



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”)
BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023, AT 3:30 P.M. THE
MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY
VIA ZOOM. THE ANCHOR LOCATION WAS MILLCREEK CITY
HALL.**

Board Members: Chair Christopher F. Robinson
Mayor Michael Weichers
Mayor Monica Zoltanski
Mayor Roger Bourke
Mayor Jeff Silvestrini
Mayor Dan Knopp
Carlton Christensen

Staff: Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director of Policy
Blake Perez, Executive Director of Administration
Shane Topham, CWC Legal Counsel
Mia McNeil, Intern

Others: Barbara Cameron
Will McCarvill
Laura Briefer
Annalee Munsey
Morgan Mingle
Pat Shea
Dan Zalles
Caitlin Curry
Adam Lenkowski
Rusty Vetter

OPENING

1. Chair of the Board Christopher F. Robinson will Open the CWC Board Meeting.

Chair Chris Robinson called the meeting to order at 3:51 p.m.

MOTION: Mayor Silvestrini moved to REORDER the CWC Board Meeting Agenda so the Action Items (Resolution 2023-11, 2023-12, 2023-13, 2023-14) could be voted on first. Mayor Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

2. (Action) The Board will Consider Approving the Minutes of the CWC Board Meeting from May 1, 2023.

MOTION: Mayor Weichers moved to APPROVE the Board Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2023. Mayor Zoltanski seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

1 **CLOSED SESSION**

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- 3 1. **Upon Affirmative Vote of the Board, Chair Christopher F. Robinson will Open a Closed**
4 **Session for the Purposes of Discussing the Character, Professional Competence, or**
5 **Physical or Mental Health of One or More Individuals as Authorized by Utah Code**
6 **Annotated 52-4-205(1)(a).**

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8 **MOTION:** Mayor Knopp moved that the CWC Board go into Closed Session for the Purpose of
9 Discussing the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of One or More
10 Individuals, as Authorized by Utah Code Ann. 52-4-205(1)(a). Mayor Zoltanski seconded the
11 motion. Vote on Motion: Chair Robinson-Aye; Mayor Zoltanski-Aye; Mayor Silvestrini-Aye; Mayor
12 Weichers-Aye; Mayor Bourke-Aye; Mayor Knopp-Aye. Following the vote, a quorum was lost, so
13 there was no Closed Session. It was determined that the Closed Session would be rescheduled.

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15 Mayor Silvestrini reported that he would not be able to participate in the Closed Session. It was noted
16 that Mayor Zoltanski had left the meeting. Since two members were unable to participate in the
17 Closed Session, Chair Robinson suggested that the Closed Session be rescheduled. Executive
18 Director of Policy, Lindsey Nielsen stated that the Board could discuss the remaining agenda items.

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20 **THE CLOSED SESSION ENDS AND THE BOARD MEETING REOPENS.**

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- 22 1. **Upon an Affirmative Vote of the Board, Chair Christopher F. Robinson will End the**
23 **Closed Session and Reopen the CWC Board Meeting.**

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25 Since there was no longer a quorum, there was no Closed Session.

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27 **MOTION:** Mayor Knopp moved to REORDER the CWC Board Meeting Agenda so the
28 Stakeholders Council update would be heard after the Committee Updates and Reports. Mayor
29 Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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31 **STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL UPDATE AND REPORT**

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- 33 1. **William McCarvill and Barbara Cameron will Provide an Update on the Activities of**
34 **the Stakeholders Council. Staff will Update the Board Concerning Proposed Releases**
35 **and Appointments to the Stakeholders Council.**

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37 Stakeholders Council leadership, William McCarvill, and Barbara Cameron were present to share
38 updates related to the Stakeholders Council. Mr. McCarvill discussed the Special Meeting that took
39 place the previous month. At that time, the Stakeholders Council reviewed the goals report and
40 committee suggestions. He clarified that monies were allocated to the Stakeholders Council for
41 education and training. The majority of the Council was interested in goal setting. A contractor
42 conducted a goal-setting workshop and a Goals Report was created. There were pointed references
43 to the Mountain Accord in the goals drafted. During the Special Meeting, the Stakeholders Council
44 discussed additional subcommittees that would be useful for the organization. That had not
45 progressed beyond the discussion phase, however, after the next Stakeholders Council Meeting, he
46 believed those conversations would be ready to move forward.

