

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

October 5, 2015, 2 pm
Salt Lake County Government Center, Room N2-800

Approved Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Herriman Mayor and COG Treasurer Carmen Freeman and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to the lack of a quorum, the approval of the draft minutes was not considered.

CITIZEN COMMENT

There was none.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE—MAYOR SEGHINI

Homeless Collective Impact Committee—Shaelene Gee

Mayor Seghini introduced Shaelene Gee, Manager of the Salt Lake County Homeless Collective Impact Committee. Ms. Gee gave a power point presentation on the composition and purpose of the Collective Impact Committee. The Committee has been organized to help in evaluating opportunities for additional efficiencies and greater effectiveness in efforts to reduce homelessness.

Approximately \$52 million from both public and private sources is spent each year in Salt Lake County on services to and emergency housing for the homeless. The government share of that amount is approximately \$30 million and is divided between federal, state and local governments. An additional \$45 million in associated costs are incurred for such things as jail, emergency medical services, drug and substance abuse counseling, etc.

The committee has identified how people get into the system, what they do while they are there and how they get out. Unfortunately, most at-risk individuals must become homeless before services are available. Therefore, intervention to prevent homelessness of at risk individuals is a key strategy being examined.

Mayor McAdams arrived at this point and assumed chairmanship of the meeting.

Ms. Gee noted that there are several shelters in addition to the Road Home. Unfortunately, they are not always fully utilized due to a lack of coordination. Most homeless individuals begin their entry into the system through the Road Home. This creates a bottleneck because it is the only access point. This was identified as a 'fixable' problem.

Ms. Gee noted that most homeless individual get out of the system through death, jail, other temporary shelters or placement in permanent supportive housing.

Approximately 30% of all homeless individuals are booked into jail every year. Sixteen percent are known as 'frequent flyers' and are booked on multiple occasions throughout the year.

Mayor Freeman asked what percent of the funding was spent on prevention and rehabilitation. Answer: Very little. Most such money is focused on rapid re-housing.

Councilman Rappleye noted that most individuals who spend much time in jail lose their employment and, therefore, start on the path to homelessness.

Mayor McAdams said goal is to map the entire system and see where the problems are beginning with the jail. This will give an accurate picture of how the \$52 million spent annually on the system is distributed.

Councilman Rappleye noted that services for the homeless will need to be spread across the entire County.

The Collective Impact Committee consists of 30 organizations convened by Mayor McAdams brought together to consider needs for the homeless.

Mayor McAdams noted that it is important that other funding agencies share the goals of the Committee so the County is approaching the State, Salt Lake City and other private agencies on this issue. Presently, there is 100% buy in from the major program funders.

Three outcomes will be pursued including:

1. Divert people from the shelter where possible.
2. Creating neighborhoods that will be welcoming and safe.
3. Intercepting people as they leave the jail before they end up on the streets.

Mayor Applegarth asked, “Where do the homeless come from?” Answer: We do not have good data on that. It is one of the things that we will be working on. Mayor McAdams suggested that we will be moving from having only anecdotal evidence to where we have actual data.

Final recommendations are expected by October 14th. Full endorsement by the providers is expected in January.

Mayor Seghini asked if the individual cities will continue contributing to the homeless effort. Carlton Christensen replied that that effort will be taken over by funding from the CDBG account.

Councilmember Wilson noted that an outside consultant was hired by the Pioneer Park Coalition and had made several recommendations. She then asked what became of those recommendations. Answer: Several of his recommendations have been adopted into the Committee goals.

Lynn Pace asked what the timetable is for the Committee. Answer: Mayor McAdams said that the next step will be to go to the local government and private funding agencies and ask them to endorse the goals and then go to the State.

At some point the Collective Impact Steering Committee and the Continuum of Care Committee which controls some public funding allocations will be merged.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Transportation Coalition—Wendy Hansen, Penna Powers Advertising and Public Relations

The Utah Transportation Coalition is reaching the culmination of its efforts across Utah in support of Proposition 1 which appears on the ballot in 17 counties including Salt Lake County. The Coalition has raised and will spend approximately \$500,000 on TV advertising, billboards and some direct mail. There will also be full page ads in the Deseret News and the Tribune and multiple op-eds in various newspapers across the state. Lastly, there will be a homepage takeover on KSL.com. Most of those efforts are now starting to show up in public and the rest will do so in the near future. There have also been approximately 100 news articles since June with only 15% being negative.

The polls show a narrow win in Salt Lake County and other counties where polling has taken place. The surveys have shown that the voters are okay with the tax increase provided that there is accountability in how the money will be spent. The position and involvement of local leaders is very important and influential on the electorate.

Mayor Bigelow commented that should Proposition 1 pass, the first projects need to be very visible so the voters can see where their money is going.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Computer Aided Dispatch Consolidation—John Morgan

The Selection Committee has made some preliminary decisions and is working on some final technical issues. The best and final offer from the two finalists is due October 25th. The implementation will take a while. However, by 2017, everyone should be on the same system.

The parties are now perfecting the Interlocal agreement between VECC and Salt Lake City. In addition to the unification of the CAD systems, this has been a profitable team building exercise.

The major funding element for the project will be coming from the State which will be drawn down over several years.

Question: Will VECC be coming to the cities for any additional funding? Answer: No.

The text to 911 feature was turned on this week.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Resolution on Mountain Accord

Mayor McAdams introduced the draft resolution on the Mountain Accord Study. Mayor Bigelow was concerned that the Study did not include the west side of the Salt Lake Valley. Study manager, Laynee Jones, mentioned that the boundary was adjusted to include the entire Salt Lake Valley. The final version of the resolution needs to be amended to reflect that.

Mayor Bigelow wanted to amend the resolution to say that the undersigned cities supported the resolution and not the COG. Nevertheless, of the members present, all were in favor of the resolution as written with the exception of Mayor Bigelow.

Unfortunately, due to the lack of a quorum, the COG could not vote on the resolution. Mayor McAdams asked staff to poll the members not in attendance to determine if they were comfortable with the resolution. *Note, the subsequent membership poll was strongly in favor of the resolution.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Cullimore motioned for adjournment which was seconded by Councilman Rappleye. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Mayor Dolan moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mayor Cullimore. The vote in favor was unanimous.

COG MEMBERS PRESENT

Draper City	Councilmember Rappleye	Sandy	Mayor Dolan
Holladay	Mayor Dahle	Riverton	Mayor Applegarth
Herriman	Mayor Freeman	S. L. County	Councilmember Wilson
Midvale	Mayor Seghini	Cottonwood Heights	Mayor Cullimore
West Valley City	Mayor Bigelow	Staff	Sam Klemm

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Kane Loader	Midvale	Dave Kallas	UTA
Layne Jones	Mountain Accord	Ryan Loose	South Jordan City
Nicole Cottle	West Valley City	Jeff Graviet	Salt Lake County Fire
Rita Lund	Salt Lake County	Jan Wells	Murray
Janet Towers	Murray city	Lynn Pace	Salt Lake City
Laurel Price	Cong. Mia Love	Kara Trevino	S.L. County
Carlton Christensen	S.L. County	John Morgan	VECC