## EUREKA CITY PUBLIC MEETING UPDATING GENERAL PLAN JANUARY 31, 2017

Mayor Nick Castleton gave an introduction on what this meeting was all about. He said Eureka City needs to update their General Plan and the purpose of the meeting is to get resident comments on what should be put in the General Plan. We will compile the information gained from this meeting and work up a General Plan. The City will then hold a Public Hearing. Nick asked that everyone who would like to speak to come up and sign the comment sheet before they speak. He also asked that everyone in attendance sign the attendance sheet.

## **Public in Attendance:**

Nina Higgs Dena Green
Paulette Carpenter Kathleen Fulton
Rob Peterson Denise Peterson
Taylor Draper Brandon Buys

Gary Poh Paul

Darrin Carlson Rachel Carlson Steve Child Cindy Child Ferrel Thomas Glen Wahlberg Brent Boswell Byron Woodland **Brandy Montgomery** Kimberlee Clem Brian Underwood JaNeel Nielsen **Brandon Gout** Craig Lott Bill Hansen Jr. Sue Renzello Rich Renzello Lou Anna Haynes Janice Boswell Ted Havnes Pauline Webber John Webber

## **Speakers:**

Kathleen Fulton – She said that the historical value of Eureka is what is most important to her.

Ferrel Thomas – He said he has taken a seat on the Planning & Zoning Committee and is excited about Eureka's future growth but would like to have it stay a lot like Eureka is now. He likes how the people of Eureka work together as a community and help each other out and he would like it to stay that way. He would not like Eureka to end up like Park City where the whole town changes over real estate values. He feels that one of the big draws for Eureka is the mining history along with the trails and RV possibilities. He said as best we can we need to protect what we have got. He would also like to see more done with our historical aspect. He would like to see some growth and have an economy here.

Vern Thorp – He said he is not from Eureka but has been coming out to this area for 12 to 13 years riding the trails. He would like to suggest a balance of what makes Eureka, Eureka and with growth. He said he thinks that more resources would be helpful. He would like to see some

development on the other side of the hill. He would like to bring an RV storage facility and bring some sales tax to Eureka. He said growth in Utah County is coming this way and Eureka needs to take control and annex property that gives us a say in what is done. With the growth on the other side of the hill it won't bother the integrity of Eureka.

Craig Lott – He said he came up to Eureka about a year and half ago to restore the downtown area. He said he started a historical preservation and would like to see it continue. He said he doesn't want to make this a Park City. His intention is to preserve the mining history. He said it would be nice to have a master plan to prepare for the future growth. He interest is just the down town area. He said it is our town and we need to follow what we as residents want.

Gordon Grimstead –He thinks we need to be proactive about Utah County coming this way. He feels we need to study other communities here in Utah that has had to deal with similar growth. He wants us to be ready when Utah County comes this way.

Brent Boswell – He is the Economic Development Director for the County other than Nephi. He wanted to congratulation us on having awesome attendance. He said the Commissioners have asked him to help all the communities in the County with whatever they need. He is offering his services. He said that if we need companies to come here then that is what he will help us get. He said that he hopes with the current government that mining might come back to this area.

Gordon Grimstead –He said he thought of some other information he would like to bring forward. He said him and his wife go walking the trails all the time and there is a lot of illegal garbage dumping going on. He would like the City to be more proactive about this.

Gary Poh – He said he just recently purchased the Old Post Office. He said his history with Eureka goes back about 30 years. He does a lot of motorbike riding up here. He has always enjoyed the historical significance of Eureka. He said he is doing a motorcycle museum along with a coffee bar and small local art gallery in the Old Post Office and will eventually be a resident of Eureka. He said he thinks the town is starting into an up mode in growth. He said his interest is in the historical and economic growth of Eureka. He would like to see more people know where Eureka is. He would like slow, gradual growth. He said that the City seems to be easy to work with.

Cody Hughes –He said that speaking on behalf of the school district he thinks it is important that the City invest in what Eureka currently already has. He thinks that a recreational program is needed. He said that it needs to happen. He feels that the City neglects this need. He said it is important to support the businesses that are already here. He feels that if growth comes with in the City it will help the school district. The tax revenue that is outside of the City does not affect the school district. He would like to see the focus on the current structure of the City and the residents and business that are here now.

Benjamin Grimstead –He said he has lived here all is life and one of the big concerns he has is we need more lighting in town. He said the focus has been on getting new streetlights for the downtown area but it is needed for where the kids are. This is between the elementary school and the high school. As it stands now there is not enough lighting and it is dangerous.

Glen Wahlberg – He said he has lived here all his life and has to agree with most everything that has been said here tonight. He said one thing he would like to see the City think about is the how the cost is distributed and not to lay it all on the residents

Gary Poh – Gary wanted to mention that he is also planning to have a fitness center available to everyone. He would try to do more rides like the Light up Eureka rides. He also wanted to say that he is interested in getting anything from the Old Post Office so he can put it on display.

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