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1 Ms. Cameron shared information about the Big Cottonwood Canyon Mobility Action Plan (“BCC
2 MAP”). The Stakeholders Council felt the BCC MAP was a strong document and gratitude was
3 expressed about the quick timeline. The Stakeholders felt that the aggregation of information would
4 be beneficial. However, there were concerns expressed as well, and an email that was distributed by
5 Kirk Nichols. Mr. Nichols believed that roadside parking needed to be eliminated or reduced. Amber
6 Broadaway, General Manager at Solitude, and Mike Doyle, General Manager at Brighton Resort,
7 stated that they would not be able to support the elimination of roadside parking without additional
8 parking being added to another part of the canyon or the addition of public transit to handle the
9 overflow. Mr. Nichols also shared comments about tolling. Ms. Broadaway did not support tolling
10 of any kind in the canyons. Last, there were discussions about having year-round public transit, which
11 there was a general amount of support for. Ms. Cameron noted that the Stakeholders Council
12 discussed a potential special transportation district as well, which could complement the services that
13 Utah Transit Authority (“UTA”) provided.

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15 Mr. McCarvill reported that during the June 21, 2023, Stakeholders Council Meeting, a new set of
16 Stakeholders Council Co-Chairs would be elected. Both Mr. McCarvill and Ms. Cameron would be
17 stepping down from their positions. All members of the Stakeholders Council could share three
18 nominees. The nomination period would end on June 15, 2023. There would be some vetting of the
19 nominees to ensure that those nominated were interested in the position. On June 21, 2023, there
20 would be ranked choice voting on the nominees so the Co-Chair positions could be determined.

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22 Ms. Nielsen noted that some of the newly appointed Stakeholders Council Members were present.
23 Rusty Vetter introduced himself to the CWC Board. He had been interested in the Wasatch for most
24 of his life. He learned to ski at Brighton and Alta as a child. Mr. Vetter reported that he was
25 previously the attorney for Salt Lake City Public Utilities. His work there allowed him to understand
26 how unique and special the Wasatch is and its importance as a watershed. A significant amount of
27 his time was spent dealing with matters concerning the Wasatch. Additionally, he was one of the
28 attorneys that worked to craft the organizational documents for the CWC. He retired approximately
29 one year earlier. He had since started to listen to the Millcreek Canyon Committee Meetings and was
30 impressed by the work done there. He believed the Stakeholders Council could impact what happened
31 in the future. Mr. Vetter was excited to serve on the Stakeholders Council.

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33 Dan Zalles introduced himself to the CWC Board. He would be representing The League of Women
34 Voters on the Stakeholders Council. Mr. Zalles had been involved in the organization for a few years.
35 There is a National Committee of the League that focuses on forests and wildfires, which had been
36 his focus within the organization. His professional background included working as an educational
37 researcher at a non-profit in California. He moved to Salt Lake City in January and loves the area
38 because he enjoys nature. Mr. Zalles reported that his background as an environmental educator
39 included projects for the National Science Foundation and NASA to educate students, primarily high
40 school and college students, on geographic information and using it to think critically about
41 environmental issues. In the League, he also did work to build critical thinking around ballot
42 propositions and policy. He hoped to apply the knowledge he had to the Stakeholders Council.

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44 Morgan Mingle introduced herself and reported that she works for the Park City Chamber of
45 Commerce and Visitors Bureau as the Sustainable Tourism Director. Ms. Mingle moved to Utah
46 approximately 1 ½ years ago when she finished Grad School. She has a master’s degree in
47 Sustainability. She liked the process in Summit County and Park City to build the long-range strategic
48 plan for sustainable tourism. Over the past several months, she had been working on building

1 relationships and working with stakeholders across Summit County. She looked forward to
2 expanding that scope and looking at the Wasatch as a greater entity. It was important to consider the
3 mountains regionally. She looked forward to participating in the Stakeholders Council.

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5 Adam Lenkowski introduced himself and reported that he moved to Utah in 2003 from Illinois to
6 attend the University of Utah, where he received a Meteorology degree. He was thankful for the
7 opportunity to serve on the Stakeholders Council. Mr. Lenkowski was looking forward to meeting
8 the Stakeholders Council Members and working with others. He referenced the growth taking place
9 in the State and stated that enjoys spending time outdoors. He primarily works in ambient air quality
10 monitoring but was interested in snow science and atmospheric science as well. Mr. Lenkowski
11 reiterated his excitement about joining the Council.

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13 Caitlin Curry introduced herself and reported that she would be representing the Backcountry Hunters
14 and Anglers on the Stakeholders Council. The group is a North American conservation organization
15 comprised of passionate hunters and anglers. The focus is on public lands issues and public waters.
16 Ms. Curry resides in Sandy and has been in every corner of public land within the Wasatch. She
17 stated that the area is near and dear to her heart.

18 19 **COMMITTEE UPDATES AND REPORTS**

20 21 **1. The Transportation Committee Met on May 16, 2023. Meeting Minutes are Included in** 22 **the Board Meeting Materials.**

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24 • **Commissioner Knopp and CWC Staff will Brief the Board on Both the Millcreek**
25 **Canyon Shuttle Program and the BCC MAP.**

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27 Mayor Dan Knopp reported that the Transportation Committee will work with the Millcreek Canyon
28 Committee to solidify a plan for the shuttle proposal that would be submitted to the U.S. Forest
29 Service. CWC Staff was working on a proposal for Forest Service consideration. As for the BCC
30 MAP, the focus was on now sharing that document with others and increasing engagement.

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32 Executive Director of Administration, Blake Perez reported that at the last Transportation Committee
33 Meeting, a lot of discussion related to the Millcreek Canyon Shuttle Program letter from the Millcreek
34 Canyon Committee and the Stakeholders Council. There had been dialogue with the Forest Service
35 to better understand their needs for a shuttle proposal. CWC Staff would develop the proposal and
36 work with the Forest Service, Millcreek Canyon Committee, and Transportation Committee and
37 submit the proposal by the end of July 2023. The Forest Service would then determine what level of
38 National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) analysis would need to be done for a Millcreek Canyon
39 shuttle. Mr. Perez reported that the shuttle proposal would be reviewed by the Stakeholders Council,
40 Millcreek Canyon Committee, and Transportation Committee in July 2023.

41 42 **2. The EBAC Met on May 15, 2023. Meeting Minutes are included in Board Meeting** 43 **Materials.**

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45 • **Mayor Silvestrini will Update the Board on the Budget Process and Present the**
46 **Final Budget for FY 2023/2024.**

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48 No additional updates were shared on the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2023/2024.

- **Chair Robinson will Update the Board on CWC Staffing, Including the Hiring of a New Intern Mia McNeil.**

New CWC intern, Mia McNeil, introduced herself to the CWC Board. She is an Environmental Studies student at the University of Utah. Ms. McNeil is minoring in Geography and will receive a certificate in Geographic Information Systems. She was born and raised in Holladay and stated that she enjoys hiking. She previously attended Olympus High School.

3. Staff will Update the Board Concerning the Proposed Engagement of EcoBrite Services, LLC to Perform Restroom Maintenance in Millcreek, Big Cottonwood, and Little Cottonwood Canyons.

No additional updates were shared on the EcoBrite Services, LLC Contract.

Mr. Perez reported that he recently sent an email to the CWC Board indicating that he will resign from his position on June 30, 2023. He has enjoyed working for the CWC for the last four years and praised those who participate in the organization. He thanked the CWC Board for allowing him to be a member of CWC Staff. His resignation was due to a family decision to move to Oregon. He reiterated his appreciation for all involved in the CWC.

Chair Robinson thanked Mr. Perez for his work and everything he has done for the organization. Mayor Mike Weichers expressed his appreciation to Mr. Perez. He has enjoyed working with him and stated that he will be missed. Mayor Knopp and Ms. Briefer echoed those comments.

Chair Robinson reported that there will need to be a Special CWC Board Meeting scheduled since the Closed Meeting was unable to take place during the current CWC Board Meeting. He wondered if a virtual meeting on June 9, 2023, would be possible. Mayor Knopp believed he would be able to participate in the afternoon. CWC Legal Counsel, Shane Topham reported that there could not be a purely virtual meeting. There would need to be an anchor location. Chair Robinson clarified that there would be an anchor location set for the meeting. Mayor Weichers stated that he could attend a Special Meeting any time after 1:00 p.m. Chair Robinson asked if that date worked for the other CWC Board Members. Ex-Officio Member, Carlton Christensen did not believe he would be able to attend but noted that he was not a voting member of the CWC Board. Ms. Briefer wondered if it would be possible to hold the meeting after 2:00 p.m. Chair Robinson determined that the Special Meeting would be held on June 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Robinson opened the public comment period.

Pat Shea referenced the comment he made during the public hearing. Mr. Topham believed the question was whether a single member entity of the CWC had the right to add something to the agenda. Mr. Shea clarified that he wondered if a constituent of one of the CWC Board Members, as an entity created by an Interlocal Agreement, could request a position from the CWC about the proposed alternatives, which included the gondola and expansion of the road. Mr. Topham explained that Commissioners have the right to place an item on the agenda if prior notice of at least seven days was given to the Chair of the Board. As for the example scenario presented by Mr. Shea, he explained

1 that a constituent of a member entity would need to convince that Commissioner to make an agenda
2 request for the item to be discussed during a CWC Board Meeting.

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4 There were no further comments. The public comment period was closed.

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6 **ACTION ITEMS**

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8 **1. Consideration of Resolution 2023-11 – Adopting a Final Budget for the Period of 1 July**
9 **2023 through 30 June 2024.**

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11 **MOTION:** Mayor Silvestrini moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-11 – Adopting a Final Budget
12 for the Period of 1 July 2023 through 30 June 2024. Mayor Weichers seconded the motion. The
13 motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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15 **2. Consideration of Resolution 2023-12 – Releasing and Appointing Members of the**
16 **Stakeholders Council.**

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18 Chair Robinson reported that the Stakeholders Council appointments were discussed during the
19 previous Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting. The names of the Council Members not
20 moving forward and the proposed appointments were included in the Meeting Materials Packet.
21 Mayor Silvestrini explained that there had been a good discussion with the Stakeholders Council
22 leadership already. As a result, he was comfortable with the list. He thanked the previous members
23 for their service and the new members who had volunteered to serve on the Stakeholders Council.

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25 **MOTION:** Mayor Silvestrini moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-12 – Releasing and Appointing
26 Members of the Stakeholders Council. Mayor Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed
27 with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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29 **3. Consideration of Resolution 2023-13 – Approving and Ratifying Entry into an**
30 **Employment Agreement with Mia McNeil.**

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32 Ms. Nielsen reviewed the Employment Agreement and stated that Ms. McNeil will join the CWC as
33 a part-time Community Engagement Intern. She will work 9 to 16 hours per week and focus on tasks
34 related to public outreach, community engagement, website, and social media.

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36 **MOTION:** Mayor Weichers moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-13 – Approving and Ratifying
37 Entry into an Employment Agreement with Mia McNeil. Mayor Knopp seconded the motion. The
38 motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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40 **4. Consideration of Resolution 2023-14 – Approving Entry into an Independent Contractor**
41 **Agreement with EcoBrite Services, LLC for Tri-Canyon Restroom Maintenance.**

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43 Mr. Perez reported that there have been previous discussions about the CWC taking over an umbrella
44 contract for tri-canyon restroom maintenance. Scope of work and Request for Proposals (“RFP”) had
45 been released and there was a competitive process. Proposals were evaluated, there were site visits,
46 and now EcoBrite Services, LCC, was recommended as the chosen contractor. Mr. Perez reported
47 that the CWC is currently crafting Memorandums of Understanding (“MOUs”) with the U.S. Forest
48 Service, the Town of Brighton, and the Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities as funding

1 partners. He clarified that Resolution 2023-14 was just a contract between the CWC and EcoBrite
2 Services, LLC, for the tri-canyon restroom maintenance for the next year. There was an option to
3 add on after that.

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5 **MOTION:** Mayor Weichers moved to APPROVE Resolution 2023-14 – Approving Entry into an
6 Independent Contractor Agreement with EcoBrite for Tri-Canyon Restroom Maintenance. Mayor
7 Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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9 **COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

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11 Chair Robinson reiterated that there was a desire to hold a Special Meeting of the CWC Board on
12 June 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. There would be a Closed Session on personnel and discussion on the
13 organizational structure moving forward as a result of Mr. Perez’s resignation.

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15 **ADJOURN BOARD MEETING**

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17 **1. Chair of the Board Christopher F. Robinson will Close the CWC Board Meeting.**

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19 **MOTION:** Mayor Knopp moved to ADJOURN the CWC Board Meeting. Mayor Weichers
20 seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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22 The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Central*
2 *Wasatch Commission Board Meeting held Monday, June 5, 2023.*

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7 Minutes Secretary

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9 Minutes Approved: _____