

Bluff Town Council Dark Skies Lighting Workshop Minutes
January 25, 2022

Bluff Community Center at 6:00 p.m.
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Regular meetings are held the first three Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Bluff Community Center. Requests to be on the agenda may be submitted in writing to Ann Leppanen (ann@townofbluff.org) at least 4 days before the meeting. Agendas and minutes are posted at:

townofbluff.org and audio, in addition, at the Utah Public Notice Website
This meeting was held electronically.

The workshop started at 6:08 p.m.

Roll Call Mayor Ann K. Leppanen, Luanne Hook, Jim Sayers, Linda Sosa, Brant Murray

6:00 - 6:05 pm - Introduction by Mayor

Leppanen explained the interactions in the workshop were between the Council, Sarah Burak, Adrienne Caesar, Dr. Magargal, and her class. There would be no comments taken but anyone who had something to say could leave a message at office@townofbluff.org or call her. She will forward messages to the class. She thanked a community member for buying a light measurement meter for the town. We will send the class measurement readings.

6:05 - 6:10 pm - Kate Magargal, Ph.D., Introduces University of Utah Dark Skies Programs and Spring 2022 Class

Dr. Magargal explained the history of the class, which she called a Consortium for Dark Skies. More detailed information is on the U of U website. She explained this workshop as an information gathering dialog.

6:10 - 6:20 pm - Introductions of Town Council and Other Attendees

The Council introduced themselves, as well as Sarah Burak and Adrienne Caesar.

6:20 - 7:00 pm - Questions and Answers Starting with Student Questions

Students prepared the following questions for the Council to respond to:

- How will the Town enforce the lighting ordinance,
- What information is available about safety issues,
- Where does the Dark Skies Ordinance lie on the Council's agenda,
- How does the night sky environment factor into the future of Bluff and future construction,
- What resources are available now,
- What is current lighting like,
- What are the priorities for the future of Dark Skies,
- What is the status of public fixtures.

6:56 - 7:10 - Short Break

7:10 - 7:25 pm - February Workshop Plans Review, Closing Statements

Dr. Magargal asked what the class could do to assist the town. Ideas included measurement information, current trends, grants, misinformation, retrofitting, specialists,

cost analysis, creating a demonstration model and community objections to the ordinance.

7:25 - 7:30 pm – Other

Leppanen and the Council expressed their appreciation to Dr. Magargal, the class and the U of U

Sayers motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., Brant seconded and Leppanen, Hook, Sosa, Murray, and Sayers voted in favor.
Linda Sosa, Recording Officer

This meeting took place electronically in order to follow the social distancing guidelines given by state and local authorities. The public was able to connect and participate electronically.

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