

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MINUTES

March 1, 2007
2 pm
SL County Government Center

PRESENT:

Tom Pollard	Alta	Peter Corroon	Salt Lake County
Claudia Anderson (Exc)	Bluffdale	Jenny Wilson (Exc)	Salt Lake County
Kelvyn Cullimore (Exc)	Cottonwood Hts	Mike Jensen (Exc)	Salt Lake County
Darrell Smith (Exc)	Draper	Tom Dolan (Exc)	Sandy
Lynn Crane	Herriman	Bryan Anderson	Sandy
Dennis Webb (Exc)	Holladay	Kent Money (Exc)	South Jordan
JoAnn Seghini	Midvale	Bob Gray (Exc)	South Salt Lake
Dan Snarr	Murray	Russ Wall	Taylorville
William Applegarth (Exc)	Riverton	David Newton	West Jordan
Rocky Anderson (Exc)	Salt Lake City	Dennis Nordfelt (Exc)	West Valley City
Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake City	Russ Brooks	West Valley City

John Guldner	Alta	Laura McIndoe	Alta
Randy Fitts	Holladay	Bill Barnes	Primary Children's
Michelle Baguley	Herriman/UTA	Orrin Colby	UTA
T.J. Tsakalos	Dist. Atty Office	Sabina Zunguze	Co Substance Abuse
Tim Whalen	Co DSA	Shawn McMillen	First Step House
Karen Wiley	Co CRD	Melanie Bowen	Sen. Hatch
Mary Taylor	Sen. Hatch	Val John Halford	WFRC
Sam Klemm	WFRC	Chuck Chappell	WFRC
Jory Johner	WFRC	Gary Edwards	SLVHDV
Jan Wells	Murray	Janice Jardine	SLC Council
Krista Sherwood	SLC Council	Lisa Ashman	SL Co Council
Nichole Dunn	SL Co Mayor	Andrea Parker	UTA
Liane Stillman	Cottonwood Hts	Greg Scott	WFRC
Barbara Thomas	WFRC		

WELCOME

The meeting was called to order at 2 pm by Mayor Peter Corroon, who excused President Nordfelt who was undergoing eye surgery.

MINUTES

Mayor Wall made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Crane, to approve the minutes of February 1, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Children's Health Study Update

Mayor Corroon introduced Bill Barnes, Primary Children's Hospital. Mr. Barnes reported that, although President Bush's budget did not include funds for the Children's Health Study, Congress chose to fund \$69 million for the 7 vanguard sites throughout the U.S. SL County will identify 15 geographic areas of the county for analysis this summer. During the summer of 2008 the goal will be to enroll 1,250 women of child bearing ages. Mr. Barnes asked that we urge our congressional delegation to support future on-going funding in the 2008 budget. COG may be asked to submit a letter of support as we get closer to the budget time frame.

There is being formed a study group to develop a second site in the Utah area. It was suggested that it include Cache County, Bear Lake, Lincoln and Wyoming.

Trailer Park Resident Relocations

Mayor Corroon asked Mayors if they would like to look at the issue of trailer park relocation impacts when the site is sold and residents are required to move. Because this is less expensive housing, young families are approaching homelessness as well as senior citizens when these properties are sold. Because there is senior housing built, they have an option that young families do not have for housing.

Mayor Seghini, chair of the Human Services committee, was asked to work with the Long Range Planning Committee for the Chronically Homeless in evaluating this situation. Carlton Christensen volunteered to work with the Mayor as well as Mayor Corroon's office. Sandy City noted they have had a successful experience with relocation of trailer parks, but it necessitated partnership with the city, county, banks and developers.

Cottonwood Heights reported that they would give assistance to this committee as they have had positive results with their experience with mobile home park relocations. They noted that public relations were critical to successful resolution. They had partnered with CAP, SL County Aging and Crossroads Urban Center.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pandemic Update

Gary Edwards, Executive Director of the SL Valley Health Department, gave a brief report on the pandemic influenza. He passed out a report of the Governor's Task Force on Influenza. (Filed with WFRC office) He stated that the World Health Organization has reported 274 cases of influenza from 2003 to Feb 23, 2007. There have been 11 human cases of H5NI influenza infection.

A brief summary of the identified issues by the Task Force are listed below: Recommendations are listed with the handout.

1. Effective and credible decision making during a pandemic
2. Communication
3. Adequacy of health care medical surge capacity for pandemic influenza
4. Policy questions for vulnerable populations
5. Maintaining essential business and community services during a pandemic event
6. Stockpiling and management of antiviral medications
7. Management and use of influenza vaccine during pandemic
8. Community mitigation

Mr. Edwards indicated that the issues would be prioritized and presented to the Governor in April. He also stated that plans for coordination with communities, schools and state to revise and update the plan to better contain a potential outbreak. SLC has a community presentation that Mr. Edwards had made to them that is available for other cities to use.

Substance Abuse

Tim Whalen, Association Director of the Division of Substance Abuse, introduced Shawn McMillan, Executive Director of First Step House and Sabina Zunguze, also of the Division of Substance Abuse. Mr. McMillan stated that there are 38,000 people in SL County who need help with overcoming substance abuse. 7,500 youth need substance abuse assistance, and we treat only 1,700. There is a gap between resources and needs. The focus on the First Step House is to get the abuser into treatment programs and help remove barriers such as access to services. There were 10,000 individuals receiving treatment services in SL County. A handout was shared which shows the treatment clients per zip code in Salt Lake County.

The County contracts with non profit agencies to assist in providing care. Funding comes from Federal Block Grants, Medicaid, and State funding to the tune of \$23 million in Salt Lake County this last year. The county puts out Requests for Performance to provide services and agencies bid for them. Not all are non-profit. It was noted there is a need for more services in the southern portion of the county.

Cities were encouraged to welcome agencies who want to come into communities where the needs are. First Step House wants to be an asset to the community in which it resides.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Legislative Update

Sam Klemm, WFRC, gave a legislative update and reported on some of the bills which passed which will have impact on cities in SL County.

HB 108, East/West Transportation Corridor Study, will now include 2nd class counties. The money appropriated for the study was upped to \$3.5 million. \$1.5 million is specifically for a study between I-15 and U-111 in SL County.

HB 158, Amendments to Transportation Provisions, diverts 70% of the \$10 vehicle registration fee to Mountain View Corridor. The remaining 30% will go to the Local Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund. MVC also gets the 2nd quarter of a quarter cent with bonding capability up to \$100 million.

HB 166, Transportation Revisions, which would have put UTA under UDOT, was defeated.

HB 226, Amendments to Sales Tax Provision for Highways and Public Transit, made UTA whole because of the loss of food sale tax.

HB 314, Transfer of Automobile Related Sales Tax to the Transportation Fund, results in an infusion of \$90 million which will be on going funds.

Preliminary Draft Regional Transportation Plan

Val Halford, WFRC, presented the draft RTP highway and transit phasing options which had been included in the Mayor's packets. He asked for input from the COG members for direction. Maps and projects are included with the minute files.

After discussion, preference was indicated for option #2 which is a 75/25 split for the local options sales tax funding. Mayor Seghini and Carlton Christensen were in favor of option 1. All others presented voted for option #2.

Mayors were asked that if they have additional input on the options presented, to please contact Val.

OTHER

Nominations for the Community of Peace Awards are open till March 10. Contact Mayor Corroon's office for further information.

Mayor Seghini made the MOTION to adjourn at 3:40 pm.