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Dear Arts Council:

We have learned that the site where the groundbreaking occurred for the proposed Cultural Arts Center has a UDOT easement that conflicts with the site plans. Because of this, the site is not usable for a structure and the city is abandoning that site. We regret the city was unaware of this easement when the plans were drawn up and the site selected.

Alternate sites and options are being actively investigated. However, the financial position has weakened. The building design has changed and the current estimate is now \$11.3 million versus an initial \$8.1 million. Also, the county funding of \$2 million has been returned because the grant had conditions that were unfavorable to the city and negatively impact the Arts Council. The funds raised so far, which total about \$6.5 million, continue to be set aside for an arts center.

The West Jordan City Council has not changed its position in support of the Arts in West Jordan. However, the city does not currently have the full resources to move forward with the project as designed. A previous administration identified \$9.2 million as available for this project, but now that the price tag has increased, the grant funds have been returned, and the easement makes the location unsuitable, we are looking for alternate solutions.

As you know, we are currently working through our Truth in Taxation process. We will be soliciting input from the community on how they want to see City funds spent and will be conducting a survey to identify community priorities. We appreciate your contributions to our community and look forward to working together to find a solution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Brickey".

David R. Brickey  
City Manager

Cc: City Council