

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

April 3, 2008
Grace Mary Manor
19 W Gregson Ave
South Salt Lake City
2 pm

MINUTES

WELCOME

Mayor Corroon welcomed all to the meeting at the newly completed Grace Mary Manor which provides housing for the chronically homeless. Kerry Bate, SL County Housing Authority, spoke briefly about the facility and invited people to stay after the meeting for a tour. There are presently 50 tenants. There have been significant donations made to the apartments to help residents make the transition from the streets to established residency.

MINUTES

Carlton Christensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Dolan, to approve the minutes of March 6, 2008. The motion passed unanimously

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Corroon reviewed the meetings noted in the agenda as follows:

Long Range Plan/ Homeless – April 8, 12:30 pm
Utah League of Cities & Towns – April 9-11, St. George
Trans Committee – April 17, WFRC, 2 pm
Conference of Mayors – April 24, Bluffdale, noon

Councilman Anderson, Sandy City, has accepted the position of chair of the Public Safety Subcommittee.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

Mayor Dolan turned the time over to John Bennett, Project Manager of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

The Utah Quality Growth Commission was established in 1999 with the passage of the Utah Quality Growth Act. It has three primary responsibilities: first to advise the Governor and the Legislature on growth management issues; second to assist local government with their land use planning responsibilities by providing resources, tools and technical assistance; and, third to preserve critical lands in Utah by administering the LeRay McAllister Land Conservation Fund.

The purpose of Mr. Bennett's visit is to understand what the biggest growth challenges are facing the County. He also asked what city planning needs are and how the state can help to address those planning needs. The Quality Growth Commission is planning to visit all the counties in the state and prepare a report to the legislature detailing planning needs around the state.

Mr. Bennett also wanted to let COG members know about the critical lands funding opportunities that are available through the LeRay McAllister Fund. Funding has been made available through the legislature for local governments to apply for land conservation projects. Mr. Bennett indicated that the deadline is May 12, 2008 for applications. That application can found at www.qualitygrowth.utah.gov.

He also reported there is a land use library from cities in the state which is now found on line at www.planning.utah.gov. The state also has planning tool kits and can provide technical assistance to cities.

Issues identified were as follows:

Carlton Christensen: Trails, bikes and transit should be included in addition to the RTP.

Mayor Crane: Coordinate trails and open space among communities

Mayor Corroon: The McAllister fund is \$2.4 million and it will fund up to 50% of the value of a project.

Are there funds at the state level for planning?

Mayor Smith: Of the funds requested last year, there were \$200,000 in planning grants. There were requests of up to \$1 million that primarily went to cities on the edge of high growth.

The members of the Quality Growth Commission serve a 4 year term with one reappointment. There are six local government representatives, two state agency representatives (Dept of Agriculture and Dept of Natural Resources), four citizens who represent the homebuilder association, realtors association and the agricultural community. There is also a land use planner from the 5 County Association of Governments.

AIR QUALITY

Ann Ober, SL County, and Vicki Bennett, SLC, spoke of the air quality principles which had been adopted by the COG in 2007. The premise of those principles is that cities should partner to do what they can to improve air quality in the valley.

The Energy Star program is used to track individual building use of energy. Ms Ober indicated the county will host a training session on how to use the tracking program which is free. They would like someone from each city to attend.

She indicated they have a 3 year contract to use the system so a city can join in the next year or two. It was also stated that there is financing available if a city would like to purchase solar panels.

Ms Ober and Ms Bennett indicated they would both be available to cities as an environmental resource. They can be contacted as noted below:

Ann Ober 468 30198 aober@slco.org
Vicki Bennett 535 6540 vicki.bennett@slcgov.com

PUBLIC WORKS

Barbara Thomas made a brief presentation on the city applications for funds through the Local Transportation Corridor Preservation Fund. There are \$4,109,840 available as of 1 March 08. The new applications presented were from Herriman and Taylorsville.

