7. Jail Fees-Rich and Box Elder Counties no longer using Cache County Jail.
8. Bailiff and Court Security Contract increases to \$80,000 July 1, 1998.
9. Motor Vehicle Reimbursement-Assumes per unit reimbursement increased from \$.80 to \$1.00 beginning July 1, 1998.
10. Payment in Lieu of Taxes-Same level as 1997 estimate. See RKW memo on increase from 113.5 million to 120 million. I hope we actually receive it.

Employee Compensation:

1. 3% Cost of Living Adjustment. Includes both merit and non-merit employees.
2. Merit Employees receive one step increase on anniversary date up to wage step 35. Same as last four years to keep up with minimum wage step. (One step per year of service)
3. Merit Employees eligible for one step merit increase on anniversary date up to wage step 35. Given at the discretion of the department head based on performance and employee evaluation.
4. County Executive/Surveyor and Attorney receive 3% increase. All other elected officials receive 4% increase.
5. Market Adjustments are included for Appraisers and Building Inspectors. A complete Salary Market Study included in recommendation. The last Salary Market Study was conducted in 1987-88.
6. Assumes 12% increase in Health Insurance Premiums on July 1, 1998.

Additional Employees Included in recommendation:

1. (½ FTE) Current Secretary/Deputy Auditor position replaced by Accountant Bookkeeper beginning January 1, 1998. A secretary position is funded for one half of year beginning July 1, 1998 based on needs analysis at that time.
2. (<½ PTE) Election Clerk
3. (4 FTE) Patrol Deputies (Fast Cops Grant)-Twenty Four Hour Coverage.
4. (½ FTE) Secretary Sheriff's Office
5. (<½ PTE) Evidence Custodian Sheriff's Office
6. (1 FTE) Court Security-Replaces Part Time Non Merit Employees
7. (2 FTE) Civilian Control Room Officers Jail
8. (1 FTE) Transport Deputy Jail
9. (½ FTE) Mechanic/Heavy Equipment Operator Road Department, Currently has half time position unfilled. Will combine for full time employee.
10. (<½ PTE) Cook at Senior Center.

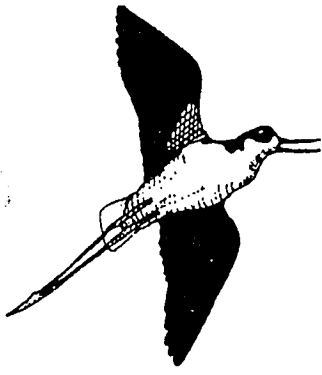
Note: During 1997 the County Council approved a legal assistant and another attorney (Victims Services) within the County Attorney's budgets and approved a part-time zoning clerk to be funded at a full-time rate in the Zoning Administrator's budget..

Additional Employees Removed from recommendation:

1. (½ FTE) Secretary/Deputy Auditor Position for first half of 1998.
2. (1 FTE) Training Sergeant
3. (½ FTE) Secretary Sheriff's Office
4. (<½ PTE) Fire Secretary, Will Use Interns
5. (2 FTE) Civilian Control Room Officers for Jail
- ~~6. (½ FTE) Assistant Senior Citizens Director 7590 > 10090~~
7. (1FTE) Zoning Enforcement Officer

Other Items:

1. Sheriff's Budget includes funding for Patrol Coverage 24 Hour Per Day.
2. Municipal Services Fire Budget includes fee to join the State Wildland Fire Suppression Fund effective June 1, 1998.
3. Council on Aging budget includes MOW being delivered 5 days a week.
4. Children's Justice Center set up as Fund 29 beginning July 1, 1998.
5. Logan-Cache Airport was set up as Fund 77 in 1997. 1998 budget includes (6) AIP projects and a contribution from the general fund of \$67,354.



# Bridgerland Audubon Society

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Statement to the Cache County Council

November 11, 1997

Concerning the Cache County Countywide Comprehensive Plan,

September 1997 Draft

by Bryan Dixon, President BAS

Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment about the proposed comprehensive plan. Bridgerland Audubon Society has submitted formal comments on this document in a letter to the Council dated October 14, and in a separate letter we submitted technical comments to Mr. Mark Teuscher. I would, however, like to emphasize some key points in those letters.

