

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

March 3, 2010

2 pm

County Government Center

MINUTES

WELCOME

Mayor Wall welcomed all to the meeting.

MINUTES

Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Timothy, to approve the minutes of February 3, 2011, as written. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was none.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

US Census Update - Pam Perlich, Bureau of Economic and Business Research, U of U

Ms. Perlich had an emergency and was unable to attend the meeting today.

Judicial Nomination Commission – Mayor Wall

Holladay City has nominated Judy Lever to represent the COG on the Judicial Nomination Commission. She is a non practicing attorney who is well connected in the community. WVC nominated their City attorney, Eric Bunderson. Each mayor spoke to their nominations. Voting took place and Ms. Lever was selected to represent the COG on the Nomination Commission. Barbara and Mayor Webb will contact Ms. Lever as well as the Commission staff.

PUBLIC WORKS

UTA update on 'Change Day' and fare changes – Ben Southworth/Mike Allegra, UTA

Ben Southworth explained that with the opening of the Mid Jordan and the West Valley TRAX lines, there will be some changes in the existing bus routes. That 'Change Day' is scheduled for August 7, 2011. There have been numerous open houses to this date with the following focuses:

- Maximize ridership
- Maximize efficiency

- Meeting the budget
- Ridership and traveler modeling

During the first round of developing scenarios the focus was on ridership and efficiency. UTA is now in the second phase of open houses with two suggested scenarios. They are trying to reach the public through communities, websites, email, phones, etc. They would like as much input as possible. These suggested scenarios are not the final products with people voting for the one they like best or least. They are proposals only and they are asking for feedback.

Andrea Packer, UTA, reviewed the background for developing the scenarios, narrowing them from 6 suggestions to two, using the noted above. Public comment will be received till March 31, 2011.

Loren Simpson, UTA, talked about the two scenarios presented today. The focus was ridership and efficiency.

Scenario A will increase efficiency by 12%, with more buses running at 15 minute intervals. Scenario B focused on frequency with a 14% increase in ridership, but there will be no Sunday service. Trax will still run on the weekends. The Mid-Jordan Trax will run to the U of U and the West Valley line will run to downtown.

All information about the scenarios as well as the maps can be found at rideuta.org. Everyone present was encouraged to make comments as well as put a link to the UTA website on their city websites.

HUMAN SERVICES AND HOUSING

Update on Task Force to End Youth Homelessness – Kathy Bray, Director, Volunteers of America

The Volunteers of America is a faith based non-profit organization which started providing service in 1997. They are located at 655 S State. In 2007, they served 405 homeless youth and in 2009 it had jumped to 855 youth. The increase is due to the economic crisis which has also impacted the 18-22 year old population.

VOA has an outreach van which finds the youth, provides water and hygiene items and invites the youth to the Center. There is a laundry, shower, and case managers there to assist. There is also a transition home for girls available for residence for 18 months. When asked about where these youth came from, Kathy referred to the power point slides (see handout) which differentiated the youth.

Kathy reported there is no emergency housing for homeless youth. They won't go to the Road Home or the Homeless shelter because they feel it is for older people or families.

There are three primary needs for homeless youth:

1. Housing
2. Education

3. Employment

In 2010 the Youth Task force was established of youth, profit and non-profit agencies and government agencies. They now have 4 unites available for homeless youth at Palmer Court. Cornerstone can provide therapy and medication and Horizonte is working with the youth a couple times a week. There is also a Community Writing Center they can attend weekly.

Preliminary recommendations are as follows:

- Increase emergency, transitional and permanent supportive housing options
- Expand access to affordable housing
- Create improved processes to successfully bridge youth from state custody into the community to prevent homelessness
- Continued dissemination of training regarding LGBTQ youth to create supportive environments to prevent homelessness
- Expand government and private partnerships
- Establish sustainable supportive service funding
- Improved data collection and analysis

Volunteer of America next steps are:

- Replace existing Drop In Center with a new center that can accommodate program growth
- Identify VOA role in preventing youth in state custody from becoming homeless
- Establish new collaboration for education and employment opportunities
- Develop additional housing options
- Secure increased financial support

EDUCATION

Utah Afterschool Network – Bobbie Ikegami

Bobbie Ikegami stated that the Afterschool Network has a saying: If you want to plan for 1 year, plant rice; if you want to plan for 10 years, plant trees; if you want to plan for 100 years, education your children.

All children should have access to activities outside of school hours. This is a program that is dependent upon the needs of individual communities.

Kari Cutler, Social Marketing Consultant, indicated she had been contracted for through the Department of Workforce Services for the Afterschool Network. Their focus is to help develop students into a strong future workforce.

She reported that children who participate in afterschool activities, they get about an extra 70 days of support in education, science and recreation based on the activities in which they participate.

The Afterschool Network places emphasis on career development, education innovation, and fundraising. It was mentioned that HB 181 presently being considered at the Legislature would not allow partnerships with the schools, associations and communities. It would eliminate afterschool and summer programs operated at public schools.

The number one impact on children's success in school is the child knowing that their parents care what they do.

OTHER

Mayor Wall reminded the mayors of non-entitlement cities that they may opt to use CDBG planning funds to pay their COG dues for the 2011-12 year.

COG members were reminded of the announcements in the agenda.

- March 4: Assoc of Municipal Councils, Noon, Murray City Hall
- March 8: Long Rng Plng Comm for Chronically Homeless, 12:30 pm Palmer Court
- March 17: Regional Growth Committee, 9:30 am, WFRC
- March 17: Air Quality Committee, 11 am, WFRC
- March 24: Conference of Mayors, 11:30 am, Herriman
- March 24: Regional Council, 2 pm, WFRC

Mayor Cullimore made the MOTION, seconded by Councilman Jensen, to adjourn. It was unanimous.

PRESENT:

Bryant Anderson	Sandy	Corey Rushton	WVC
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Mayor William Applegarth (Exc)	Riverton	Mayor JoAnn Seghini (Exc)	Midvale
Mayor Ralph Becker (Exc)	SLC	Mayor Darrel Smith	Draper
Carlton Christensen	SLC	Mayor Dan Snarr	Murray
Mayor Peter Corroon	SL County	Ben Southworth	WJ
Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore	Ctnwd Hts	Mayor Derk Timothy	Bluffdale
Mayor Tom Dolan (Exc)	Sandy	Mayor Russ Wall	Taylorville
Michael Jensen	SL County	Mayor Dennis Webb	Holladay
Mayor Melissa Johnson (Exc)	WJ	Cnclwmn Jani Iwamoto	SL County
Cnclwmn Raquel De Luca	Herriman	Mayor Cherie Wood	So SL
Cnclwmn Aleta Taylor	SJ	Mayor Mike Winder	WVC
Mayor Tom Pollard (Exc)	Alta	Barbara Thomas	Staff

OTHERS PRESENT:

Justin Jones	UTA	Michael Allegra	UTA
Andrea Packer	UTA	Lorin Simpson	UTA
Chuck Gats	UTA/ULCT	Tyler Garcia	UTA
Bobbie Ikegami	UAN	Kari Cutler	UAN
Kelly Colopy	SLCo HS	Mark Reid	Bluffdale
Clare Collard		Ruby Martinez	
Michael Gallegos	SLCo CRD	Randy Fitts	Holladay
G.J. Labonty	UTA	Kathy Bray	Volunteers of America
Rita Lund	SL Co	Gary Whatcott	SJ City
Bill Lee	Sen Lee	John Guldner	Alta
Robert Jeppsen	SLCo Mayor	Greg Schulz	SLCo
Bart Baker	Co Cncl		