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3 **MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) BOARD MEETING**
4 **HELD MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024, AT 3:30 P.M. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED**
5 **BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM. THE ANCHOR LOCATION WAS**
6 **MILLCREEK CITY HALL.**

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8 **Board Members:** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Chair
9 Mayor Erin Mendenhall
10 Christopher F. Robinson
11 Mayor Dan Knopp
12 Mayor Roger Bourke
13 Mayor Mike Weichers
14 Mayor Nann Worel
15 Mayor Monica Zoltanski
16 Ex Officio Dave Whittekiend
17 Ex Officio Annalee Munsey

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19 **Staff:** Shane Topham, Legal Counsel
20 Samantha Kilpack, Director of Operations
21 Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director of Policy
22 Mia McNeil, Community Engagement Coordinator

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24 **Others:** Laura Briefer
25 John Knoblock (SHC)
26 Tom Diegel (SHC)
27 Danny Richardson (SHC)
28 John Adams (SHC)
29 Sally Kaiser (SHC)
30 Devin Weder (UDOT)

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32 **OPENING**

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34 1. **Chair Jeff Silvestrini will Call the Meeting to Order and Welcome Board Members and**
35 **the Public.**

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37 Chair Jeff Silvestrini called the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”) Board Meeting to order at
38 3:33 p.m. and welcomed those present. He noted that there were in-person and virtual attendees.
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1 **2. The Board will Consider Approving Minutes of the Board Retreat of January 8, 2024.**

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3 **MOTION:** Mayor Knopp moved to APPROVE the January 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Mayor
4 Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.
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6 **3. Staff Updates.**

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8 **a. If You Have Not Yet Done So, Please Return Housekeeping Items to Staff by**
9 **June 30, 2024, So We Can Be In Compliance for Our Annual Audit.**

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11 Executive Director, Lindsey Nielsen, asked that disclosure forms be returned to CWC Staff. For
12 those attending the CWC Board Meeting in person, it is possible to sign those forms and have them
13 notarized following the meeting, as CWC Legal Counsel, Shane Topham, was present.
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15 **b. The Youth Council has Created Three Committees, Two of which are Planning**
16 **on Submitting Short-Term Project Grant Proposals.**

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18 Director of Operations, Samantha Kilpack, reported that there is a meeting of the Youth Council every
19 other month. The next meeting will take place on March 6, 2024. Some of the subcommittees have
20 been meeting recently. Two of the subcommittees will submit short-term project proposals. In
21 addition, there are two new members of the Youth Council. Chair Silvestrini mentioned the press
22 release related to the Short-Term Projects Grant Program. He asked that all member jurisdictions
23 share that press release through their various media channels to raise awareness about the program.
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25 **UDOT EIS PHASE 1 PROGRESS REPORT**

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27 **1. The Board will Hear an Update on Phase 1 of UDOT’s Little Cottonwood Canyon EIS**
28 **from Transit Project Manager, Devin Weder.**

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30 Transit Project Manager, Devin Weder, shared information about Phase 1 of the Utah Department of
31 Transportation (“UDOT”) Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”). The
32 project outline has a three-phase approach. Phase 1 includes increased bus service, tolling, a mobility
33 hub at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, and improved resort bus stops. Wasatch Boulevard
34 improvements and the construction of snowshed and trailhead improvements are part of Phase 2.
35 Implementing the gondola service is included as part of Phase 3. The phasing plan was in response
36 to comments received during the public comment periods. UDOT listened to those comments and
37 decided to move ahead with a phased approach to transportation in Little Cottonwood Canyon.
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39 Mr. Weder discussed the Record of Decision (“ROD”) and related legal filings. The lawsuits question
40 the basic assumptions of the ROD and ask the court to revoke the final EIS and ROD issued by UDOT.
41 Two of the three suits requested a stop to any further actions. Work is being paused until the litigation
42 is resolved to reduce risks to taxpayers. The initial plan was to begin procuring buses and constructing
43 the mobility hub this year, but because of the lawsuits, the timeline is delayed and there are no
44 projected operational dates. It is not currently possible to address existing issues with the \$150 million
45 allocated by the Legislature. During the litigation process, there will be coordination with local
46 government partners and UDOT will look into low-risk activities. Some examples include additional
47 communication signage for canyon travelers and the Big Cottonwood Canyon environmental study.
48 The latter will allow for the implementation of increased bus service and tolling in that canyon.

