

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
Tuesday, March 20, 2012 6:00 P.M.
Public Safety Building
3925 W Cedar Hills Drive, Cedar Hills, Utah

Present: Mayor Eric Richardson
Council Members: Gary Gygi, Stephanie Martinez, Jenney Rees, Trent Augustus, Scott Jackman
Konrad Hildebrandt, City Manager
Greg Robinson, Assistant City Manager
Kim Holindrake City Recorder
Jim Madsen, Director of Golf
Brad Kearn, Chief Building Official
Courtney Hammond, City Meeting Transcriber
Lt. Sam Liddiard, Police Department
Others: Chief Freeman, members of the Lone Peak Public Safety District, Lieutenant Earl Simmons, Julie Patterson, Ken Kirk, Diane Kirk Community Covenant participants, Cedar Hills military families, Representative Craig Frank, Karissa Neely (Daily Herald), Sarah Brimhall (Daily Herald)

This work session of the City Council of the City of Cedar Hills, having been properly noticed, was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Richardson.

- Community Covenant Program – Signing of Proclamation (6:15 p.m.)

Jenney Rees thanked the local service members.

Lieutenant Earl Simmons, team leader in the Community Covenant Program, gave an address about the Community Covenant Program, which brings awareness and fosters relationships between the military and communities. The program was initiated in 2008 by the secretary of the Army and brought to Utah in 2010. The Program helps communities educate residents and share ideas. He is proud to be an American, a member of this state, and a member of the National Guard. His favorite quote from the Community Covenant Program is “soldiers’ lives strengthen their families and find their strength by strengthening the community they are from.” Religious leaders, community leaders, and business leaders help families of those who have been deployed. This is what the program is about.

Julie Patterson, a military spouse, expressed some of the hardships that military families face. She and her husband Jerry moved to Cedar Hills in 2006, and in 2007 Jerry was deployed to Afghanistan and then Iraq in 2010. It is hard being the one left home for a whole year. I am the one who has to do two jobs, fix the shower, fix the flat tire, and all the other things that inevitably happen after he left. They have four kids and inevitably all four needed to be in four different places at the same time. This all fell on her shoulders and was a heavy burden. The other thing military spouses go through every single day is knowing there may be a knock on your door. She received that knock when Jerry was injured in Afghanistan. After his recovery he was deployed to Iraq, which was very hard for their kids because they understood that there was

a change he might not come home. So this is just a little bit of the stress that we have every single day while our military person is deployed. She is grateful to Cedar Hills and all the businesses willing to step up and help them. She is proud to be a member of the Cedar Hills community and grateful to be an American.

C. Rees stated that 20 Cedar Hills businesses have participated in the Community Covenant Program.

This work session was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

(Signing of the Proclamation)

/s/ Kim E. Holindrake
Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder