

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

November 5, 2009
2 pm
County Government Center

MINUTES

WELCOME

Mayor Money welcomed all present to the Council of Governments meeting.

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Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Councilman Christensen, that the minutes of September 3 and October 5, 2009 be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Money reviewed meetings scheduled this next month, with the addition of the November 17th meeting.

- Nov 5: JPAC, noon, UTA, 3600 S 700 W
- Nov 14: Assoc of Municipal Councils, 8 am, Cottonwood Hts
- Nov 17: *Long Rng Plng Comm for the Chronically Homeless, 12:30 pm WVC*
- Nov 19: Conference of Mayors
- Nov 19: Trans Com, 2 pm - WFRC
- Dec 1: Legislative Luncheon, noon, Cultural Celebration Center, WVC

Nomination Committee appointment

The nominating committee for next year's officers will be Mayor Money, President of the COG, Mayor Corroon as the past president, Mayor Cullimore and Mayor Wall as this year's officers. Councilman Christensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Smith, to accept the committee as noted. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

Utah Center for Affordable Housing

Mayor Seghini introduced Daniel Peterson from the Utah Center for Affordable Housing. Mr. Peterson indicated that he is paid by Zion's Bank but has been assigned to the Utah Center. He presented a handout which outlined what the center does. (on file)

The Center serves as an independent clearinghouse for foreclosed properties in Utah. They were awarded funds from the Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. One fourth of these funds target families making less than 50% of Area Median Income (AMI). The remainder targets families making less than 120% of AMI. Salt Lake County AMI is \$67,800. These purchases of foreclosed properties which are then renovated, help stabilize neighborhoods and increase the availability of affordable housing in Utah.

Mr. Peterson reported that there is no foreclosure through eminent domain.

Mr. Peterson asked the Mayors to contact the Center with target properties in their communities. The Center would like cities to be able to provide loans for rehabilitation of properties. Housing Authorities can use Olene Walker funds for their loans.

He can be reached at dan@utahaffordablehousing.org or 801 844 7142. (handout on file)

Salt Lake Valley Health Department Resolution of Support

Beverly Hyatt, SLVHD, indicated that the Health Department has an opportunity to apply for a \$10-20 million grant over a two year period to fight chronic disease through nutrition and physical activity, by developing policy systems and environmental changes. The Health department is the applicant but the funds are distributed to local groups. There will be a leadership team created to decide on the distribution of the funds. The applicant must show evidence of a capacity for innovation as well as experience and past successes.

She reviewed some of the proposed collaborations in cities:

- Walking School Bus
- Improve and connect trails and walking paths
- Subsidized memberships to recreation facilities
- Work with faith based groups to encouraging walking and sports programs
- Work with existing community gardens
- Provide assistance to assist with Healthy Communities development and continuation

Mayor Cullimore made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Seghini, that the Council of Governments support the Salt Lake Valley Health Department resolution. (see handout) The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Work Force Services

Amber Adams, DWS, gave an overview of some of the services that the department has to help cities:

- Economic information by city
- Free service for job seekers
- Intensive services for job seekers which may include help with finding child care or assistance in signing up for food stamps
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Christine Reyes, DWS, works with special population in employment services to include the following:

- Chronically homeless who are in permanent supportive housing
- Persons with disabilities
- Refugees
- Persons with criminal backgrounds

The Department also offers workshops on resumes, how to update work skills, educational opportunities or training. They also function on a demand driven concept: they may provide skills training to meet the demands of an employer.

Ms Adams also indicated the Department will help local businesses with solutions to employment issues that may include either adding positions or downsizing. Jobs can be posted by phone through a business contact call center. There is also a Rapid Response team available to help workers who have been downsized when a major business shuts down. The Department will provide labor law training to help businesses avoid litigation.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Legislative Luncheon Topics

The annual Legislative Luncheon between the COG members and the Legislators from Salt Lake County will be held Tuesday, December 1 at noon at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center in West Valley.