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2 Each phase of the ROD has actions that are intended to increase the overall efficiency of the system
3 for travelers. Mr. Weder noted that each phase and the associated improvements builds upon the
4 previous phase to create a holistic transportation system. Due to litigation, it is not currently possible
5 to build the infrastructure needed to support running additional buses. The increased bus service
6 relies on the mobility hub and improved resort bus stops to function efficiently. UDOT will not move
7 forward with travel demand management tools, such as tolling, without first providing an improved
8 transit system to avoid impacts on lower-income populations. He offered to answer any questions.
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10 Chair Silvestrini asked about the Legislative appropriation. He wondered whether there were strings
11 attached to those funds. For example, if the contemplated Phase 1 improvements do not move forward
12 within a certain timeframe. Mr. Weder denied this. The language did not specifically reference
13 Phase 1 but stated that it was to increase bus service, tolling, a mobility hub at the mouth of Big
14 Cottonwood Canyon, and improved resort bus stops. It was noted that there is some funding left from
15 the first tranche and it may be possible to reallocate some of that to start on the Big Cottonwood
16 Canyon work. Mr. Weder shared information about the Recreation Hotspot funds from 2019. \$60
17 million of that was focused on Little Cottonwood Canyon, which is what funded the EIS process.
18 When the Transportation Commission approved the \$150 million, they also approved \$42 million for
19 the Recreation Hotspot. That \$42 million could be de-obligated by the Transportation Commission
20 and be spent on other projects. However, the Commission would ultimately need to approve the
21 project.
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23 Mayor Roger Bourke asked if it is possible to review a written copy of the statement read by
24 Mr. Weder. This was confirmed. John Knoblock referenced elements that are not part of the UDOT
25 Little Cottonwood Canyon EIS, such as the Big Cottonwood Canyon park and ride improvements
26 and bus stops up Big Cottonwood Canyon. He wanted to know if the available funding can be used
27 for that. Mr. Weder noted that environmental analysis has not been done for some of those types of
28 projects. Environmental clearance work would need to be done first. As for the park and ride at the
29 bottom of Big Cottonwood Canyon, that is on Murray City property with a UDOT easement. It would
30 be possible to move forward with that, which is something he believed is already in progress.
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32 **COMMITTEE UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

33 34 **1. Executive/Budget/Audit Committee.**

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36 a. **Chair Silvestrini will Introduce the New Office Space we will Move into in May.**
37 **(The Lease Agreement and the Approving Resolution are Included in the**
38 **Attachments.)**

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40 i. **(Action) Consideration of Resolution 2024-04 - Approving and Ratifying**
41 **Entry into a Lease Agreement for Office Space.**
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43 Chair Silvestrini reported that the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee met recently and discussed
44 negotiations for a new lease for the CWC offices. Ms. Nielsen has been working hard to look for a
45 new office space and locate something that will result in significant savings to the CWC. The
46 organization has given notice to terminate the existing lease and it will end on April 30, 2024. The
47 new space is located on the corner of 300 South and State Street in Salt Lake City. Ms. Nielsen
48 explained that the rent will save the CWC a considerable amount of money each month. The building

1 is accessible and parking will be easier than it is currently. The bulk of last week was spent with
2 Mr. Topham negotiating the lease. It is now in final form and the CWC Board will consider approval.

