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Dixie Springs Community Newsletter

LAKE POWELL PIPELINE IMPACT ON DIXIE SPRINGS

I have been doing research into the Lake Powell pipeline and its possible impact on Dixie Springs. I found out that an above ground transmission line is scheduled to go down the main street on the east side of Dixie Springs.

I contacted the group managing the project. They were really great to work with and provided me with a detailed map (p. 2) that shows where the transmission lines will go. They also contacted Dixie Power since Dixie Power provided the details of where the transmission line would be routed.

This is the email I received after the project manager contacted Dixie Power:

“I contacted Dixie Power today (435.673.3297) and spoke with Russ Condie who works in their engineering department.

Mr. Condie is familiar with the LPP Project, having been involved with the surveying and conceptual design and layout for the power transmission line or lines associated with the proposed Sand Hollow Hydrostation.

Mr. Condie stated that it is Dixie Power’s policy to install transmission lines overhead.

He stated that what is underground through the subdivision is a distribution line.

One of the biggest issues involved with transmission lines is that they generate a lot of heat.

If installed overhead, the ambient air and wind will dissipate the heat whereby if transmission lines are installed underground, extensive (and expensive) measures must be taken to dissipate the heat.

My impression is that Dixie Power feels that, given the tremendous costs associated with constructing underground transmission facilities, as a member-owned cooperative it is not a wise use of their financial resources to construct underground transmission lines.

While Mr. Condie is willing to discuss the matter anytime, I have a couple of suggestions.

Since the decision to construct the LPP Project – and hence the need for the transmission line associated with the Sand Hollow Hydrostation – has not been made, my opinion is that it is premature and would probably be ineffective to contact Dixie Power at this time.

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LAKE POWELL PIPELINE IMPACT ON DIXIE SPRINGS (CON'T)

Since LPP is not a “real” project at this time in Dixie Power’s eyes (my phrasing) there hasn’t been much thought regarding how the facilities would be located, designed, etc.

I would recommend waiting to see if FERC grants UDWRe a hydropower generation license and if UDWRe decides to pursue the project.

At that time UDWRe or their consultant would contact Dixie Power and request service to the hydrostation and request that Dixie Power agree to “accept” the power generated by the facility and provide a means to receive the power into their grid.

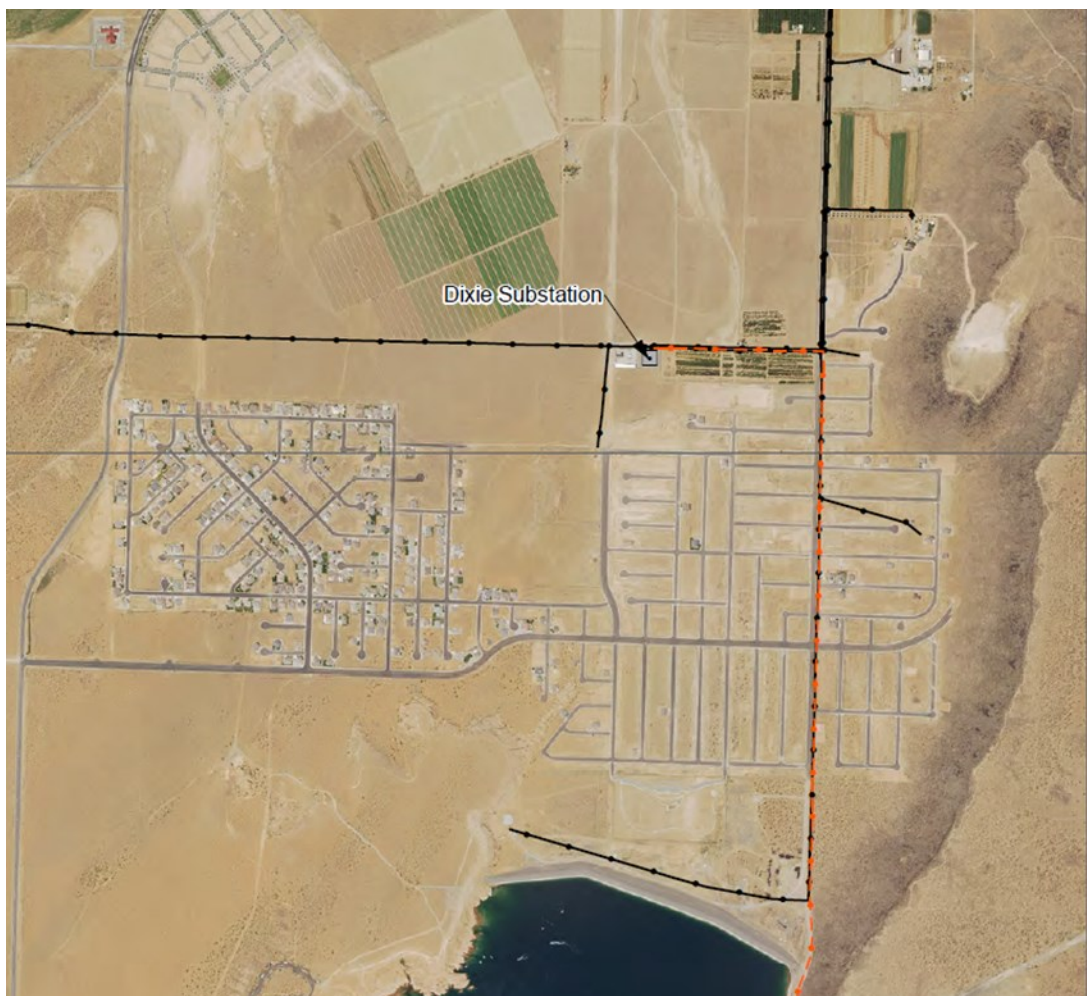
It then becomes a “real” project (my phrasing) in Dixie Power’s eyes and such discussions regarding routing, overhead vs. underground, etc. would be more meaningful.

