

NOTICE OF WORK SESSION BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF CEDAR HILLS, UTAH

*This meeting may be held electronically via telephone
to permit one or more of the council members to participate.*

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, Utah, will hold a Work Session prior to their regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Cedar Hills Public Safety Building, 3925 W Cedar Hills Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah. The City Council will be discussing the following items:

- Community Covenant Program
- Noticed Agenda Items for the Regular Council Meeting
- Motion to go into Executive Session, Pursuant to Utah State Code 52-4-204 and 52-4-205

* * * EXECUTIVE SESSION * * *

- Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Work Session

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

Dated this 13th day of January, 2012.

Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder

- Supporting documentation is posted on the City's Web site at www.cedarhills.org.
- In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Cedar Hills will make reasonable accommodations to participate in the meeting. Request for assistance can be made by contacting the City Recorder at 801-785-9668 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to be held.
- The order of items listed may change due to the needs of the City Council, the staff, and the public.



CITY OF CEDAR HILLS

TO: Mayor Richardson, City Council, and Staff
FROM: Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder
DATE: January 12, 2012

City Council (work session)

Memorandum

SUBJECT: Community Covenant Program
APPLICANT PRESENTATION: First Lt Mark Buffington
STAFF PRESENTATION:

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The Community Covenant program was created in 2008 by the United States Army, but the program is designed to reach out to all military service members regardless of branch of service. The intent of the program is to encourage all cities and towns across the country to formally commit in supporting service members and their families. Our initiative in Utah began with a Community Covenant Citation read on the floors of the Utah House and Senate.

An integral part of this formal commitment is tailoring the Community Covenant to the local level. Each city and town has the opportunity to create a unique Community Covenant and make it as simple or complex as they see fit.

Essentially, cities and towns are encouraged to form a collaborative group consisting of civic leaders, educators, law enforcement, ecclesiastic representatives, health providers, Veterans Service Organizations, and businesses or other organizations of their choosing. The purpose of this collaborative group is to evaluate and decide what the city or town can collaboratively do in supporting the needs of service members and their families.

As a culminating event, cities and towns are encouraged to create a document (The Community Covenant) that formally declares how they are committed in supporting service members and their families. The document should include signatures of key leaders or organizations within the community. This is typically done at a signing ceremony that can be as big or small as a city or town wants to make it. We suggest that local media and community members be invited to take part. Also, we want to ensure inclusion of veterans of past wars and retired service members to remind them that their sacrifices are not forgotten.

We have many resources and can provide guidance for this program, but it is our hope that individual cities and towns will shape it to their liking and give it a local touch. I believe the Community Covenant initiative can lead to increased patriotism and support for military service members in each of Utah's cities and towns.