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4 Chair Silvestrini thanked Ms. Nielsen for her efforts, especially with the negotiations that took place
5 for the tenant improvements. Ms. Nielsen reported that the length of the lease is 41 months. Out of
6 those months, the CWC is paying for 39 months. The CWC is not paying for any of the space
7 improvements. The move-in date will be May 1, 2024, but there will be access to the space a few
8 weeks prior to that date in order to facilitate the move. Chair Silvestrini noted that Action Items will
9 now be considered following the related discussion rather than saving the Action Items until the end.

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11 Ms. Nielsen shared information about the rent rate. She explained that it is proposed to be \$2,215. If
12 the CWC stayed in the current space, it was anticipated that the rent would be \$3,800 per month.
13 Parking is included in the \$2,215 amount for the first term, so there is no additional parking cost.
14 Chair Silvestrini believed the size of the space is adequate and noted that it includes a conference
15 room. The conference room is especially important due to the meetings conducted by CWC Staff.
16 Christopher Robinson congratulated Ms. Nielsen for her work on this matter. He pointed out that
17 approval of the Resolution will authorize the Chair and the Treasurer to sign the lease agreement.

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19 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-04 – Approving and
20 Ratifying Entry into a Lease Agreement for Office Space. Mayor Knopp seconded the motion. The
21 motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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23 **b. Treasurer Christopher F. Robinson will Discuss Amending the CWC’s Bylaws to**
24 **Allow Use of the Same Auditor for up to Ten Successive Years and Extending the**
25 **Current Contract for Auditing Services for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Fiscal**
26 **Year Audits.**

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28 **i. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2024-05 - Amending the CWC’s**
29 **Bylaws.**

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31 Mr. Robinson noted that there have been discussions about whether or not it is necessary to change
32 the auditor for the CWC. The same auditor has been used for six years. He believed that when
33 reviewing this matter, Mr. Topham discovered that entities, like the CWC, with revenues between
34 \$350,000 and under \$1 million have the ability to have an Agreed-Upon Procedures Report instead.
35 He explained that this is performed by an independent CPA firm in accordance with the AUP
36 engagement for local governments. The report should include management responses to the findings
37 noted by the independent CPA firm. It seems that the CWC has been adhering to a higher standard
38 that is not required for an entity the size of the organization. Mr. Robinson stated that it may be
39 possible to have another firm handle the Agreed-Upon Procedures Report for approximately \$4,500.

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41 Ms. Nielsen confirmed the information shared by Mr. Robinson. However, it is proposed that a
42 change be made to the CWC bylaws to allow continuation of the contract with Greg Ogden. Since
43 the CWC has revenues and expenditures under the \$1 million threshold, there is no requirement by
44 law to conduct a full audit. That being said, a full audit has been conducted for the CWC each year.
45 What is before the CWC Board for consideration currently is a resolution to amend the bylaws and
46 approve the continuation of the contract with Mr. Ogden. If the CWC Board decides not to move
47 ahead with this plan, then other options can be considered. For example, the CWC can discuss
48 contracting for the lower-level Agreed-Upon Procedures Report as opposed to a full audit.

