

Heber City News

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CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

By Heidi Franco, Heber City Council

Our Heber City

Our City is more than streets, pipes, and parks.

It's more than street lights glowing in the dark.

It's more than traffic or shopping;

Or neighbor's dogs barking,

Or no place for parking.

Our City is our opportunity.

-Our opportunity for growth & happiness, to take care of ourselves, our families, and enjoy all of this with our neighbors.

Our City is our memories & hope.

-It is the good and perhaps not so good memories of our past, the happenings of the present, and our hope for the future. In this beautiful Valley, our City is hope for ourselves, our families and neighbors. I believe Heber City gives us an abundant life among great people with countless opportunities. I also believe that as incredible as our Valley, Mountains, fields, our clean air, and quality of life are, the real beauty here is the goodness of the people.

Neighbors, let's pause to remember those who were killed or injured through terrorist acts. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those in Brussels, Paris and the Ivory Coast, etc.; for the lives that are indelibly changed because of terrorism—especially those from Utah who were injured. How thankful we are to live in our peaceful City and Valley.

Congratulations to the many citizens who participated in the political caucuses last month. This definitely shows we want to make our Valley & Country better. We've also seen hundreds of Citizens participate in our City's current Form Based Code Zoning Meetings in December and March. **Thank you** for caring about the future of our City while trying to preserve what we love.

More Form Based Code meetings will be held this month. I personally invite all of you attend, learn, and participate at any of all the meetings held on April 14th, 21st, 28th and May 5th. Information on how to attend is listed at: <http://www.ci.heber.ut.us/departments/planning/formbasedcodes/index.html>.

Also, several of you at the March 23rd Public Open House still want to take the Heber Branding & Design survey given last December. **You can take the survey now through the end of April by going into the City Treasurer's Office and filling it out. This Office (where you pay water bills) is open Monday thru Thursday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

We need your voices now to see how we want our City to grow. Let's work together! This is our opportunity **today** and it can make a wonderful difference for our future. It is very understandable that some do not want any change, but look at how much we've grown. Barring any major economic problems, high pressure for inevitable growth will continue because this City and Valley are unique and beautiful!

Let's Discuss a Self-Sustaining Airport

Several on the City Council want to make the Airport more self-sustaining at its current size. Here are things we can do. *What do you think?*

First, we can promote more economic growth at the current size of the airport. (This is not, I repeat—not about expanding the size of the airport.) This is about creating more development and a greater property tax base within the current B2 Airport by providing more opportunities and jobs for our citizens--again at the airport's current size.

Second, several of us believe we need to increase the landing fees for the larger aircraft that land here.



Third, we believe we need a thorough economic analysis on the ways to increase airport revenue, as well as an unbiased, professional economic forecast for how much it will cost our City to maintain the current B2 Airport into the future. To my knowledge this has not been done before.

Additionally, to make sure our Airport is also a 'good neighbor,' I personally believe we need to push for greater noise and pollution controls with the current size of the Airport (especially with the larger jets landing). There are FAA standards for the process of testing the current noise and pollution levels. I want our City to complete this testing to assess the current impact.

I welcome your comments about these or other ideas to make our Airport more self-sustaining or for the future growth of our City. Please email me or any of the Council Members at: <http://ci.heber.ut.us/government/citycouncil/index.html>. Just click on our individual names for our email addresses. You can also mail us at the City Offices.

Here's wishing you a pleasant Spring!

WARMING WEATHER BRINGS OUT MORE PEDESTRIANS

By Sergeant Salvador "Chava" Segura



As the weather conditions improve, individuals from our community will be walking, jogging, or cycling in the neighborhoods. Please drive cautiously and be observant of your surroundings.

If you're crossing Main Street, remember to use our new pedestrian-activated crossings at 100 North and 250 South to ensure vehicles are stopping and increasing your safety.

ALWAYS REMEMBER! When you're obeying the traffic laws it makes for a safer community.