First of all, Bridgerland Audubon Society's interests with respect to this plan are those of the public: to maintain a clean and healthy environment, a balanced ecology and a diversity of wildlife habitats. These are certainly interests held by most of the public.

Second, we urge you to think long term; not 10-20 years, but rather 100-200 years. Land development and population pressures have insidiously compromised the quality of life in so many communities. The same pressures are having the same effects here in Cache Valley - open space and wildlife habitat are disappearing, air quality is deteriorating, and water quality, especially groundwater is threatened.

Third, we remind you that while private rights are so loudly defended in public hearings, there are also public rights. Those rights include a livable and environmentally healthy community. Clean air, clean water, and diverse wildlife resources are not confined by land ownership boundaries. The environment is the responsibility of every individual, and no one has the right to benefit from land development and expect others to pick up the cost for loss of habitat, clean air and water, etc. We must ensure that developments replace losses to these resources as part of the project.

Fourth, this plan should give more explicit attention to our biological resources. They are only referred to in round-about ways in the plan. Yet, when asked, most people in Cache Valley say they like living here because of the open space, wildlife, and environmental quality. We are therefore charged to protect these very things. We have already suggested very modest language for adding biological resources to the Land Use Element of the plan.

Fifth, this plan needs reorganization. Implementation policies have been enumerated without the direction of goals and objectives. While it is commendable to include implementation policies, they should be couched within a framework of the overall vision for Cache Valley. This plan, any plan, needs those goals and objectives articulated at the beginning. Let's be clear about our direction before we take off.

Specific comments regarding the implementation policies in the plan include the following:

1. Page 10 Urban Growth Boundaries

The concept of an Urban Growth Boundary is a very good one. Urban sprawl has killed the essence of so many communities. We can still prevent much of this sprawl

if we catch it now. We encourage the County to work with municipalities to create very strong incentives to keep development close to established communities and prevent random building in the open areas.

2. Pages 12-13 Transportation

Our community should determine transportation development, not the other way around. If inconvenience is the determinant of when and where we build roads, since roads go primarily through undeveloped areas, we will quickly lose all of our open space. Moreover, until automobiles are inconvenient and include the real cost of air quality, loss of open space and habitat and nonrenewable energy usage, people will continue to ignore the alternatives. We should build fewer roads and invest in public transit if we want to protect our natural resources.

3. Page 22, Develop Standards for Residential Development...

If the County is serious about density-based zoning, we need a way to transfer development rights to the public sector. Landowners will still be able to subdivide their lands and build the same number of units, but they should not be able to come back several years later to subdivide the larger parcels again and again. We should be steadfast in the future to refuse granting additional development rights on agricultural parcels from which these rights were transferred.

4. Page 27, Interfacing residential development with wildlife areas

There is only one short paragraph dealing with this issue, and no implementation policies. This section needs some recommendations, such as:

“a) Require setbacks from riparian zones to new structures, and buffer zones along sloughs, rivers, streams, ponds, and lakes where native vegetation is allowed to provide habitat for wildlife.

“b) Identify areas of winter range for large game animals and require larger lots in those areas while encouraging native vegetation.

“c) Require subdivision developments to cluster housing away from wildlife habitats so as to leave part of each development wild.

“d) Require new subdivisions to plant trees around the perimeters and in the open space so as to provide wildlife habitat.”

5. Page 27, Revise and Develop Specific Standards for Logging and Mining Operations  
The County should require performance bonds before allowing logging and mining operations. That would ensure that restoration work was completed according to the development plan.

6. Page 28, FR40 Zone Purpose 6-1 should reorder the elements to recognize the relative benefits of the activities listed:

To permit the proper use of the forest areas of Cache County for recreation, forestry, grazing, mining, and other activities to the extent compatible with the protection of the natural and scenic resources of the forest for the benefit of present and future generations.