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2 Chair Silvestrini noted that it is a good idea for public entities to switch auditors periodically. The
3 right timeframe for that switch is debatable. He pointed out that the CWC has not issued a request
4 for proposal (“RFP”) for an audit and received bids, but Ms. Nielsen had contacted some firms. He
5 did not feel that was the best public process. Amending the bylaws to allow the switch to occur every
6 10 years means the CWC can determine whether there is a desire to issue an RFP for an audit in the
7 future. This will ensure that there is a cleaner public process moving forward. It also allows the
8 organization to use the services of Mr. Ogden in the current year. Mr. Robinson was supportive of
9 what was outlined by Chair Silvestrini. He noted that Resolution 2024-05 relates to the bylaws. The
10 contractor agreement for the audit was addressed in Resolution 2024-06, which is next on the agenda.
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12 Ms. Nielsen explained that the current bylaws allow the Executive Director to recommend an auditor
13 or CPA firm for auditing services. Research was conducted and bids were received for audits that
14 were over \$10,000. As a comparison, the audit services from Mr. Ogden are \$6,000. The price for
15 the Agreed-Upon Procedures Report is approximately \$4,500. Mr. Robinson felt it made sense to
16 continue to have an audit as opposed to an Agreed-Upon Procedures Report. Chair Silvestrini pointed
17 out that if there was an RFP process, it would be possible to explain what the scope of the work is.
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19 Mayor Knopp made a motion to approve the resolution. Christopher Robinson seconded the motion.
20 It was noted that in the Exhibit to Resolution 2024-05, the date was shown as 2023 instead of 2024.
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22 **MOTION:** Mayor Knopp moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-05 – Amending the CWC’s
23 Bylaws, with a correction made to the date on the exhibit provided. Christopher Robinson seconded
24 the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.
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26 ii. **(Action) Consideration of Resolution 2024-06 - Approving and Ratifying**
27 **Entry into the First Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement**
28 **with Greg Ogden, CPA, for Auditing Services.**
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30 **MOTION:** Mayor Knopp moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-06 – Approving and Ratifying
31 Entry into the First Amendment to Independent Contractor Agreement with Greg Ogden, CPA, for
32 Auditing Services. Mayor Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous
33 consent of the Board.
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35 c. **A Draft of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025 will be Ready for Review**
36 **and Approval by Resolution During the May 6, 2024, Board Meeting.**
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38 Mr. Robinson reported that during the May 6, 2024, CWC Board Meeting, a draft of the Tentative
39 Budget will be ready for review. He reiterated that there will be savings from the office lease.
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41 Ms. Nielsen stated that a Staff Memo was included in the Meeting Materials Packet specifically
42 related to membership contributions and the CWC budget. CWC Staff recently proposed a new
43 structure for member contributions to the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee. Some member
44 jurisdiction contributions would not change under that proposal and some would change only slightly.
45 She shared a chart with the CWC Board. As CWC Staff and the Treasurer start to build the 2024/2025
46 Fiscal Year budget, the hope is to meet with member jurisdictions to discuss what is proposed.
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1 Chair Silvestrini explained that CWC Staff wants to stabilize the contributions and ensure that there
2 is logic behind the amounts. He noted that population numbers will be considered. The memo
3 included a comparison with the Utah League of Cities and Towns (“ULCT”) and broke down the
4 member jurisdictions into three categories. This matter is open for Board Member discussion.
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6 Ms. Nielsen asked CWC Legal Counsel what the organization will need to do if member jurisdiction
7 tiers are adopted. Mr. Topham explained that the CWC Board has looked at something similar before,
8 with mandatory contribution levels for different members. However, that idea was discarded. It is
9 possible to create a resolution related to tier levels if that is something the CWC Board desires. Mayor
10 Knopp explained that the proposal will need to be taken to individual councils for approval. Chair
11 Silvestrini asked if members of the CWC Board feel comfortable presenting the idea to their councils.
12 Mayor Monica Zoltanski suggested that there be a range so there is some flexibility. Ms. Nielsen
13 confirmed that at a future meeting, there can be ranges presented for the different tiers. Mayor
14 Zoltanski suggested annual increases of an anticipated amount be contemplated as well for inflation.
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16 Mayor Erin Mendenhall asked to review the chart on the third page of the memo. Ms. Nielsen
17 explained that the chart showed what each member jurisdiction contributes to being a member of the
18 ULCT. That was included in the memo as an example of other types of contributions. It is an example
19 of how membership dues are worked into yearly budgets. The ULCT uses a formula that is population
20 tax-based. Chair Silvestrini explained that there is a desire to have a logical structure for
21 contributions.
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23 d. **Approval of Contract for State Government Relations Services for the Current**
24 **Fiscal Year.**

