

WORK SESSION AGENDA



**Casper City Council
 City Hall, Council Chambers
 Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 4:30 p.m.**

Work Session Meeting Agenda		Recommendation	Allotted Time	Beginning Time
Recommendations = Information Only, Move Forward for Approval, Direction Requested				
1.	Council Meeting Follow-up		5 min	4:30
2.	Downtown Casper One-Way to Two-Way Conversion Study	Move Forward for Approval	30 min	4:35
3.	Casper's Council for People with Disabilities Update	Information Only	20 min	5:05
4.	Night Skiing Fees	Move Forward for Approval	20 min	5:25
5.	Agenda Review		20 min	5:45
6.	Legislative Review		20 min	6:05
7.	Council Around the Table		10 min	6:25
Approximate End Time:				6:35
Followed by Special Meeting & Executive Session				

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October 5, 2021

MEMO TO: J. Carter Napier, City Manager *CM [Signature]*
FROM: Liz Becher, Community Development Director *LB*
M. Jeremy Yates, MPO Supervisor

SUBJECT: Overview of the Downtown Casper One-Way to Two-Way Conversion Study

Meeting Type & Date: Council Work Session, October 12, 2021.

Action Type: Direction Requested

Recommendation: That Council, review the recommendations from the Casper Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Downtown Casper One-Way to Two-Way Conversion Study

Summary:

The MPO's Downtown Casper One-Way to Two-Way Conversion Study evaluated existing conditions for downtown Casper including traffic volumes, traffic operations, traffic safety, multimodal accessibility and parking, and examined the effects of converting Durbin Street, Wolcott Street and the connecting blocks of C Street and Midwest Avenue back to a two-way flow.

In the late seventies, before the energy bust of the early 80s, Durbin and Wolcott streets were transitioned into one-way streets to accommodate projected increases in traffic downtown. However, the ensuing boom/bust cycle never generated the traffic volume the one-way couplets were designed to manage. Additionally, as identified in the report evidence suggests, and is presented via case studies in the final report, downtown one-way streets have a history of damaging downtown retail spaces, and conversions to two-way traffic conversions have a beneficial effect on property values.

Weaknesses in the current street design were recognized as early as 1991. The Casper Downtown Traffic Study, published in March of that year, points out that the traffic volumes the one-way couplets were designed to accommodate never materialized. Subsequent reports from the last 30 years have all made recommendations to re-convert Durbin & Wolcott into their original two-way design. However, a comprehensive traffic study of the issue had never been completed. Additionally, the MPO's most recent Long Range Transportation Plan Update, *Connecting Crossroads*, identified the conversion as a priority project.

The MPO, through the City, contracted with consulting firm Meade & Hunt, Inc., to complete the study which included:

- An examination of existing conditions in the study area
- An overview of the MPO's substantial public outreach efforts for the project
- Descriptions and selection criteria for possible alternative traffic and street layouts

- Estimated construction costs
- Funding sources for the project, and;
- Final recommendations to convert downtown one-way streets to their original two-way traffic pattern

Financial Considerations:

Funding for this project comes from the MPO, including federal monies and contributions from member agencies. The MPO Policy Committee approved the funding of \$60,000.00 of MPO Programs and Projects funds from the Federal Consolidated Planning Grant for the total project in May 21, 2021.

Oversight/Project Responsibility:

M. Jeremy Yates, MPO Supervisor

September 29, 2021

MEMO TO: J. Carter Napier, City Manager *ccpd by S. Lopez*
FROM: Zulima Lopez, CCPD Staff Representative
SUBJECT: Casper's Council of People with Disabilities (CCPD) Update

Meeting Type & Date

Council Work Session, October 12, 2021

Action type

Information only

Recommendation

That Council support CCPD's work to replace inactive members, to create a 2022 calendar for fundraising, to participate in the annual Christmas parade, and to continue efforts to improve transportation access for citizens with disabilities.

Summary

On July 19, 2019, The Casper City Council authorized the creation of Casper's Council of People with Disabilities (CCPD). This group functions as an educational and solution-oriented advisory board serving as a catalyst for promoting self-advocacy, equality, accessibility, and opportunity for all people regardless of their disability.

