

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HAILEY CITY COUNCIL
HELD JUNE 2, 2020
IN THE HAILEY TOWN CENTER MEETING ROOM
AND VIRTUALLY THROUGH GOTOMEETING**

The Meeting of the Hailey City Council was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Mayor Martha Burke. Present were Council members Heidi Husbands, Kaz Thea, Sam Linnet, and Juan Martinez. Staff present included City Attorney Christopher P. Simms, City Administrator Heather Dawson, and City Clerk Mary Cone.

[4:01:08 PM](#) Call to order by Mayor Burke

Public comments:

[4:02:08 PM](#) Sarah busdon, concerns regarding parking. Later.

Burke asks Busdon to wait until public hearing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

[CA 230](#) Consideration of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Decision regarding a Planned Unit Development (PUD) Application by ARCH Community Housing Trust on behalf of Blaine County on the former Blaine Manor site. The PUD is to construct two multi-family housing buildings, one Senior Community Housing Building, and one Family Community Housing Building. **ACTION ITEM**

[4:03:07 PM](#) **Linnet moved to approve all consent agenda items, seconded by Martinez, motion passed with roll call vote. Linnet, yes. Thea, yes. Martinez, yes. Husbands, yes.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

PH 231 Consideration of circulation alternatives for the Wertheimer Park/Rodeo/Blaine Manor/Hailey Elementary School area: presentation by Chase Goulay of Ben Young Landscape Architects and Michael Bulls of Ruscitto Latham Blanton ACTION ITEM

Public comments:

[4:04:14 PM](#) Lili Simpson \$200,000 snow storage area, offer that amount to Hailey arena, for arena, want to work with city. Alternative Jim Keating, move barn from Quigley, spoke with Uhrig's, spoke with them about moving rodeo grounds to Nordic center at Quigley Farms. Simpson spoke with other Sawtooth Rangers today and they are also open to moving the rodeo grounds.

[4:08:06 PM](#) Horowitz gives historical overview of this area. In 2015 county vacated the Blaine Manor nursing home. Campion Ice House opened later that same year. RLB was hired to consider other uses of Blaine Manor site, senior housing, parking needs, senior housing. At that time, we desired to keep connection between Hailey Ice and the Blaine Manor site. Ben Young

added to this analysis team to look at circulation. ARCH submitted another application this year for 60 living units.

[4:12:28 PM](#) Chase Gouley speaks and shows a diagram on his screen. He will introduce some options and Michael Bulls will also discuss these items. Gouley has worked with Bulls to look at Hailey Rodeo Grounds Master Plan, from 3rd ave west to elm and first ave to Ice House to Main Street. There are some obvious challenges with ARCH housing coming to the Blaine Manor site. Want to safe route to get around in this area.

[4:16:31 PM](#) Michael Bulls with RLB speaks. Talking about 33 acres of area, there are some good opportunities with Nelson Field in the future. Wood River Trails at top of this site, potential traffic signal at Elm/Main streets. Always the question of displacement, talking about future use of the school grounds. There are constraints and opportunities with this circulation pattern. Show strong connection on North side of Rodeo Grounds.

[4:19:51 PM](#) Gouley these are opportunities, diagrams and sketches, we have to present ideas before we can come up with an idea that sticks. Gouley looks at the connector at the future ARCH site, entrance on ARCH site and alley way, traffic is limited through the alley way. Hailey Auto Clinic is not shown on this map, it was put in after this map was done. Gouley, one option is to do nothing about the traffic pattern, Sketch A. traffic cutting through Nelson field and Hailey Ice, potential opportunity to capture some land North of Hailey Ice to construct a road to new ARCH site, sketch B. another option, fire access North of Rodeo Grounds, improve road and then connect south of Rodeo Grounds between Snow bunny, Sketch C. Another option City acquires some of playground fields again for future circulation use. [4:30:59 PM](#) Gouley displays a concept circulation map.

[4:31:37 PM](#) Michael Bulls, we have been speaking with the school district with these conversations, relocation of ball fields is required before circulation could be implemented.

[4:33:17 PM](#) Horowitz asks Gouley to discuss alternate bus route for Hailey traffic.

[4:34:13 PM](#) Thea asks, if you go East of Rodeo, can you go straight out to main street beside car wash. [4:35:05 PM](#) Brian Yeager, there are grade challenges with this option. Thea asks, Senior Connection site, grade, can you go up to 3rd street from the East side of Rodeo grounds.

[4:36:10 PM](#) Burke asks, what about buying snow bunny putting road through Hailey ice and Rodeo Grounds.

[4:37:29 PM](#) Thea, what about connecting to 3rd. Gouley explains the challenges, no traffic light.

[4:38:07 PM](#) Mike Baledge, all of these buildings require 3 points of access because of their size. Baledge suggests getting 1st Ave pushed through by the ball fields.

[4:40:29 PM](#) Heidi Husbands, what is the timeframe for buying land to develop 1st Ave. Horowitz responds, the playground would have to be relocated.

Public comments:

[4:41:39 PM](#) Sarah Busdon, concerns about traffic flow and youth recreating in the vicinity and through the Champion parking lot. Worries about safety of kids in this area with increased traffic.

[4:42:47 PM](#) Amy McCabe Deertrail dr. has concerns with road connecting for safety reasons like Busdon commented, “an accident waiting to happen.”

[4:43:28 PM](#) Jim Laski, board of Hailey Ice, any routes going through the parking lots, is dangerous. We should focus on getting 1st street opening and light at Elm Street.

[4:44:16 PM](#) Heather Bates, great concerns about having traffic going through the Hailey Ice parking lot. The North side of Hailey Ice is very slick in the winter, urge caution, traffic going through, suggest maintenance plan for road safety from Police department. Don’t think this is a good option.