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26 i. **(Action) Consideration of Resolution 2024-01 - Approving and Ratifying**
27 **Entry into the Fourth Amendment to an Independent Contractor**
28 **Agreement with Casey Hill.**
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30 Chair Silvestrini reported that Casey Hill is a lobbyist who has worked with the CWC. The resolution
31 before the CWC Board is an Independent Contractor Agreement for his services. Mayor Mendenhall
32 asked about the budget for the contract. Ms. Nielsen stated that it has been \$40,000 every year that
33 the organization has worked with Mr. Hill. The language “up to \$40,000” was included in the
34 resolution so the amount does not exceed \$40,000. Mr. Robinson pointed out that the contract is with
35 Mr. Hill of Lincoln Hill Partners and not with Mr. Hill as an individual. Mr. Topham clarified that
36 the agreement is directly with Mr. Hill as who he is affiliated with has changed over time.
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38 **MOTION:** Mayor Zoltanski moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-01 – Approving and Ratifying
39 Entry into the Fourth Amendment to an Independent Contractor Agreement with Casey Hill.
40 Christopher Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the
41 Board.
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1 e. **Representative Robert Spendlove Sponsored the CWC's \$200,000**
2 **Appropriations Request for Projects for the Third Consecutive Year. Staff and**
3 **Treasurer Robinson Presented to the Legislature's Infrastructure and General**
4 **Government Appropriations Committee.**
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6 i. **(Action) Consideration of Resolution 2024-03 - Naming Representative**
7 **Robert M. Spendlove a "Champion of the Wasatch" for his Further**
8 **Efforts to Protect the Central Wasatch Mountains.**
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10 Chair Silvestrini explained that Resolution 2024-03 is intended to thank Representative Robert M.
11 Spendlove for his efforts in the Legislative Session this year. During communications with
12 Representative Spendlove, gratitude was expressed for the recognition. He also stated that it was his
13 honor to support the organization. Mr. Robinson commented that he was impressed with the
14 presentation made by Representative Spendlove. He did an excellent job and was very enthusiastic.
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16 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-03 – Naming
17 Representative Robert M. Spendlove a “Champion of the Wasatch” for his Further Efforts to Protect
18 the Central Wasatch Mountains. Mayor Zoltanski seconded the motion. The motion passed with the
19 unanimous consent of the Board.
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21 Mayor Zoltanski asked about a formal presentation of the resolution. Chair Silvestrini suggested that
22 Representative Spendlove be invited to a future meeting. Alternatively, CWC Staff could frame the
23 resolution and have it sent to Representative Spendlove. Ms. Nielsen reported that a version of the
24 resolution will be signed by CWC Board Members. It will be embossed and sent to his office.
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26 f. **(Action) Consideration of Resolution 2024-02 - Releasing and Appointing**
27 **Members of the Stakeholders Council.**
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29 Stakeholders Council leadership, John Knoblock and Tom Diegel were present to discuss
30 Stakeholders Council membership. There were five openings on the Council and 17 applications
31 were received. The quality of the applications was impressive, which is a testament to the work the
32 organization does. Mr. Diegel explained that the applicants filled out a questionnaire and there was
33 a spreadsheet where the applicants were rated based on various strengths and weaknesses. He
34 believed the new members will be a wonderful addition to the Council as there is wide representation.
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36 Ms. Nielsen noted that the Meeting Materials Packet includes a memo with the names of the Council
37 Members who are leaving the Stakeholders Council and those joining the Stakeholders Council. The
38 Selection Committee was composed of CWC Staff and Stakeholders Council leadership. She
39 reviewed the new Stakeholders Council Members who were proposed by the Selection Committee:
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- 41 • Grace Tyler (Save Our Canyons)
- 42 • John Adams (Private Citizen)
- 43 • Johnny Vasic (Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment)
- 44 • Patrick Morrison (Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation)
- 45 • Sally Kaiser (Private Citizen)
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47 Mayor Mendenhall asked Stakeholders Council leadership why they continue to serve on the Council.
48 Mr. Diegel stated that there is a lot of potential. He acknowledged that for some Council Members,

1 expectations for progress may or may not be met and optimism can fade. With a few of the previous
2 Council Members, their optimism faded, but he still felt there was an opportunity to make things
3 happen. He is committed to the organization and wants to make a positive difference in the area.
4 Chair Silvestrini took a moment to thank Carl Fisher for his years of service on the Council as well
5 as the other Council Members who had served but decided to move on from the organization. He
6 noted that the CWC Board is trying to find ways to better involve the Stakeholders Council in the
7 future.

