

WORKSHOP DISCUSSIONS

Preceding the workshop discussions, Mayor Pro Tem Kaminskas led an informal roundtable, asking the elected officials what brought them to Liberty Lake and what has kept them here.

Councilman Langford shared that he and his wife were vacationing in the Coeur d'Alene area when his wife interviewed for, was offered, and accepted a local job. He commented about how Liberty Lake's beauty caught their attention and the sense of community is what keeps them here.

Councilman Brickner shared that his in-laws moved to Liberty Lake and, upon visiting them, he and his wife immediately wanted to find a place to live here. He and his wife found Liberty Lake to be a very family-oriented place to raise a family. He commented, "It is still the greatest community I've ever been in, and I plan on dying here".

Mayor Peterson shared that he and his wife decided to live in Liberty Lake after seeing a vacant lot they both enjoyed to build a house on. He spoke about the impressions the home owners' association made on them after purchasing their lot. They stay here because of the trails, parks, green space, cleanliness, and the people.

Mayor Pro Tem Kaminskas shared that she and her family came to Liberty Lake because of a job. She expressed the importance of schools and how she had heard great things about Mead and Central Valley School Districts. After searching residences in both the Mead and Liberty Lake areas, it was apparent quickly to her that she wanted to live in Liberty Lake. They choose to stay here because of the people, the family-oriented events, and quality of the school district.

Councilman Dunne shared that he and his family relocated here for a job in 2002. He said it was the sense of community and the school that impacted their decision to live in Liberty Lake. He acknowledged he, at one time, even considered altering career paths in order to continue to live in this community because of his appreciation for it.

Councilman Severs shared that when he was younger his family relocated here from Florida. He met his wife while they attended Central Valley High School. He spoke about the importance of the connections they have made with other young families, and also the beauty of the region.

Councilman Moore shared that his family has lived here since 2009. They moved here to follow their daughter and grandson. He spoke about how they enjoy living here and how great the community is.

Upon conclusion of above the roundtable, Councilman Langford expressed the need for a city cemetery. Mayor Peterson spoke about the potential for an "interactive" opportunity within the parks or trail system to house people's remains, suggesting "cemeteries do not have to be cemeteries".