If my understanding of the “next steps” in the LPP Project process is correct, the granting of a power generation license by FERC and the decision on whether to continue with the project would be made sometime in mid- to late 2018 or the first part of 2019.

While probably not the information desired, I hope this email has been helpful.”

I also contacted the Hurricane City Manager about this issue. He said he had a contact at Dixie Power and would talk to him about the project. He has not gotten back with me yet.

I suggest we take their advice and wait to see if this project becomes a reality. At that point, we can talk to Dixie Power about routing the power lines somewhere else.



DIXIE SPRINGS AND AREA ACTIVITIES

Skeet Shooting

Every Wednesday at 9 am, meet at the Purgatory Clay Sports range for fun shooting skeet. Contact Karl at kjcarlton@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Hurricane Community Choir

The choir rehearses each Wednesday evenings at 7 pm starting on 3 Feb 2016. Contact NancyLCrowley@outlook.com for more information.

Pickle Ball

A number of residents go every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 pm to play Pickleball at the courts by the High School. Contact Deanna Sudweeks at 602-768-2603.

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies of Dixie Springs meet for lunch on the first Tuesday of each month at noon at the Sand Hollow Golf Course restaurant. Come join us!

Motorcycle Trail Bike Riders

We have started a small group of trail bike riders that go on short trips around the area. Please see this web site for more information: trail90utah.com.

ATV

Contact Debbie at dhohens@sbcglobal.net or Mike at mikemunsell65@yahoo.com if you would like to join the community ATV rides.

Weaving

Calling all weavers, spinners and "want to be" weavers and spinners! We meet the first Monday from Oct to May at 5:30 pm at the Washington Branch of the

Washington County library system, 220 N 300 E, Washington Utah. If you have any questions, email NancyLCrowley@outlook.com

Motorized RVs

If you have a motorized RV, join the Red Rock Rovers! They are a great group that plans great trips 4 times per year. For more info, go to <http://www.redrockers.org/>.

Cannery Trip

Once a month, a group goes to the cannery in St George on the first Wednesday of the month. You can purchase freeze dried canned foods with long shelf lives. The group meets at 9:30 am in front of the mailboxes on the corner of Wilson and Dixie Springs Drive. The group carools from that location.

Tai Chi in the Dixie Springs Park

Tai Chi classes will be held every Tuesday starting 16 August at 9 am in the Dixie Springs Park.

DIXIE SPRINGS STATISTICS

Section	# Lots	# w/houses	Percent
A	225	148	66%
B	231	144	62%
C	274	69	25%
D	204	76	37%
E	259	67	26%
F	111	20	18%
G	86	45	52%
Total	1390	569	41%

RECOMMENDED VENDORS

The list of recommended vendors is on the web at <http://dixiespringsacc.org/vendors.htm>. If you had good service from a vendor, submit your information so everyone can benefit from your experience.

DIXIE SPRINGS DOG PARK

I am talking to the City of Hurricane about building an off leash dog park near the Dixie Springs park. I had a meeting with the major, the parks superintendent and the city manager. It would cost money to redraw the plans for the park so instead, they are going to talk to the water department about donating about one acre of land to the right of the park for the dog park.

There is already a fence there. I have asked for a fenced in area with benches, dog waste bags and a

garbage sack. There will not be grass. The most expensive part of the project will be the fencing.

We now have 569 homes (existing or under construction) in Dixie Springs. There are less and less vacant lots where people can walk their dogs. An off leash dog park will give people a place to go.

The city was receptive to the idea and will get back with me after they have talked to the water department about the donation of land.

TAI CHI CLASSES IN THE DIXIE SPRINGS PARK

Tai Chi classes will start August 16 at 9 am in the Dixie Springs park. Classes will be held every Tuesday. The first class is free and the next 4 classes are \$1. After that if you like it you can sign up.

The classes will be taught by Allen Bright. Allen is currently teaching Tai Chi classes at the Hurricane Senior Center. He has extensive training in various Martial Arts over 30 years. He studied Sun Style Tai Chi for 15 years, Red Belt in Chinese Yoga, 2nd

Degree Black Belt in Aikido, 1st Degree in Black Belt Hapkida. He earned a B.S. degree in Physical Education and Biology.

The benefits of Sun Style Tai Chi are the enhancement of postural alignment, balance, strength, joint integrity and helps calm the mind. Chinese Yoga is standing and sitting forms of exercises of stretching and vibrating movements to strengthen the tendons and increase the blood flow and energize the body.

WELCOMING NEW NEIGHBORS

Please be sure and welcome new folks to the neighborhood. A personal "hello and welcome" is really welcome by our new residents. Even though we are getting larger every month, we do not want to become impersonal.

We have had 115 homes added to Dixie Springs since the end of January 2016. That is a lot of homes and a lot of new people either already here or coming soon.

Be sure and tell them about the newsletter and try and get their email address and send it to me. The newsletter is a good way to keep them informed about what is going on in Dixie Springs.