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9 Ms. Nielsen noted that Mr. Adams and Ms. Kaiser were both present at the meeting. It was suggested
10 that information about their background be shared. Ms. Kaiser reported that she works for the State
11 of Utah in the Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control. She is also a Firs cabin owner.
12 She first heard about the CWC meetings in regards to Millcreek. Mr. Adams has been a resident since
13 1989. He is originally from the Boston area but came to the area to ski and ended up staying. His
14 career is related to technology on the credit and fraud side. For the past 34 years, he had a weekend
15 job as a ski patroller at Solitude. He has since retired from his professional work but still does ski
16 patrol.

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18 **MOTION:** Mayor Mendenhall moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-02 – Releasing and
19 Appointing Members of the Stakeholders Council. Mayor Knopp seconded the motion. The motion
20 passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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22 **2. Short-Term Projects Committee**

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24 a. **Short-Term Projects Committee Chair Mike Weichers will Introduce the Fifth**
25 **Cycle of the Short-Term Projects Grant Program, which Opens Monday,**
26 **March 4, and Closes on Monday, April 1.**
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28 b. **Committee Chair Mike Weichers and Committee Members Roger Bourke,**
29 **Annalee Munsey, and Dave Whittekiend will Meet on April 12, 2024, from**
30 **9:00 AM to 11:30 AM.**
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32 Ms. Nielsen shared information about the Short-Term Projects Grant Program. She explained that
33 the fifth cycle of the program is now open and project ideas will be accepted until March 25, 2024.
34 Criteria and instructions for the applications can be found on the CWC website. The Short-Term
35 Projects Committee Meeting has been scheduled, where Committee Members meet to review project
36 proposals and determine the funding amounts. Mayor Mike Weichers will be the Chair of the
37 Committee during this funding cycle. There is \$95,000 in the budget to disperse, which is the highest
38 amount that the CWC has had to disperse through the grant program. The Youth Council has been
39 considering how they might be able to participate in the program and is working on a submission.

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41 The CWC has been asked to make a change to the next Short-Term Projects Grant Program cycle. In
42 order to simplify things for the U.S. Forest Service, it was requested that the call for ideas in 2025
43 take place in January. Largely, nothing would change, except for the date that the grant opens. Chair
44 Silvestrini thought it was important to accommodate the request made by the Forest Service.

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46 Mayor Zoltanski wanted to know more about the review process and the funding amounts awarded.
47 She asked how the Committee will determine whether something is advanced. Mayor Weichers
48 reported that the requests for funding will be reviewed and the Committee will consider a number of

1 factors to determine whether or not a request will be partially or fully funded. Mayor Zoltanski asked
2 for examples of previously funded projects. Ms. Nielsen informed those present that all of the
3 previously funded projects associated with the program are listed on the CWC website. Some of
4 those projects have included trail work and bridge building. The program also fully funded the
5 construction of beaver dam analogs, which are manmade beaver dams, at Willow Heights Lake. That
6 process encourages the reintroduction of keystone species at the lake. The program also helped to
7 fund different shuttle programs as well as a Recycle Utah event where toxic waste is turned in.

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9 One criterion of the Short-Term Programs Grant Program is that all project applications have to fulfill
10 one or more of the Mountain Accord tenants. Ms. Nielsen explained that the tenants relate to
11 environmental conservation and protection, year-round recreation, the economic viability of the
12 mountains, as well as transit or transportation. In addition, the projects must be located within the
13 CWC study area and it must be a short-term project. She clarified that a short-term project has to be
14 completed within one calendar year after the funds are received. Mayor Zoltanski asked if the money
15 is paid upfront or reimbursed. Ms. Nielsen reported that it is paid upfront. She reviewed the timeline
16 and explained that the call for applications is currently open. Between March 25 and May 6, the
17 Short-Term Projects Committee will meet, deliberate, and decide how the funds will be allocated.
18 During the May 6, 2024, CWC Board Meeting, the Short-Term Projects Committee will make
19 recommendations. After that meeting, successful applicants can expect to receive the funds.

