

**Wasatch Front Economic Development District
STRATEGY COMMITTEE**

Shawn Milne, Chair

Michael Bouwhuis, Vice Chair

LaNiece Davenport, Director

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 23, 2015 1:00 pm
Wasatch Front Regional Council
295 North Jimmy Doolittle Road
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Members Present

Shawn Milne, Chair
Bill Applegarth, Salt Lake County
Carlton Christensen, Salt Lake County
Tom Christopulos, Ogden City
Bruce Davis, Weber State University
Jeff Edwards, EDCUtah
Alan Rindlisbacher, Layton Construction
Randy Sant, Tooele City
Chris Sloan, Group 1 Real Estate
Jim Smith, Davis County

Others Present

Ricky Anderson, Tooele County
Scott Aylett, Zions Bank
Ryan Beck, Envision Utah
Shawn Beus, Salt Lake City
Craig Bott, Grow Utah
Terrence Bride, Ogden City
Ari Bruening, Envision Utah
Robert Grow, Envision Utah
Jeff Harris, UDOT
Jerry Houghton, West Erda Improvement District
Douglas Larsen, Weber County
Ann Mackin, Davis Applied Technology College
Darin Robinson, Tooele County
Kristine Widner, Envision Utah
Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ted Knowlton, Wasatch Front Regional Council
LaNiece Davenport, Wasatch Front Regional Council / Wasatch Front Economic Development District
Michelle Bjorklund, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Julia Collins, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Scott Hess, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Jory Johner, Wasatch Front Regional Council

1. Welcome and Introductions

Shawn Milne, Chair

Chairman Shawn Milne welcomed the Strategy Committee. All who were present, including those attending via conference call, gave brief introductions.

2. ACTION BY BOARD – Approve Minutes from August 24, 2015

Milne, Chair

Chairman Milne directed the Committee’s attention to the minutes from the previous Strategy Committee meeting held on August 24, 2015. Jeff Edwards made a motion to approve the minutes from August 24, 2015, Carlton Christensen seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

3. Presentation – Ecosystem Mapping

Ken Krull

Chairman Milne introduced Ken Krull, the Executive Director of Quartere Foundry. Mr. Krull presented on the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Mapping Project. This mapping project maps an entrepreneur or founder’s connection of networks. The project was funded in part with EDA dollars. The map will be built in 2016 and the Wasatch Front will be the showcase region.

4. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy – New Projects

a. ACTION: Quatere

Ken Krull

Mr. Krull presented the Quatere 2016 Regional Innovation Strategy project. Quatere Cohorts is a unique peer-to-peer entrepreneurship-mentoring program that identifies innovators in every field and trains them to be successful entrepreneurs and value creators. The program is less focused on building companies and is instead designed to improve the capabilities of its individual participants who in turn build successful companies. The innovative Quatere Cohorts program teaches entrepreneurs precision execution through in person and online programs. Discussion was held pertaining to the program’s outreach to areas outside of the Wasatch Front region. The Committee agreed to support the project for the Wasatch Front region only. Craig Bott made a motion to approve the project for inclusion into the region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Commissioner Ebert seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

b. ACTION: Envision Utah

Robert Grow

Robert Grow presented the Envision Utah Point of the Mountain Vision project. The proposed Point of the Mountain Vision will shape future growth at the prison site and surrounding area in a way that maximizes community benefits through economic growth and a high quality of life. The process will engage stakeholders, residents, and market experts to understand what outcomes and strategies resonate with them. Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve the project for inclusion into the region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Alan Rindlisbacher seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

c. ACTION: Tooele County

Jerry Houghton

Jerry Houghton and representative from Jones & DeMille Engineering presented the Tooele County Regional Culinary/Wastewater Pipeline project. The purpose of this project is to construct culinary and sewer water utilities to sustain existing businesses, entities, and homeowners in Tooele County. This project includes a booster pump station, water storage tank, well, and approximately 15 miles of culinary and sewer pipeline combined. Chris Sloan made a motion to approve the project for inclusion into the region’s Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Commissioner Ebert seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

d. ACTION: Salt Lake City

Shawn Beus

Shawn Beus presented the Salt Lake City Innovation District project. Salt Lake City proposes a new innovation district and requests funds to support the development of key infrastructure including rebuilding 400 West which is in Salt Lake City’s Granary Area Innovation District and approximately eight acres of City owned property slated for redevelopment. This area will provide opportunity for people to live in sustainable housing close to where they work with immediate access to public gathering spaces, cultural venues, mass transit, and walkable and bikeable areas. Mr. Christensen made a motion to approve the project for inclusion into the region’s Comprehensive Economic

Development Strategy, Tom Christopoulos seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

e. ACTION: Ogden City

Terrence Bride

Terrence Bride presented the Ogden Airport Aerospace Cluster Initiative project. Ogden City and its public and private partners propose to expand airport infrastructure and advanced manufacturing, design, and testing capacity at the Ogden Hinckley Airport to facilitate a European Union aircraft manufacturer's commitment to establish its western hemisphere headquarters and production facilities in Utah. A timely acquisition of some 100 acres of real property is essential to accommodate this and other planned development of aerospace manufacturing, maintenance and related facilities. Mr. Rindlisbacher made a motion to approve the project for inclusion into the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Mr. Sloan seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed.

5. Director Update

LaNiece Davenport

LaNiece Davenport provided an update on three of the priorities for 2016 that were identified in the last meeting. First, conversations have been initiated to look at creating a northern Utah economic development symposium. Second, to identify strategic projects that tie in with the region's long-range transportation plan. She introduced Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director of WFRC who stated that the WFRC recently completed the region's long-range transportation plan and is now working through the logistics of the next plan. The WFRC is currently working to identify how WFRC will measure performance, select and phase projects, and identify and include local needs and input. The third priority for the EDD, committee members will start to participate in project tours around our region. The idea is to hold the regular business meeting and immediately following the meeting the Committee would learn more and then tour specific projects in that area. Ms. Davenport then reported on EDA updates. She mentioned staff changes at the Denver regional office with the hiring of a new area director and a new economic development representative. The EDA has revamped their application process and forms - making the process easier and shorter. She announced a webinar, December 8 at 10:30 am that will have more information on the new application process. She also mentioned new and open funding opportunities through EDA. The new opportunity is for funding to create a tool that aligns and integrates federal economic development programs. The open funding opportunities are the FY16 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs and the FY16 Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

6. Updates from Committee Members

All

Mr. Christensen shared information about Salt Lake County working with World Trade Center as part of the global cities effort. The plan is to have an export strategy with some goals by March 2016. There is a committee that is helping and data analysis has been done of the needs in the Salt Lake metro area.

7. Other Business

All

Chairman Milne noted that the next Strategy Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the Wasatch Front Regional Council. No other business was discussed. Commissioner Ebert made the motion to adjourn, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.