

Fairpark Community Council Annual December Potluck and Meeting

6:30-8:00pm

19 attending

Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions

Land Acknowledgement

Potluck Dinner

Community Discussions:

1. Mayor-Elect Erin Mendenhall's request for community input:

- What are the **biggest challenges** facing your constituents right now that you believe city government could help to address?

Aftermath of Operation Rio Grand. We are feeling the effects of people living in alleys, by the river, everywhere. A matter of safety.

North Temple is not a safe place to walk. The problems there spill out into our neighborhood.

The police have said they are "doing all that they can." But it's not helping. The city needs to help us help the police.

There is a distinction between genuinely homeless people and the drug criminals.

Issue of traffic calming, despite repeated requests, e.g., 500 North speeding, Jackson Elementary crosswalk, etc.

But in nicer neighborhoods there are traffic calming measures. Our requests go unheard, despite assurances that “something will be done”.

Another challenge facing our community is breathing. Unbreathable air. Development should be stopped until the air becomes more breathable.

Property taxes for homeowners up by 50% in one year. Talk of raising it again.

- What are the **greatest opportunities** on which you believe city government can help your constituents capitalize?

Maybe neighborhood watch - but this has historically not worked for a variety of reasons.

Why is the city asking *us* this question? What does the city have to offer us?

North Temple is a potential opportunity for businesses to revitalize the neighborhood. The city needs to increase efforts to get that in place.

The public market at the State Fairpark - being presented to the City Council on December 10th.

Coffee shop at the State Fairpark.

Rocky Mountain Power move

Opportunity to bring traffic calming measures up to the same level as surrounding council districts (Rosepark,

Poplar Grove, East side communities) - make investment in our neighborhood.

Opportunity to create meaningful services for the homeless in our neighborhood.

Opportunity to clean up the river. It is highly neglected in our neighborhood. Start at Fisher Mansion and work up to and beyond the Fairpark. Potential for a River Walk like there are in other cities in other states.

Open up the amphitheater at the State Fairpark so that it's not fenced in and can be opened for the public to enjoy - more accessible for wheelchairs, etc. Figure out how to manage it - not erect a fence to keep people from accessing it.

- Are there any **high-priority matters** in your constituency currently pending before the city government to which you would like to draw the mayor-elect's attention?
- Amenities - Public Market
 - Will help with safety

2. Other discussion items

- The Rocky Mountain Power poles going up on 900 West to Marathon Oil - didn't seem to have much public input.

Next Meeting - January 23, 2020, 6:30pm