7. Page 29 FR40 Zone

Policies should be based on visual impacts along line of sight. Design reviews are clearly essential; witness the effect of one landowner at the mouth of Franklin Basin; and the impacts to the view for everyone who drives the highway. Visual impacts should be regulated from ridge to ridge. Development in the FR40 zone is possible, but it must be screened from any other use or view from surrounding ridges, for its very presence will ruin many of the reasons for an FR40 zone in the first place. Developers are more than able to buffer the impacts to “the natural and scenic resources”. Performance bonds should be mandatory.

8. Page 29 Overlay zones

Change paragraph 2 to read:

“Typically, overlay zones are created to identify biological or physical characteristics of a geographic area that may not be accurately represented by the underlying zone designation. Some of the more common uses for such zones relate to special environmental features that restrain development. Overlay zones are commonly mapped to identify the location of geologic hazards (e.g., fault lines and

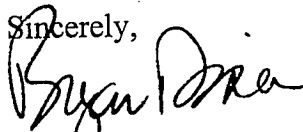
landslide/avalanche debris flow paths), extreme slopes, hydrologic features (e.g., rivers, streams, wetlands, recharge areas, etc.), farmlands, wildlife and plants of special concern, and utilities and parks. Other uses are to maintain the integrity of historic areas, to preserve views, to restrict areas to public uses, and to limit building height in certain areas.

9. Page 30 Limit Commercial and Industrial Development to Existing Zones Where Possible

The commercial zone in Petersboro should be eliminated. A commercial development at that highway junction would not only be dangerous, but would eliminate much of the rural character of the entire west side of the valley. Identifying where commercial and industrial businesses are now in the county does not tell you where they SHOULD be. They SHOULD be located in the cities.

We want to thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments and we hope they will be given serious consideration. This plan is an important document, and our community is in need of such guidance. We don't know what the future holds, but we urge you to be conservative - let's control our development now and give those who follow more options.

Sincerely,



Bryan Dixon

President

# CACHE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN

*Brad Nielsen*

## CACHE COUNTY FARM BUREAU STATEMENT

WE SUPPORT THE CACHE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE MASTERPLAN, WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON QUALITY OF LIFE AND LONG RANGE PLANNING.

WE FAVOR ITS PROVISIONS FOR FARMLAND PRESERVATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT BASED ON DENSITY.

WE APPLAUD ITS GRASSROOTS PLANNING AND SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT.

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO DEVELOP AND ADOPT ORDINANCES TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ITS ADOPTION.

CACHE VALLEY IS UNIQUE IN MANY WAYS.

WE HAVE THE BENEFITS OF THE UNIVERSITY AND URBAN ATMOSPHERE OF LOGAN, THE BEAUTY AND MAJESTY OF THE WELLSVILLE AND BEAR RIVER MOUNTAIN RANGES, THE CANYONS WITH VARIED RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, ALONG WITH THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY IN THE STATE.

EACH COMMUNITY STILL HAS ITS OWN IDENTITY AND DEFINED BOUNDARY WE NEED TO KEEP IT THIS WAY.

WE CAN DRIVE FROM PLEASANTVIEW TO SPRINGVILLE TO SEE THE HIGHLIGHTS WE WILL LOSE IF WE DON'T MAKE SOME TIGHT DECISIONS NOW!

FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL WONDER WHY WE ONLY THOUGHT OF OUR OWN POCKET BOOKS, HAVING NO FORESIGHT FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

FOR THOSE WITH A VISION OF THIS VALLEY TO BECOME THE SAME AS THE WAY IT IS TODAY - THERE'S THE CANYON!



My name is Mae Coover, Providence. I would like to direct your attention to the Forest-Recreation Implementation Policies on page 28 entitled "Update the Development Standards of the Forest-Recreation Zone" and on page 29 to "Develop Overlay Zones for each of the Major Canyons."

The Purpose for the Forest-Recreation Zone is lifted in this document from our present ordinances. It allows the historical uses of mining, grazing, etc. and ends with and I quote "with the protection of the natural and scenic resources of the forest for the benefit of present and future generations."