Since its formation, the CCPD has worked diligently to increase community awareness and engagement with Casper's disabled community as well as to raise funds that can be used to advance CCPD projects and initiatives. At the last City Council update on January 12, 2021, CCPD requested support for transportation and mobility improvement projects for 2021. Since that time, CCPD has engaged in several notable ventures including:

- Designed and sold a 2021 "Heroes of COVID-19" themed calendar. CCPD raised \$262.50 from calendar sales.
- Coordinated and launched the #MusicUnitesCasper campaign in March 2021 to increase community awareness regarding the benefits of music for people with disabilities.
- Worked with City of Casper Transit to provide feedback on operations and improve communication between the City and the disabled community during the transition from contracted operation to City operation.
- Collaborated with the Casper Area Metropolitan and Planning Organization (MPO) to participate in stakeholder meetings and provide public comments on behalf of the disabled community regarding multiple MPO studies and strategic plans.

- Secured and promoted a designated location for disabled spectators to safely enjoy the annual Central Wyoming Fair and Rodeo parade.
- Initiated discussions with local taxi and rideshare providers to determine network size and identify opportunities to expand transportation accessibility.
- Developed and launched a web page within the City’s website at the dedicated domain www.casperdisabilitycouncil.org.

In the upcoming months, the CCPD is working on several new projects including:

- Recruiting new CCPD members to replace vacancies created by inactive members who were resigned in accordance with CCPD bylaws.
- Participating in the planning of and providing safe spectator space for disabled citizens to enjoy the annual Christmas parade.
- Designing and selling a 2022 “Service Animal” themed calendar.
- Further exploring opportunities to expand rideshare availability in Casper to supplement transit for reliable and affordable transportation.
- Coordinating informational meetings for Casper medical service providers to learn about rideshare programs available for their patients through Lyft and Uber.
- Participating in the global #WeThe15 campaign to champion for disability visibility, inclusion, and accessibility for the 15% of the world’s population with disabilities.
- Partnering with City departments to improve snow removal efforts adjacent to transit bus stops in order to improve access during inclement weather. This includes providing voice and video for a developing “I Count on You” public service announcement (PSA) campaign.

Financial Considerations

Casper’s Council of People with Disabilities utilizes fundraising and events to finance initiatives. The CCPD is also exploring grant opportunities to help fund projects.

Oversight/Project Responsibility

Austin Berlin, CCPD Chair, City of Casper CCPD Staff representative, and all CCPD membership

Attachments

None

October 5, 2021

MEMO TO: J. Carter Napier, City Manager *cm by gtl*

FROM: Zulima Lopez, Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities Director *ZL*
Randy Norvelle, Parks Manager
Chris Smith, Hogadon Basin Ski Area Manager

SUBJECT: Night Skiing rates for Hogadon Basin Ski Area

Meeting Type & Date

Council Work Session

October 12, 2021

Action type

Minute Action

Recommendation

That Council approve, by Minute Action, night skiing rates for Hogadon Basin Ski Area.

Summary

In 2019, Council accepted the donation of lights at Hogadon Basin Ski Area in order to provide night skiing. The project is complete and night skiing will be implemented for the 2021-2022 ski season. As the donor (Hogadon Night Skiing Project) will pay for the first \$60,000 in operational losses for each of the first three ski seasons, staff worked with the donor to set fees.

Staff and the donor researched prices in the region. Only 1 resort in Wyoming and 6 in Colorado offer night skiing. Most resorts sell a separate pass for night skiing; however, Howelsen Hill, Keystone Resort, and Echo Mountain include night skiing with the purchase of a full day lift ticket. Keystone Resort lift tickets rates (\$160) are significantly higher than those of Hogadon Basin (\$55) and the resort does not offer a night skiing only ticket. Echo Mountain ticket rates for the upcoming season are unavailable, but according to On the Snow, their 2019-day ticket advance purchase rate was \$62. Echo Mountain offers a night skiing only pass. Howelsen Hill does not offer morning skiing and is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Hogadon Basin staff recommend a night skiing ticket rate lower than the region due to the number of runs available (2) and the desire to entice the public with an introductory rate that is affordable. While most resorts include night skiing in the season pass rate, the current Hogadon Basin season pass rate does not reflect the operational expenses of night skiing, meaning that no funds within the rate could be used for night skiing operational expenses and the donor would be responsible for covering these costs. Staff and the donor recommend offering a reduced rate to add night skiing onto a regular season pass as opposed to raising season pass rates for all users. A night skiing only pass is also recommended.