Herriman had purchased 3 parcels from Key Bank and were requesting reimbursement for a cost of \$189,000.

Taylorsville was requesting \$385,000 for purchase of a lot that would be part of the widening of the intersection at Redwood Road and 6200 South.

Herriman requested funds for the Miller property on 5600 West totaling \$114,345.00

Herriman requested funds for the Walker property on 5600 West totaling \$862,400.00

Herriman requested funds for the Mines property on 5600 West totaling \$170,383.00.

Total for Herriman is \$1,336,238
Taylorsville \$ 385,000
TOTAL \$1,721,238

The Public Works Subcommittee had recommended these applications be approved by the COG and referred to the County Council.

Mayor Dolan made the MOTION, seconded by Councilman Christensen, to approve the recommendations as presented today and recommend them to the SL County Council favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Corroon led a discussion on emergency call taking for members of Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC). There has been discussion of creating another Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) in the county. At present, there are three answering points: VECC, SLC and the SL County sheriff has a dispatch after the call is transferred from VECC to the county.

Concerns noted were at a joint meeting of the EOC and the UFA are as follows:

- redundancy in the event of systems going down
- compatibility of communication systems
- mutual aid
- economy of scale if another PSAP is created
- priority of fire/medical calls which affect contract cities
- governance models
- what would the new PSAP look like?

The group is working with the state tax commission to determine a potential financing model.

Mayor Dolan stated he supported using the existing VECC and questioned why another PSAP would be needed. The systems used, Spillman and Versa Term, seem to be working. The question of redundancy can be resolved by using SLC as a back up to VECC.

Another suggestion was that a special service district could bind the three existing PSAPs under one system.

There will continue to be discussion about this issue at future meetings. It was suggested that the May COG meeting be held at the VECC center. A tour will be available after the meeting for those who would like to go through the center.

OTHER

Mayor Seghini stated that her term as a COG representative to the Salt Lake Valley Board of Health expires in June 2008. It is the end of a second 4 year term. Mayor Russ Wall volunteered to serve on the Salt Lake Valley Board of Health.

Mayor Seghini also congratulated the City of South Salt Lake, its police chief and the mayor, on the handling of a case in which a 7 year old girl disappeared and was found dead. Mayor Gray expressed appreciation to all the police agencies who assisted in the search. He asked that the mayors express his appreciation to their law enforcement personnel.

A tour was held of the Grace Mary Manor.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Mayor Pollard	Alta	Mayor Anderson (Exc)	Bluffdale
Mayor Cullimore (Exc)	Cottonwood Hts	Mayor Smith	Draper
Mayor Crane	Herriman	Mayor Webb (Exc)	Holladay
Mayor Seghini	Midvale	Mayor Snarr	Murray
Mayor Applegarth	Riverton	Mayor Becker (Exc)	Salt Lake City
Carlton Christensen	Salt Lake City	Mayor Corroon	Salt Lake County
Michael Jensen (Exc)	Salt Lake County	Jenny Wilson (Exc)	Salt Lake County
Mayor Dolan	Sandy	Bryant Anderson	Sandy
Mayor Money (Exc)	South Jordan	Mayor Gray	South Salt Lake City
Mayor Wall	Taylorsville	Mayor Newton	West Jordan
Kathy Hilton (Exc)	West Jordan	Mayor Nordfelt (Exc)	West Valley City
Russ Brooks	West Valley City		

Kerry Bate	Housing Auth	John Hiskey	Sandy City
John Bennett	GOPB	William Harry	VECC
Ken McGuire	WJ PD	Justin Jones	UTA
Jon Cox	Sen. Bennett	Liane Stillman	Cottonwood Hts
Ann Ober	SL County	Vicki Bennett	SLC
Jan Wells	Murray	Michelle Baguley	Herriman/UTA
Sam Klemm	WFRC	Robert Jeppsen	SL County
Nichole Dunn	SL Co	Barbara Thomas	COG