Our current ordinances, or at least the interpretation of them, has failed to "protect our natural and scenic resources" as evident in the building being done in Logan Canyon. I'm sure whoever built the white, two-story house on the north side of the highway before we get to the <sup>FRANKLIN BASIN</sup> ~~Tony Grove~~ turnoff had no desire to diminish our enjoyment of the canyon. But, the house rises above the riparian vegetation which could have obscured it from view. It is so white, against the dark colors of the rock and trees of the canyon walls, that it demands our attention. Our eyes are created to seek light in a dark field and we cannot avoid that proportionately small white attraction which we see instead of mountain scenery as we pass by. We remind ourselves that it is only one house. But, what if there were many similar attractions scattered up the Canyon? There are 50 or more pieces of private property within easy reach of the highway between Logan and the ski area in Logan Canyon. We will not be taking private property rights if we ask certain accommodations of the owners that any buildings constructed in the canyon be of rock or colors that are obscure in the travelers view.

It has been recommended by the County Planning Commission and many who enjoy the county canyons that the Implementation Recommendations in the FR40 zone be strengthened to meet the needs of the community and the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. I have studied the Comprehensive or General Plans of Weber and Salt Lake Counties and find that they challenge us to think bigger

toward protecting our natural wonders for this whole community of admirers.

Weber County does not treat FR zones as such but deals with protection for those areas under "Sensitive Lands" Their Plan states: "Residents feel that 'Preserving the Valley's rural character' includes maintaining open view corridors and preserving the Valley's 'entrance experiences'. Their entry corridors are North Ogden Divide, Ogden Canyon and Trapper's Loop. Correspondingly, our entry corridors are Sardene and Logan Canyons and Valley View Highway. The plan recommends the following strategies which I recommend be added to our Forest-Recreation Recommendations after the two already listed which are:

1. Develop standards so that uses are consistent with the purpose of the zone.
2. Coordinate the Forest-Recreation Zone with new overlay zones for canyons.
3. Develop FR 40 cabin sub-division standards.
4. Develop design and performance standards for development in the zones addressing location, siting, materials, height, landscaping and colors for all development .
5. Establish a 100' setback for buildings.

With these additions the FR 40 zone and overlay zone standards will be brought into harmony and will support each other.

These recommendations may sound like a proposal to initiate "design review", but we may not need to go that far. to accomplish our goals. Let me read two short paragraphs from the Salt Lake County Plan to reassure all that "standards" can accomplish our ends.

## **AESTHETIC STANDARDS**

**SALT LAKE COUNTY WILL PREPARE AND IMPLEMENT ARCHITECTURAL STANDARDS TO GUIDE BUILDING DESIGN, MASS AND PLACEMENT OF STRUCTURES IN THE PLAN AREA TO ENSURE A MORE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MAN-MADE STRUCTURES AND THE CANYON SETTING. DEVELOPMENT OF THE STANDARDS WILL BE REVIEWED WITH DESIGN PROFESSIONALS, OTHER CANYON JURISDICTIONS, THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND CANYON ASSOCIATIONS.**

In a sensitive environment such as the Wasatch Canyons, aesthetic and development guidelines provide assurances that development will be compatible to the natural landscape, and consistent with the public welfare and enjoyment of the setting.

Comments to the  
CACHE COUNTY COUNCIL

regarding the  
CACHE COUNTY-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

on the occasion of  
the public hearing,  
November 11, 1997

submitted by  
Russell Goodwin

My initial participation in the preparation of the Cache County-wide Comprehensive Plan was cursory at best. I've been much more involved the past year attending the January Public Hearing and the February and October discussion sessions. Although I fail to understand why it is not just as important to hear an opinion for or against the plan, the Council has expressed a desire to be told of specific areas of concern. To that end, I and others have supplied the Council with specific concerns. Thus far, however, the only meaningful response to those specific concerns by the Council was that given the developers and speculators. The Council should extend the courtesy, in so far as possible, of responding to specific points raised when that is what the Council requested. The Council should also, it seems to me, be just as interested in a citizens opinion even if it is merely yes or no.

