

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING DANIEL PLANNING COMMISSION AND TOWN COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6-7PM

Wasatch County Services Building, Conference room B

55 S 500 E, Heber City, UT

Council quorum present: Mayor Scott Kohler, Council members Gary Walton, Eric Bennett, Brooke Rose. Council member Stefanie Grady was excused.

Planning Commission members quorum present: Chair Gary Weight, Vice Chair Byron Horner, Pam Skinner, Tim Jones, Heber Taylor, T.J. McGeean. Commissioner Scott Long was excused.

Town officers present: Planning Director, Eric Bunker, Clerk/Recorder Megan Goodrich, Deputy Clerk/Recorder, Merry Duggin, and Planning Secretary Trainee Jolene Munford.

Members of the public present: John Call, Allan Neff, Jack Neff, Drew Reilly, Gary Crabb, Marcia Birch, Bill Gammell, Jack Rose, Ronda Rose, Brian Myers, Stacy Kohler, Jason Stewart.

Meeting Minutes

Mayor Kohler brought the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

1. Presentation and discussion of the Daniel General Plan update process

Jake Young and John Jansson were present to inform the Council, Planning Commission and public about the process of updating the Daniel Town General Plan. They are part of a group of engineers and consultants assisting smaller communities to update their general plans and other documents to comply with Utah State Code requirements. They presented a Powerpoint highlighting results of a survey conducted with Daniel residents to elicit issues of interest to the Town's residents.

The General Plan is an advisory document providing a future land use plan, housing plan, transportation plan and should help guide development for 10-20 years. The resident survey indicated that the most important issues are in keeping a rural small-town atmosphere with large lots, open space, spectacular views, dark skies, and great neighbors. The least popular issues

are large growth, junk lots, traffic and speeding and industrial uses. The biggest issues over the next 5 years are growth and losing our rural character and open space. Mr. Young suggested that the main ideas of the Daniel General Plan should be to preserve rural character, approve slow, deliberate growth on the Hwy 40 corridor with development that pays for itself. Preserving agriculture is very important.

Mr. Young asked those present if the ideas he presented are in line with the issues that the Council and Planning Commission are seeing and would like to pursue.

Council member Eric Bennett noted that some of the pressing issues of our day, (e.g. pressure for smaller lots, commercial and industrial development), may not agree with the directions that Daniel would like to pursue.

The Daniel Annexation Policy Plan and Map will also be updated in this process.

2. Possibly set a public hearing for the General Plan information

No public hearing was set at this meeting.

3. Adjourn

Mayor Kohler brought the meeting to an end at 7:10 PM to accommodate the regular Planning Commission meeting which was scheduled to begin at 7:00 PM.

Merry Duggin,
Deputy Clerk/Recorder