Discussion was held about the topics to be addressed at the luncheon. The following were selected:

Restaurant tax: Mayor Cullimore as chair of the Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention Center (TRCC) committee will address the Legislature indicating that the restaurant tax should be maintained as a stable revenue source for the convention business, cultural venues and recreation facilities within the county.

Jail Contracting and Reimbursement: Mayor Corroon will reiterate that jail contracting between the state and the counties is not involved in this discussion about jail reimbursement. With jail reimbursement, prisoners may have their prison term stayed and probation given on the condition that the prisoner spends time (up to a year) in a

county jail. The court retains jurisdiction over the prisoner and it gives the judge more control over the sentencing process. The counties must accept the prisoners, which for Salt Lake County, amounts to about 350 to 400 inmates.

Discussion to be held is about the fiscal responsibility the state has in the case of condition of probation prisoners. In the 2007 Legislative session, counties and the Legislature agreed that the state would pay 50% of the rate it costs the state prison to house an inmate (\$64.29 per day) or \$32.15, contingent upon available funding. The true cost for housing a state prisoner in a county jail is about \$80 per day. The Legislature has to date been unwilling to fully appropriate the funds necessary to cover the agreed upon rate.

Cities and the county have to make up the difference of funding the county jail. There is about \$7 million that is being subsidized for the state for housing state condition of probation inmates in county jails.

Transportation: Councilman Jensen as Chair of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, will be asked to speak about increasing funding for transportation. He will stress maintaining the current funding through B and C class road funds.

Interest loans for energy efficient homes: Councilwoman Wilson would like to speak to the Legislature about allowing low interest loans for energy efficient remodeling of homes. Mayor Money felt this would be a discussion to see if the Legislators are interested in this. The loan funds would come in the form of a lien against the participants' property. 1% would be added to the interest on the loan to pay administrative costs.

PHYSICAL RESOURCES

COG resolution of support for the County Cooperative Plan

At the October General Assembly, the County Cooperative Plan was presented to the members. At that time the body voted in favor of a resolution of support to the County. That resolution was presented to the members today. The County also asked each city to pass a city resolution in support of the Plan. The Mayors indicated they would take the resolutions to their city councils before signing the resolution on behalf of the Council of Governments.

OTHER

There was nothing else brought forward.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor Claudia Anderson	Bluffdale	Michael Jensen	SL County
Bryant Anderson	Sandy	Mayor Kent Money	South Jordan
Mayor William Applegarth	Riverton	Mayor Dave Newton	West Jordan
Mayor Ralph Becker	SLC	Mayor Dennis Nordfelt (Exc)	WVC
Russ Brooks (Exc)	WVC	Mayor Tom Pollard	Alta
Carlton Christensen	SLC	Mayor JoAnn Seghini	Midvale
Mayor Peter Corroon (Exc)	SL County	Mayor Darrell Smith	Draper
Mayor Lynn Crane (Exc)	Herriman	Mayor Dan Snarr (Exc)	Murray
Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore	Ctnwd Hts	Mayor Russ Wall (Exc)	Taylorville
Mayor Tom Dolan	Sandy	Mayor Dennis Webb (Exc)	Holladay
Mayor Bob Gray (Exc)	So SL	Jenny Wilson	SL County
Kathy Hilton (Exc)	WJ	Barbara Thomas	Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

Dan Peterson	UCAH	Ann Ober	SLCo
Elli Cosky	SLCo	Beverly Hyatt	SLVHD
Rebecca Palmer	DesNews	Melanie Bowen	Sen. Hatch
Liane Stillman	Ctnwd Hts	Randy Fitts	Holladay
John Hiskey	Sandy	Doug Hattery	WFRC
Justin Jones	UTA	John Guldner	Alta
Joel Clark	SLCC	Chris Cook	SLCC
Gaylord Scott	UFA	Ryan Perry	SLCo
Parley Davis	SLCo	Amber Adams	DWS
Christine Reyes	DWS	Faye Martell	DWS
Jan Wells	Murray	Lynn Pace	SLC
Ben McAdams	SLC		