[4:46:05 PM](#) Mike McKenna, spends lots of time in the Hailey Ice parking lot, this is the busiest park area in the vicinity. Option c may be the only viable option. But you need to make sure traffic through is safe.

[4:47:25 PM](#) Sarah Benson, agrees with sentiment voiced already, thinks it is negligent to put traffic through the parking lot, and would lose parking. Encouraging council to look at options that would not go through their lot.

[4:48:41 PM](#) Jeff Lamoreaux, Ketchum resident, this parking lot is dark and not ideal, team has done a great job.

[4:49:48 PM](#) Mike Brunelle, on Hailey Ice board and an Architect, appreciates the effort in such a difficult area. Hailey Ice uses the Rodeo in winter, keep that in mind.

[4:50:56 PM](#) Howie Royal with school district, we did discuss the first 3 options. School is focused on developing the Quigley fields and then develop the remaining field minus the high school sports use. Don’t want to reduce options for future use.

[4:52:15 PM](#) Heather Dawson, supports the idea to regain roads where we can. If we can get 1st Ave back and street between tech building and rodeo grounds would be.

[4:53:12 PM](#) Brian, citizen, likes option b, if just for school’s use. Light 10 years out seems long way away.

[4:54:23 PM](#) Brian Yeager talks about upgrading the Master plan, these lights are likely 10 years in the future, only way to speed this up is to fund the cost of them independently. 1st ave and elm street lights seems most important. [4:56:11 PM](#) Horowitz what is the cost of light? Yeager, moving target, approximately \$500,000.

Linnet asks why is this 10-years out. [4:56:49 PM](#) Yeager, right now it is not even on ITD’s sight or plan.

[4:57:32 PM](#) Burke, Bullion street light must be a failed intersection before they would consider putting lights at Elm or 1st Ave. In the meantime, we put up a sign, no left turn at Elm on Main street. People will drive through unless we can close off, which we cannot because it would hinder the 3 egress's around the buildings.

Linnet does not like the idea of traffic around Hailey Ice. Not sure how to get ITD to move traffic light forward, can we be more proactive with this, can we pester ITD?

[5:00:37 PM](#) Thea would like to invite ITD to a city council meeting.

[5:01:18 PM](#) Baledge, we cannot obstruct traffic, then ARCH housing does not have 3 points of access. We cannot put a gate or bollard, prohibited by fire code, per your suggestion.

[5:02:10 PM](#) Horowitz, unintended consequence, people living in ARCH, driving through residential areas instead of going through the light.

[5:02:51 PM](#) Thea, drove this site today, the North side of Campion Ice House has to be icy in winter. Can we ticket people going through? Yeager responds. Right now there is no connection to the alley. Thea, we need to recreate 1st Ave.

[5:04:36 PM](#) Juan Martinez comments knows this area well. It is a matter of time before someone gets hurt. The fields should be used as a little league field in the future. Agrees with Mayor's comment on snow bunny site, and acquiring for parking, critical to some future use decisions.

[5:08:09 PM](#) Gouley, great public comment. Safety is our major concern, we hear your comments. There are a lot of challenges, great comments. This ARCH site is happening, this should have been thought out for the future. We know there will be elderly residents, may not be driving, but we must plan for something. Don't want Police to have to enforce traffic. Would love to explore options with the school district. Can we reorganize the play structure to accommodate future traffic on 1st Ave., seems a more reliable solution right now.

[5:12:34 PM](#) Linnet, 1st Ave is option he is interested in pursuing. Would rather not talk about the less viable options.

[5:13:58 PM](#) Thea is in support of 1st Ave option. Also want to talk about Rodeo and future of the fields in the future.

[5:16:42 PM](#) Horowitz, it does seem developing cost estimates for 1st Ave, Yeager and Horowitz can work on these cost estimates for council to review. Yeager is updating the traffic master plan.

[5:17:48 PM](#) Thea asks to include the 3rd Ave connection, Yeager it can be made out but needs to be moved West to create grade differential.

[5:19:33 PM](#) Martinez, comments about road East of Snow bunny. Gouley, this road should be vacated, not enough room.

[5:20:52 PM](#) Howie Royal comments again, we already have issues with 1st Ave drop off of students, want to restripe that street, so to create more of a through street would increase this issue.

Horowitz, good feedback from council tonight.

NB 232 *Discussion of July 4th Parade* **ACTION ITEM**

[5:24:03 PM](#) Mike McKenna, Executive Director of Chamber, avoid Main street, car parade through town, cars, and bikes through town.

[5:25:42 PM](#) Thea, this is a great idea, just like the senior parade was great.

[5:26:27 PM](#) Burke, Dawson suggests a couple of grand marshals for the parade, maybe Dr. O'Connor, need to honor those who've kept businesses going. We live in a place that is rare and wonderful, need to celebrate this community.

[5:28:22 PM](#) Baledge spoke with England about potential routes, plan on using 2nd Ave, 4th Ave, including some public parks. Next step is to involve Brian Yeager and Kelly Schwarz in conversations with their suggestions.

[5:31:54 PM](#) Dawson, parade is subject to special event, one thing checking in, can do administrative approval for the parade.

[5:32:50 PM](#) Thea is okay with administrative approval. Want the public to know how they can see the parade from their home, encourage us to get route out to public.

[5:33:45 PM](#) Burke, would there be an entry fee? McKenna, community would be part of parade, anyone can be in parade, maybe just a \$10 donation to join.

[5:34:52 PM](#) Martinez, thanks for putting together this plan.

[5:35:49 PM](#) Mayor Burke, we are on the better side of a dark storm, like to see people getting back to work and businesses opening. I celebrate this community and our leaders.

[5:37:48 PM](#) Thea motions to adjourn, Linnet seconds, motion passed unanimously.