

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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SL County Government Center
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September 6, 2007

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Mayor Wall made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Seghini, that the minutes of the June, 2007, and August, 2007, COG meetings be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Long Range Planning for the Chronically Homeless - Sept 11, Taylorsville
Conference of Mayors - Sept 27, Alta
Conversation on Climate Action – Oct 4, SLC Library
SLVHD Annual report handed out

CITIZEN INPUT

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

William Harry, Executive Director of VECC, introduced himself. He indicated that all cities use 911. They have increased their staff by 11 call operators. In 2006 there were 311,000 law enforcement incidents called in and 50,000 fire incidents. The Center also has reverse 911 capabilities. Predetermined groups can be called simultaneously or calls can be made to a specific geographic area.

He reported that the center is involved in the following:

- VECC is working with the county and cities in emergency management plans
- Making public presentations
- Participating in Night Out Against Crime activities
- Citizen Academies
- Educating citizens about inappropriate use of 911

There was discussion about the interoperability of the VECC and SLC in the event of a crisis. Part of VECC goals is to share CAD to CAD modules. Use of satellite radios was indicated to be part of a future use by the Center

Mr. Harry reported that a performance audit carried out between March - October, 2006, brought to light some areas needing improvement. He reported that the majority of those have been resolved.

HUMAN SERVICES

Mayor Seghini reported that our US Legislators had been contacted by COG members, as well as others, to reconsider funding for the National Children's Health Study. Subsequently, the 21 year study received funding and Salt Lake has been chosen as one of 7 vanguard sites in the nation to study the environmental impact on children and parents health. . In 2007, \$69 million dollars was authorized by Congress with \$109 million allocated for 2008.

Mayor Seghini introduced Dr. Ed Clark, University of Utah Dept of Pediatrics and Primary Children's Medical Center. Dr. Clark is the Principal Investigator of the SL Vanguard center at the University of Utah. Other vanguard sites in the country are CA, SD, WI, PA, NYC, NC. Some of the specific sites within the SL area have been selected to study participants; some of which are: Draper, Riverton, WV, WJ, Midvale and Cottonwood Heights.

Plans are that there will be investigators in the field in 2008 to help evaluate obesity, diabetes, cardio vascular disease, asthma and autism in children. There will be 105 locations selected as segments of neighborhoods. Samples of homes and women, as well as children in those homes, will be part of the study. Some of the unique areas to be selected are the prison, the Country Club, Avenues and Rose Park.

Dr. Clark briefly reviewed the study time line:

Fall 2007 - the site will be expanded into Cache County.
2007-2008 there will be meetings with community members and organizations.
Summer of 08 - investigators will start going door to door.
Fall of 08 - enrollment of 1250 SL County infants
Fall of 2008 - enrollment of 1000 Cache County infants
2010 – First results will be available
December 2012 – Completed enrollment
2033 - Analysis complete

Information asked of community leaders are 'what should the investigators know about different communities, what barriers will there be to recruitment, who else investigators should talk to'.

With regard to employment in the study, Dr. Clark indicated they want bilingual women who fit into the segments being visited. It will be long term employment with U of U benefits. Young men and women with environmental science knowledge are needed. Nurses and respiratory therapists are also needed

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

The West Bench Update was postponed.

Ann Ober spoke briefly about the Million Tree Program. Sponsored by the County, the Conference of Mayors has supported the concept of planting a million trees over the next 10 years in Salt Lake County. (Handout is available upon request.)

It was noted that one tree could save 15% on electricity costs over the 12 years. Planting was urged in early development areas. It was noted that the smaller the caliper of the tree, the faster it would grow. Carlton Christensen indicated he would get information about plastic sleeves for seedlings for the COG members.

Recording the planting of trees could be done through the website:
www.millontrees.slco.org

Mayor Wall made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Seghini that the Council of Governments support and endorse this program. The vote was unanimous.

AIR QUALITY

Jenny Wilson, Air Quality Committee chair, reported that this group had met twice and had a list of recommendations that communities could consider when looking at ways to improve air quality. Briefly the list is as follows: (Handout is available)

- Encourage cities to join the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)
- Work with UTA to provide free or reduced fares on red air quality days
- Request UDOT to post 1 day advance notification of red air quality days on electronic message boards on freeways
- Form partnerships with other groups to jointly address the issue of air quality
- Encourage cities to post links to government agencies and other organizations on city websites that provide useful information on ways to improve air quality
- Partner with local weathercasters to provide more comprehensive information on minimizing air pollution on red air quality days
- Encourage COG member cities to institute flex schedules if possible
- Encourage COG cities to adopt green building standards
- Research ability of offer incentives to convert from 'white' roofs to 'green' roofs
- Discuss possibility of securing grant funding to sponsor a county wide expo promoting public awareness of air quality
- Encourage participation in county wide tree planting program

Councilwoman Wilson indicated that many small acts can make a difference through zoning laws, building standards and reduction of car idling. Information on LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards can be found at www.usgbc.org which is sponsored by the US Green Building Council. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection, and indoor environmental quality.

Mayor Gray made the MOTION, seconded by Councilman Bryant Anderson, that the Council of Governments officially endorse all eleven points discussed by the Air Quality Committee. The motion was unanimous.

Chuck Chappell noted that mobile sources of air pollution have been reduced significantly and they are not the only impact on air quality.

PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Chappell briefly reported that the Super COG may be asked to convene to discuss how far out the COG has committed funds from the ¼ cent sales tax.

OTHER

General Assembly Date: November 26, 2007 and use it as the December COG meeting

Legislative Luncheon Date: December 11, 2007

Legislative Topics:

Some of the items discussed were as follows:

Property Tax Relief

Justice Courts issue would make the justices state employees rather than local

Mobile Home Parks: giving 1 year notice for property vacation

Forfeiture of Water Rights

UTA Governance – COG appointees to UTA board would be lost if UTA were under UDOT

State roads conveyed to localities

Capital outlay funding for education/school districts – new money or tax manipulation? How equalization could take place

School impact fees – cap the fee and limit what could be charged? Use a 90 day Window from time of setting fee to imposing fees

Lincoln Shurtz indicated some of these issues may be resolved after the Utah League policy committee meets this next week. He will send copies of resolutions to Barbara for distribution to the COG members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm

PRESENT

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

Pam Silberman	U Dept of Peds	Ed Clark	U/PCMC
Bill Barnes	PCMC	Liane Stillman	Cottonwood Hts
Sam Klemm	WFRC	Chuck Chappel	WFRC
Rob Jepps	SL Co Mayor	Nichole Dun	SL Co Mayor
Karen Suzuki-Okabe	SL Co Mayor	Jan Wells	Murray
Andrea Packer	UTA	Michelle Bagulay	UTA/Herriman
Barbara Thomas	WFRC	William Harry	VECC
Lisa Ashman	Cnclwmmn Wilson	Lincoln Shurtz	ULCT
Kane Loader	Midvale	John Hiskey	Sandy