In researching a recent letter to the editor I had to go back in my files to 1981 and '82. This is back when the newspaper took its informational and educational responsibilities seriously and I was quite surprised at the breadth and depth of articles discussing planning including quite frequent mention of the concept of clustering. Indeed, clustering is mentioned in the 1970 Master Plan. To suggest, as has been done, that Mark Teuscher waltzed into Cache Valley like the pied piper trilling the flute inducing mass hypnosis and then implanting alien concepts like clustering to serve his own devious ends is ludicrous. To claim the plan is the product of Marks fertile imagination and our gullibility is demeaning to those who participated in its creation, belittles the citizenry, and is an insult to Mark. Instead of criticizing Mark with such preposterous notions, we should be applauding and congratulating Him on a truly remarkable document built on unprecedented open and active public involvement. I am very proud of the work and output of my fellow Cache County residents from the public hearings and committees. I feel very good to see I share their sentiments, hopes and aspirations. I am profoundly awed to consider Mark beginning with nothing, at ground zero, organizing all the public discourse, the committees, keeping it all coherent and on track, and resulting in something useful for a change. I ask you to compare Marks work with the present disarray in Logan City Planning, which began with a good plan and has gone downhill, or look at the fruits of 5 years of work at the CMPO, with hardly any public participation and hundreds of thousands of dollars spent to produce a sub-standard document that does nothing, to gain an appreciation of the enormity and complexity of the task successfully undertaken by Mark. To think Mark could somehow manipulate such an expansive public process is not worthy of consideration, and I trust will receive no further exploration by the Council. Marks methodology should be encouraged and emulated by others in the formulation of public policy, not disparaged and attacked.

It's 1997, Council! Cache County has never had a master plan. The developers and speculators aren't waiting. They're rapaciously devouring the Valley like vultures to carrion. This is a good plan, adopt it and send the vultures back to their roost. The amending process is spelled out. The Plan is still in active development with additional elements in the works and ample opportunity for further refinement.

The Council could do much to insure the success of the Plan by institutionalizing the annual review process perhaps as a Valley-wide get-together to discuss the Plan in particular and

growth issues generally. This would be a good occasion for all planning groups to bring the public up to speed on the many projects underway out there, such as County and State Office buildings, a County Convention Center, amphitheaters in Green Canyon, RS-2477, among others, and to get those groups that prefer to avoid public scrutiny, such as Water Conservancy Districts and the Cache Metropolitan Planning Organization, out into the sunlight. These things are of interest to many of us but are difficult to follow since the Paper abandoned its informational and educational role. An annual forum sponsored by the Council to analyse and discuss these issues would be a positive addition to the Valley discourse, and would assure the vitality and longevity of the Comprehensive Plan.

While I support this plan and urge its adoption, I also harbor some reservations previously supplied the Council. Let me reiterate one concern which while insignificant at the moment, looms on the horizon as another fractious and divisive issue. The last item of the Water Management Plan General Implementation Policy (page 14) states: "Develop a plan to provide water for future needs". A seemingly innocuous statement, but one which, for reasons I cannot supply, possible genetic, some will interpret as a call for a Water Conservancy District. We have been through that. Twice. It has been thoroughly aired. We've had that discussion and we have paid the Lawyers accordingly. There's no need to go through it all again.

Cache Countians are an independent lot. The first to replace the cronyism of the County Commission with you, the Council, and so far the only County to say NO! to a Water Conservancy District. A truly orwellian monster, it is more accurately a water wastage district as their is no conservation whatever in their plans. I need not remind you Utah is a desert yet we pour more water on our lawns than just about anybody. There a few things more incongruous than the residents of Washington County being encouraged to use more water in the midst of a drought. The absurdity of sending high quality water to Juab County to grow alfalfa while undergoing expensive treatment of poor quality Jordan River water for Salt Lake County convincingly demonstrate why we DO NOT want a WCD in Cache County. With the insertion of a very brief phrase you have the golden opportunity to spare us the antagonism, grief, and expense a Water Conservancy District entails. Now and in future.

## **Agenda**

✓ The Cache County Council meets at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the Hall of Justice, 120 N. 100 West, Logan. Agenda items include at 6:30 p.m. public hearing on the countywide master plan and discussions about the television translator station and the 1998 county budget. *HJ 11/10/97*

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