Financial Considerations

Per the donation Memorandum of Understanding with the donor (Hogadon Basin Night Skiing Project) the donor will pay for the first \$60,000 in operational losses for each of the first three ski seasons.

Oversight/Project Responsibility

Randy Norvell, Parks Manager

Chris Smith, Hogadon Basin Ski Area Manager

Attachments

Attachment A: Proposed 2021-2022 Night skiing lift ticket and season pass rates

Attachment B: Regional Night Skiing Rate Comparison

Attachment C: Approved 2021-2022 Hogadon Basin lift ticket and season pass rates

Attachment A

Proposed 2021-2022 Night Skiing Lift Ticket and Season Pass Rates

Night Skiing Season Passes

Adult (19 and older) add on to season pass	\$50.00
Youth (13-18 years old) add on to season pass	\$40.00
Child (6-12 years old) add on to season pass	\$30.00
Adult (19 years and older) Night Skiing only season pass	\$110.00
Youth (13-18 years old) Night Skiing only season pass	\$88.00
Child (6-12 years old) Night Skiing only season pass	\$66.00
5 Years and Under	FREE
70+ years of age	FREE

Night Skiing Ticket: 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

70+ Years of Age	FREE
65-69 Years of Age & Active Military	\$20
Adult (19 and older)	\$25
Youth (13-18 years old)	\$20
Child Daily (6-12 years)	\$15
5 Years and under	FREE

Attachment B

Regional Night Skiing Rate Comparison

Ski Area	Night Skiing Rate	Night skiing season pass	Hours of Operation	Number of Trails
Granby Ranch (CO)	Not available	Not available	Offered on special dates	unknown
Hesperus (CO)	\$31 Adult \$25 Youth 10 and under free 75 and older free	No Night skiing only Included in season pass	5:00 p.m.-9:00 pm Thursday-Saturday	Unknown
Howelsen Hill (CO)	Part of day ticket (\$62)	No Night skiing only Included in season pass	11 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Monday-Friday	17 runs
Keystone Resort (CO)	Part of day ticket (\$160)	No night skiing only Included in season pass	4 p.m.- 8 p.m. daily	10 runs
Steamboat Ski Resort (CO)	\$39 adult \$29 Child \$5 under 4 yrs.	No night skiing only Included with pass	5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. daily	5 runs
Echo Mountain Resort (CO)	\$35 adult \$19 child (also included in daily lift ticket price unavailable)	Night skiing only pass price unavailable (black out dates for holidays and spring break) Included with season pass	4:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday	7 runs
Snow King Mountain (WY)	\$30 adult \$25 jr/sr (included with full day pass- \$59 adult)	No night skiing only pass Included with season pass	4 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday	unknown

Attachment C

Approved 2021-2022 Hogadon Basin lift ticket and season pass rates

SEASON PASSES

Pre-Season Adult available October 1-December 1, 2021 (Day Skiing Only)	\$400.00
Pre-Season Youth available October 1-December 1, 2021 (Day Skiing Only)	\$350.00
Pre-Season Child available October 1-December 1, 2021 (Day Skiing Only)	\$300.00
Adult (19 years and older) Day Skiing	\$450.00
Youth (13-18 years old) Day skiing	\$400.00
Child (6-12 years old)	\$300.00
5 Years and Under	FREE
Family (2 Adults and 4 Youth)	\$1,200.00

DAILY LIFT TICKET FEES

Full Day Lift Ticket: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Afternoon Half Day Lift Ticket: 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm

70+ Years of Age	FREE
65-69 Years of Age & Active Military	\$47
Adult Daily All Day (19 and older)	\$55
Youth Daily All Day (13-18 years old)	\$47
Adult Half Day	\$45
Youth, Senior & Active Military Half Day	\$40
Child Daily half* and all day (6-12 years)	\$37
5 Years and under	FREE
Beginner Area: Mine Shaft / Morning Dew	\$30