

Salt Lake County Council of Governments

AN ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN SALT LAKE COUNTY, UTAH

February 7, 2013
2 pm
County Government Center

MINUTES

Chairman Becker welcomed all to the meeting.

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Councilman Jensen made the MOTION, seconded by Councilman Christensen, to approve the minutes as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

COMMENTS

There were none.

WFRC

Review Draft Regional Economic Development Plan – LaNiece Davenport, WFRC

Ms Davenport gave a brief history of the Economic Development District. It was created in 2012 and has one representative from the SL COG participating on the Board. The Economic Development District (EDD) can obtain federal funds to stimulate economic development in any of the five counties the WFRC serves. It also serves as a guide with a regional economic development strategy known as CEDS. She reviewed the mission statement of the Development Strategy.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) helps coordinate and aid cooperation between existing economic activities. They performed a SWOT (strengths, weakness, obstacles and threat) analysis to aid the Board in identifying strategic projects, programs and activities in the area.

Ms Davenport reviewed the EDA funding sources that can be applied to projects focusing on the following:

- Public works
- Economic adjustment
- Innovation
- Technical Assistance
- Research and evaluation

Basically the process is that projects are submitted to the WFRC Economic Development District to aid in getting into the CEDS. The project is then submitted to EDA where it competes with 9 other states for regional projects.

The draft CEDS is completed and is now receiving public comments. The EDD would like a letter of support from the Council of governments signed by municipal mayors. Mayors were asked to review the CEDS and be prepared to take action at the March COG meeting.

STP/CMAQ/TAP Concept Reports – Ben Wuthrich, WFRC

Mr. Wuthrich reviewed projects and programs submitted for funding through the Surface Transportation Plan, (STP) Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and the Transportation Alternatives Program fund (TAP). Letters of intent as well as concept projects have been submitted. Mr. Wuthrich wanted to make sure everyone's submitted projects were listed on the concept report. He asked mayors to verify with their staff if there appeared to be a discrepancy. Please contact him before February 27, 2013.

DISCUSSION – Mayor Becker

At the January meeting, all were asked to submit ideas as to what the COG should focus on this year. It was a general consensus that we would continue with the merger of 911 and UPD. Mayor Johnson reported the committee would like a UPD city mayor to sit on the committee. Mayor Applegarth indicated he would ask Mayor Seghini.

Prioritizing Best Practices to share in COG:

1. **Air quality** (after the Legislature ends)
2. Energy options for cities renewable, efficiency, municipal efficiencies
3. **Transportation**
4. **Emergency Preparedness**
5. **City Financial Preparedness** – WJ
6. Storm Water Management becoming performance based

Highlighted topics are those prioritized.

Other topics included joint regional services to include public works, art programs and wall to wall cities and homelessness. Another topic mentioned was perhaps receiving information from the Jordan River Commission. It was brought up that all cities that touch the River are involved in the Jordan River Commission and perhaps we don't want to duplicate information. Councilman Jensen mentioned that he would like to have information about the trail system in the County presented in COG.

Mayor Winder said perhaps we shouldn't duplicate other efforts being made. Conference of Mayors will be looking at 'wall to wall' cities this year.

Mayor Applegarth would like information from SLC about their air quality efforts to impact air quality on a local basis.

Great Salt Lake Advisory Board has information about the intrinsic value of the Salt Lake and the value it provides to SL. No funds are needed to clean it because it is salt water. Storm water will become a bigger issue that it has been in the past.

It was asked how frequently COG should meet in the future. It was decided to leave the schedule as it is, but if there are no item agendas, the meeting could be cancelled.

Mayor Becker stated that Salt Lake City spends over a million dollars a year to provide homeless services. SL County and some cities also participate in providing services for the homeless. In September, 2012, a survey was done of the homeless at The Road Home to determine their residence prior to entering the homeless shelter. That information was sent to COG members in October 2012. There was also a survey done two weeks ago, counting the homeless at the shelter as well as those who could be found on the streets. The chronically homeless eat a lot of the services of the city that could be solved if they were in housing with case management.

The City has been trying to determine how they can expand their ability to serve all the homeless and have all communities participate. Financial participation from cities has been discussed and two models were studied.

1. Use CDBG funds
2. Population/per capita approach

It was determined that CDBG funds were not a good source of funding because only 15% of those funds can be used for soft costs (services).

A handout was presented (on file) which included a proposal that would be an ongoing, population based assessment from cities' general fund revenues. A graph demonstrated what a yearly assessment would be for each city based on a \$.30, \$.35, or \$.40 per person rate. General fund sources provide greater flexibility for procurement and reporting than federal funds. An administrative and management model would be created which would allow transparency for use of the funds.

Discussion resulted in the following questions:

- How can one government agency give funds to another?
- City councils need to give their commitment to funding services for the homeless perhaps via a resolution.
- To whom do the funds go?
- What is the perceived benefit to cities?
- Who, specifically, will receive the funds
- How are services provided?
- What is the mechanism to review the allocation?

There are existing organizations that work with the homeless that can help with the oversight of the funds, or it could be a subcommittee of COG. Legal questions can be answered by the County attorney or SL City attorneys by sharing information with cities.

Councilman Bracken made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Applegarth, to accept the funding model reflected by \$.35 per capita assessment. The motion includes information being provided to the Mayors regarding the questions noted. Each mayor would take the information back to their city councils for budget consideration. More information will be provided to the mayors regarding questions noted above. Mayor Becker said they are looking at Davis and Weber County for assistance. Mayor Becker stated Kerry Steadman and his group will provide research information that can be presented to city councils. The information will be brought back at the March meeting.

The motion was unanimous.

OTHER

Midvale shelter was purchased by The Road Home but there is a note on the building. Councilman Christensen asked if cities would be willing to use some of their RDA funds to help.

Councilman Christensen made the MOTION, seconded by Mayor Smith, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

PRESENT

Mayor William Applegarth	Riverton	Cnclmn Tom Huynh	WVC
Mayor Ralph Becker	SLC	Mayor JoAnn Seghini (Exc)	Midvale
Cnclmn Carlton Christensen	SLC	Mayor Darrel Smith	Draper
Mayor Ben McAdams (Exc)	SL County	Mayor Dan Snarr (Exc)	Murray
Cnclmn Scott Bracken	Ctnwd Hts	Cnclmn Ben Southworth	WJ
Mayor Tom Dolan (Exc)	Sandy	Cnclmn Bruce Kartchner	Bluffdale
Cnclwmn Kris Nicholl	Sandy	Cnclwmn Dama Barbour	Taylorville
Michael Jensen	SL County	Cnclwmn Sabrina Petersen	Holladay
Mayor Melissa Johnson	WJ	Cnclmn Randy Horiuchi (Exc)	SL County
Mayor Josh Mills	Herriman	Cnclmn Irvin Jones	So SL
Mayor Scott Osborne (Exc)	SJ	Mayor Mike Winder	WVC
Tom Pollard	Alta	Barbara Thomas	Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

John Park	CH	Mark Reid	Bluffdale
Gary Whatcott	SJ	Randy Fitts	Holladay
Jan Wells	Murray	Michael Anderson	SL Co
Ben Wuthrich	WFRC	Chuck Gates	ULCT/UTA
John Guldner	Alta	Rob Wall	SJ
Michael Gallegos	SL Co	Brett Wood	Herriman
Justin Sorenson	SLC	David Everitt	SLC
Randy Wightman (?)	SL Co	Nichole Dunn	SL Co
Greg Schulz	SL Co	Rita Lund	SL Co

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