

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

August 2, 2007
N 2003
SL County Government Center
2 pm

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 by President Nordfelt.

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The minutes were not approved as there was not a quorum in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Nordfelt reviewed the meetings noted on the agenda for this next month. Members were reminded of a luncheon which will be provided on September 6 at 12:30 during which a presentation on the Watershed Quality Project will be given. That luncheon will be in N3005. (invitations will be sent)

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

TIP ENDORSEMENT

Members were reminded that the public comment period for the Transportation Improvement Projects has ended and the list will go to the Wasatch Front Regional Council on August 23. Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, was there to answer questions. There were none.

PUBLIC WORKS

Barbara Thomas gave a brief update on the status of projects still underway with the Local Corridor Preservation Fund. Herriman has nearly completed all appraisals for their parcels. From July, 06 to the end of July, 07, there was a total of \$7,471,781 brought in to the fund from the \$10 vehicle registration fee. To date, \$1,460,082 has been spent on the project in Holladay and the two projects in Sandy. \$40,000 was spent on staff salary. Total spent does not include the Herriman projects which were approved to the amount of \$3.2 million dollars. This leaves \$2,811,699 in the fund. Barbara reported that there have been no state road projects to date which qualify for the state match of monies. Riverton and West Valley are working on several projects which will be eligible for the state match.

Cities were encouraged to utilize the corridor preservation fund.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Patrick Thronson, Director of Communications, SLC, made a presentation to the COG requesting that cities restrict the use of cell phones by employees. The Legislature passed a bill during the 2007 session which prevents cities from restricting the use of cell phones on city streets. Mr. Thronson was encouraging cities to pass a resolution asking the legislature to allow cities to regulate their own streets and citizens. In the meantime, he spoke of efforts of SLC and SL County (through Executive Order) which prohibit employees from using cell phones in city owned cars or using a city owned phone in any vehicle while driving. Public safety employees are exempted. Additional information can be found at the following website: www.slccellsafe.com. More details can be found in the packet handed to COG members. (copies were mailed to those Mayors not represented by staff) This challenge also asks citizens to voluntarily refrain from using cell phones while driving.

Mayor Corroon indicated that he felt this ban had increased street safety. Mr. Thronson stated that driving while on a cell phone is equal to someone driving with a blood alcohol level of .08. Penalties would be at the department director's discretion. Mr. Thronson indicated they are encouraging businesses to be involved with this campaign.

Mr. Thronson also spoke to the issue of bicycle helmet use. He stated that helmets can reduce the risk of brain injury by 88%. When there is a helmet usage law, there is 79% compliance compared to 46% compliance when there is no law. Utah is known as a weak helmet usage state because only motorcyclists under the age of 18 are required to wear helmets. Mr. Thronson asked that COG pass a resolution asking cities and the legislature to require helmets of all ages. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the group that they would take this issue to their individual councils for study and discussion. If the councils direct their Mayors to go to COG with a stand for helmet use, then the COG would consider a resolution directed to the Legislature.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Mr. Joe Whittaker, Bureau of Reclamation, called to say he was unable to attend today and requested to be able to come again.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mark Lundgren reported on the Long Range Plan for Mobile Home Parks as directed by COG through the Long Range Plan Committee for Chronically Homeless. He stated that 70,000 Utahans living in manufactured homes and 35,000 of those live along the Wasatch Front. There are 40-45 mobile home parks in Salt Lake County. The cost of a mobile home is \$50-60,000 and they are generally unsubsidized homes. A primary issue for them is that they don't have control over the land they lease.

He stated the committee is looking a **legislation and public policy** which would be friendly to mobile home owners. It costs about \$15,000 just to place a home in a park and eviction notices are often arbitrary and sudden. The committee is suggesting minimum leases and better notification when land is sold or put on the market. They would like to see incentives given for owners to sell their parks to rent co-ops, public housing agencies or city/county housing authorities.

The committee would also like to create on going services to provide **technical resources** to track land use changes that are imminent. They would create a review process for development so homeowners/and owners would understand what is required for mobile home relocation.

The group would like to look at **financing** for non profit groups to purchase mobile home parks. Pre-1976 mobile homes often can't be moved, so perhaps there could be lower interest loans for these homeowners. Ten mobile parks have closed since 2002.

Growth in cities is planned, but the group would like to create a **review process** in the planning process where mobile homes parks are involved, perhaps with an overlay zone for affordable housing.

Not all parks can be saved, so there is a need for development of manufactured home communities. Building capacities would give options to mobile home owners.

Mr. Lundgren indicated that the committee is available to act as a resource for cities with mobile home parks. (Contact information available at WFRC office) Mobile homes should be considered a viable housing option.

LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

The group felt that mobile home parks could be addressed. This past year there were two unsuccessful bills which addressed Olene Walker funds being used for mobile home parks and one requiring that homeowners be notified of land sales.

Mayors were asked to get feedback from their council members for topics of discussion with the Legislators during the annual legislative luncheon.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

PRESENT

Tom Pollard (Exc)	Alta	Peter Corroon	SLC County
Claudia Anderson	Bluffdale	Michael Jensen (Exc)	SLC County
Kelvyn Cullimore (Exc)	Cottonwood Hts	Jenny Wilson (Exc)	SLC County
Darrell Smith	Draper	Tom Dolan (Exc)	Sandy
Lynn Crane(Exc)	Herriman	Bryant Anderson (Exc)	Sandy
Michelle Bagulay	Herriman	Kent Money (Exc)	South Jordan
Dennis Webb	Holladay	Bob Gray (Exc)	So Salt Lake
JoAnn Seghini (Exc)	Midvale	Russ Wall (Exc)	Taylorsville
Dan Snarr (Exc)	Murray	David Newton	West Jordan
Bill Applegarth	Riverton	Dennis Nordfelt	WVC
Rocky Anderson (Exc)	SLC	Russ Brooks	WVC
Carlton Christensen	SLC		

Annette Call	Cong. Cannon	Sam Klemm	WFRC
Andrea Packer	UTA	Patrick Thronson	SLC Mayor
Jan Wells	Murray	Leigh Dethman	Deseret News
Liane Stillman	Cottonwood Hts	Greg Schulz	SL County
Mark Lundgren	UROC	Cherie Wood	So SL Mayor
Lowell Gallacher	UT Mobile Homeowners	Donald Saulnier	UT Mobile Homeowners
Karen Wiley	SL County	Janneke House	SLC
Lynn Pace	SLC	Barbara Thomas	WFRC