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21 Mayor Bourke was on the Short-Term Projects Committee last year and some of the discussions had
22 to do with which applications offered the best value for the money. Mayor Zoltanski offered to serve
23 on the Short-Term Projects Committee this year. It was confirmed that she would be added.

24 25 **3. Legislative and Land Tenure Committee.**

26 27 **a. The Legislative and Land Tenure Committee has Scheduled its First Meeting of** 28 **the Year on March 8, 2024.**

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30 Chair Silvestrini reported that the Legislative and Land Tenure Committee Meeting is scheduled to
31 take place on March 8, 2024. There is a desire to discuss the idea of moving the legislation forward.

32 33 **STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

34 35 **1. Stakeholders Council Chair and Co-Chair John Knoblock and Tom Diegel will Discuss** 36 **with the Board the Recent Activities of the Stakeholders Council.**

37 38 **a. Stakeholders Council Leadership will Discuss Recent Leadership and** 39 **Membership Changes.**

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41 Mr. Diegel reported that the Stakeholders Council was reorganized last fall into different Systems
42 Committees to better reflect the Mountain Accord process. In addition to those Systems Committees,
43 there is the Millcreek Canyon Committee. The Stakeholders Council meets every other month with
44 subcommittee meetings interspersed between. Mr. Diegel explained that the Stakeholders Council is
45 diverse and the more focused subcommittees make it possible to focus all of those interests.

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47 The Millcreek Canyon Committee has been discussing the Federal Land Access Program (“FLAP”)
48 grant work. Mr. Diegel explained that the FLAP grant will focus on rebuilding the road in the upper

1 portion of the canyon. Last week, there was a presentation in front of the Salt Lake County Council,
2 and that went well. He believed the environmental analysis will be released this week. There will
3 then be a 30-day public comment period for that. In addition to the FLAP grant, the Committee has
4 also been focused on a potential Millcreek Canyon shuttle program. Ms. Nielsen has been working
5 with the Forest Service on possible National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) work for a shuttle
6 prior to the completion of the FLAP grant work. There are still issues related to parking and funding.
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8 Mr. Knoblock shared information about the Recreation Systems Committee. The Committee is
9 currently looking at the Draft Tri-Canyon Trails Master Plan. That is a collaboration between the
10 Forest Service, Salt Lake Ranger District, and Salt Lake County. During the month of March, the
11 Forest Service and the consultant will hold a number of public meetings to review the draft plan.
12 Additionally, there will be a presentation at the next Stakeholders Council Meeting. In the month of
13 April, there will be a public comment period. The intention is to finalize the plan by the end of the
14 year or early 2025. This is specifically cited in the Mountain Accord as an agreed-upon action.
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16 The Environment Systems Committee has an interest in looking at a lands acquisition program.
17 Mr. Knoblock pointed out that this is another item specified in the Mountain Accord as an agreed-
18 upon action. The intention is to look into the development of a process to acquire private property
19 from willing sellers for conservation and protection. He is interested to see how those discussions
20 will tie into the work of the Legislative and Land Tenure Committee. Mr. Knoblock explained that
21 this is an important piece of the Mountain Accord, but there has not been a lot of progress there in
22 recent years. It is necessary to focus on recreational access and potential unwanted development in
23 the Central Wasatch. Communications with the Salt Lake County Assessor’s Office found that a list
24 of all private parcels in the Central Wasatch without residential development is something that can
25 be compiled.
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27 Mr. Knoblock noted that a recent parcel was a concern to the Millcreek Canyon Committee and the
28 Environment Systems Committee, which was the 18-acre parcel at the base of Millcreek Canyon.
29 The fee booth sits right at the edge of that parcel. He reported that Salt Lake County appropriated
30 money into their open space budget and were working with the property owner to negotiate a
31 purchase.
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33 Mr. Diegel reported that Salt Lake County Council Member, Dea Theodore, has a mission to address
34 some of the main issues in the Central Wasatch. There are three committees, which are related to
35 wildfire and forest health, culinary and emergency water, as well as public and private access.
36 Mr. Diegel has attended some of the meetings related to public and private access. He reminded those
37 present that there was a resolution last year asking the Forest Service to address some of the access
38 issues in Cardiff Canyon. However, that issue has not been resolved and it is still a heated matter.
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40 Laura Briefer noted that she has heard about the committees, but was informed that government
41 entities are not invited. That is a concern to her because some of the discussions relate to water
42 supply. Additionally, Salt Lake City is involved in the Cardiff issue in part because the City holds
43 title to land there. Mr. Knoblock explained that the intention of the committees is for them to be
44 citizen-focused. Council Member Theodore wants to develop a position as a Council Member
45 representing the area. She specifically does not want governmental agencies on the committees. The
46 idea is not necessarily to resolve the issues at the committee level but to have discussions about them.
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1 Mr. Diegel discussed the Transportation Systems Committee and the Economy Systems Committee.
2 He reported that the Transportation Systems Committee is focused on the Big Cottonwood Canyon
3 Mobility Action Plan (“BCC MAP”) work. As for the Economy Systems Committee, there have been
4 some discussions about the Ski Hill Resources for Economic Development (“SHRED”) Act.
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6 Danny Richardson introduced himself as the Co-Chair of the Transportation Systems Committee. A
7 transportation priorities survey was conducted by Committee Members and the four major priorities
8 were: implementing the actions from the BCC MAP, Millcreek Canyon shuttle, summer transit in the
9 Cottonwood Canyons, and a Central Wasatch Special Transit District. There were questions about
10 whether a Special Transit District was appropriate and if it was something that can be implemented.
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12 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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14 There were no public comments.
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16 **COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

