

Wasatch Front Economic Development District, Strategy Committee

Carlton Christensen, Chair
Shawn Milne, Vice Chair

LaNiece Davenport, Director

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 28, 2013 1:00 pm
Wasatch Front Regional Council
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Board Members Present

Carlton Christensen, Chair
Shelly Betz, Morgan City Council
Mike Bouwhuis, Layton City Council
Louenda Downs, Davis County Commission
Sherrie Martell, EDCUtah (representing Jeff Edwards)
Albert Wilde, Widow Maker LLC
Jan Zogmaister, Weber County Commission

Suzie Becker, Zion's Bank
Tom Christopoulos, Ogden City
Keith Krugh, Holcim Cement
Alan Rindlisbacher, Layton Construction

Others Present

Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ted Knowlton, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Logan Johnson, Wasatch Front Regional Council

Strategy Committee Members Present

1. Welcome and introductions

Carlton Christensen, Chair (15 min)

Chair person Christenson welcomed the Committee. Members introduced themselves. Mr. Christenson asked for an approval of the November 19, 2012 meeting minutes. Commissioner Downs made the motion to approve, Commission Zogmaister seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

2. ACTION Review and approve CEDS Chapters 5-8

LaNiece Davenport (45 min)

Mrs. Davenport began with a review of the planning process to date which included CEDS chapters 1-4, and receiving projects from cities and counties. The projects were then incorporated into the CEDS. CEDS projects were sought from all eligible entities January 21, 2013. She outlined the public comment period from February 1, 2013 to March 4, 2013. She then reviewed chapter 5 which was community and private sector participation efforts. She outlined the participation efforts and the membership composition of each committee. There was discussion about adding names and organizations that we contacted as an appendix to the CEDS. The public comment period be announced in all the newspapers and will be added to the WFRC website. In March, WFEDD staff will garner letters of support. She asked the Committee members to help distribute information by adding the CEDS to their websites. There was discussion about seeking a letter of support from the educational institutions in addition to the Council of Government committees. She then reviewed Chapter 6, Strategic Projects Program and Activities. She reminded the Committee that projects in the CEDS are not automatically submitted to EDA for funding but that each entity will need to submit their own application to EDA. The project list will be updated annually or as needed. Mrs. Davenport also shared the number of projects WFEDD received from each of the eligible entities. There was discussion about adding the EDA funding investment programs into the CEDS to familiarize entities with the EDA programs. An example of the project form was shared. There was discussion to sort the project list by lead agency and not by the project's start date. The WFEDD identified three projects that it would like to undertake. Increase the number of cities, counties and other eligible entities that include projects into the CEDS. WFEDD assist at least four cities with an application and submission to EDA. The last project is to coordinate with other entities to make training available and information dissemination regarding the WFEDD and CEDS. Chapter 7 and 8 were shared next. She explained how implementation efforts will be initiated and how the WFEDD performance will be evaluated. This information is based on EDA's rules. There was discussion about making sure that while presenting this information at the COG meetings that EDA ambiguity is explained and the value proposition of the program. Suggestions were made on how to identify the appropriate number of applicants to help when making an application to EDA. The Committee suggested first come first serve, based on timeline, and based

on the entities need or limited capacity. Mrs. Davenport asked the Committee to approve Chapters 5-8. Mr. Bouwhuis made the motion to approve, Mr. Rindlisbacher seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Discuss the Strategy Committee's next steps

Carlton Christensen (15 min)

Mr. Christensen reminded the Committee that their last obligation is in March when the CEDS will be adopted. The Committee will then only need to meet as needed or when project lists are submitted. The Board will meet quarterly after March, if no action is required. They will meet for approximately 45 minutes. The Committee was reminded to consider the role the District should play and a few goals the District should consider. The Staff will also work to identify these items. One example is having the WFEDD consider how transportation and economic development impact one another.

4. Other business

Carlton Christensen (5 min)

The Committee reviewed a letter of support on behalf of Ogden City's Non-Destructive Inspection and Destruction Testing Lab and Training Center project. There was discussion that the Davis Applied Technology College is also seeking support for a similar project. There was discussion about whether or not projects need a letter of support in the future. Mr. Christensen reminded the Committee that because Ogden City has its own CEDS that a letter of support would facilitate the continuation of the development of the project and show WFEDD's support before EDA has a chance to approve the WFEDD CEDS.

Mr. Christensen reminded the Committee that the next meeting will be Monday, March 25, 2013 at 1:00 pm. He asked if there was any other business to discuss, hearing none, Mr. Christopulos made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Bouwhuis seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