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18 Mr. Robinson thanked Mayor Nann Worel, City Council, and Staff, as they allowed Mr. Robinson
19 and Ms. Nielsen to attend the lunch hour of their City Council Retreat last Friday. He noted that
20 Ms. Nielsen had done an excellent job during her presentation. He reiterated his appreciation.
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22 Mayor Zoltanski referenced the recent conflicts between a Cardiff property owner and recreationist.
23 She wondered whether there is something the CWC Board can do to educate, inform, or diffuse
24 tensions in the area as she heard some alarming stories. Mayor Knopp reported that there will be a
25 meeting with the ski areas and the surrounding residents. It is a complicated issue because some of
26 the land is owned by Salt Lake City Public Utilities, some is owned by the Forest Service, and some
27 is owned by Brighton. There is a desire to find areas where crossing is permitted. In the meantime,
28 the ski resorts will focus on adding more signage to focus on communication. The property owner in
29 question does not want anyone to cross the corner of his land to reach the public road and that property
30 owner believes he has the right to defend his property. It is a very troubling and disturbing situation.
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32 Mayor Zoltanski reiterated the importance of CWC support. Mayor Knopp reported that there needs
33 to be a discussion with Salt Lake City Public Utilities to see if there is a way for there to be a better
34 trail back to the resort above the private holdings. Additional discussions were had about the issue.
35 Ex Officio Member, Dave Whittekiend, noted that there is Forest Service land in there as well. If
36 there is a desire to visit the area, he asked that CWC Board Members let him know ahead of time.
37 The Cardiff issues are very complex and the Forest Service has been working to address the matter.
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39 **CLOSING**

40 41 **1. Chair Silvestrini will Call for a Motion to Adjourn the Board Meeting.**

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43 **MOTION:** Mayor Zoltanski moved to ADJOURN the CWC Board Meeting. Mayor Knopp
44 seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.
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46 The meeting adjourned at 5:07 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, March 4, 2024.*

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