



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

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9 **Board Members:** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Chair
10 Mayor Erin Mendenhall
11 Christopher F. Robinson
12 Mayor Dan Knopp
13 Mayor Roger Bourke

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15 **Staff:** Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director
16 Samantha Kilpack, Director of Operations
17 Mia McNeil, Community Engagement Coordinator
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19 **Others:** Dave Whittekiend
20 Annalee Munsey
21 Carlton Christensen
22 Tom Diegel
23 Laura Briefer
24 Kali Jones
25 Danny Richardson
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27 **OPENING**

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

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32 Chair Jeff Silvestrini called the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”) Board Meeting to order at
33 3:35 p.m. and welcomed those present. He noted that there is not currently a quorum, but it was
34 expected that other Board Members would soon join the meeting. At that time, motions can be made.
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36 **2. The Board will Consider Approving the Minutes of the Board Retreat of March 4, 2024.**

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38 Once there was a quorum, Meeting Minutes from the March 4, 2024, Board Retreat were considered.
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40 **MOTION:** Mayor Mendenhall moved to APPROVE the March 4, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Mayor
41 Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.
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1 **3. Staff Updates.**

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3 a. **If You Have Not Yet Done So, Please Return Conflict Disclosure Forms, Certifications of Completion of Open Meetings Act Training, and Other “Housekeeping” Items to Staff by June 30 to Assure the CWC’s Compliance with these Annual Audit Requirements.**

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8 Chair Silvestrini reminded the CWC Board Members to complete the necessary housekeeping items. Director of Operations, Samantha Kilpack, noted that there are only a few that are missing. She offered to send out email reminders to the Board Members who have not yet submitted the materials.

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12 b. **We Have Moved Into Our New Office Space.**

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14 Ms. Kilpack shared information about the new CWC office space. She explained that the move occurred last week and everything is mostly set up. The space is excellent and it will work well for the organization. She noted that the conference room is slightly larger and the office is more centrally located. Chair Silvestrini asked whether the keys had been turned over to the previous landlord. This was confirmed. Ms. Kilpack stated that a mail key was retained and will be kept for a short time to ensure that any mail sent to the old address will still be received. However, she reported that mail forwarding has been set up and the CWC address has been changed wherever necessary.

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21 Ex Officio Member, Carlton Christensen, asked what the new address is for the CWC office. Ms. Kilpack reported that it is 311 South State Street. Chair Silvestrini thanked CWC Staff for their work. He pointed out that the new office space will save the CWC money on rent moving forward.

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25 c. **Youth Council Updates.**

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28 Community Engagement Coordinator, Mia McNeil, reported that the Youth Council is meeting on May 15, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If there are any CWC Board Members or others interested in attending via Zoom or in person, that is encouraged. She explained that those interested can reach out to CWC Staff for additional details. Ms. McNeil stated that two of the Youth Council Short-Term Project Grant proposals were recommended to be funded by the Short-Term Projects Committee.

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33 d. **Transit Map Update.**

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36 Ms. McNeil shared information about the CWC Study Area Transit Map. She put together different GIS information to create a transit map throughout the Central Wasatch region that connects to Salt Lake County and Summit County. She is studying for her GIS certificate and has recently been taking classes. As a result, she was able to work on the CWC Study Area Transit Map. It involves route and schedule data from the Utah Transit Authority (“UTA”), High Valley Transit, and Park City Transit. Potentially, local shuttle services could be added to the map as well. For example, the Wasatch Backcountry Alliance Winter Cottonwood Canyon shuttle and the Transit to Trails shuttle in the Wasatch Back. She wants to include all of the relevant information to assist visitors.

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45 Executive Director, Lindsey Nielsen, explained that the idea behind the CWC Study Area Transit Map is the same as the Environmental Dashboard. The intention is to amass the available transit options in the CWC study area into one place and share that on the CWC website. Residents and visitors to the study area can look at the map and plan their trip to the Central Wasatch accordingly.

1 Chair Silvestrini wondered when the CWC Study Area Transit Map will be finished. Ms. McNeil
2 stated that she is still collecting some additional data from Park City and Wasatch Backcountry
3 Alliance so it can be added to the map. She believed the map would be done by the end of June.
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5 Mayor Dan Knopp asked Ex-Officio Christensen about UTA buses. He wondered whether there
6 would be a return to previous service levels. Ex-Officio Christensen explained that it is anticipated
7 there will be the same level of service that has been provided in the last two years. However, UTA
8 is looking at an alternative to restore the 953 bus route. Mayor Knopp wanted to know if there was
9 anything the CWC could do to assist. Ex-Officio Christensen clarified that it is not entirely a funding
10 issue. He reported that with the surge buses, more passengers were carried this year than two years
11 ago. UTA is carrying as many or more passengers as before the adjustments needed to be made to
12 the schedule. Mayor Knopp noted that he has heard a lot of positive feedback about UTA service
13 recently. Ex-Officio Christensen reported that UTA worked with the resorts this year and will
14 continue to do so.
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16 Mayor Erin Mendenhall asked if the Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) might be
17 interested in linking the information Ms. McNeil is putting together once it is complete. Ex-Officio
18 Christensen stated that a request can be made to UDOT, but UTA does not have control over their
19 choices. He pointed out that UDOT is normally open to the idea of cross-sharing relevant
20 information. Mayor Mendenhall thought those discussions should take place sooner rather than later.
21 Ex-Officio Christensen stated that UTA can reach out to UDOT about the CWC Study Area Transit
22 Map.
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24 Tom Diegel noted that there was an article in The Salt Lake Tribune about UTA soliciting a third-
25 party entity to have more drivers in place for next year. Ex-Officio Christensen reported that there is
26 currently a procurement that is looking into supplemental services. UTA would continue to provide
27 the current level of service, but UTA is looking into alternatives to restore the 953 bus route.
28 Periodically, there is a need for supplemental service that goes beyond the normal core service.
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30 Mayor Roger Bourke further discussed the article and noted that it was inconsistent with the briefing
31 on the request for proposal ("RFP") for the restoration of the 953 bus line. He asked whether Ex-
32 Officio Christensen had read the article. Ex-Officio Christensen clarified that he has not read that
33 specific article, but pointed out that it would not be the first time something was not accurately
34 reported.
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36 **e. Visitor Use Study Update.**
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38 Ms. Nielsen shared information about the Visitor Use Study. She reminded Board Members that the
39 CWC Visitor Use Study was released in October 2023. There is now work being done on an update.
40 The idea behind the update is to reweigh certain components of the data to reflect visitation more
41 accurately to third-party sites in the study area. She clarified that third-party sites, as defined in the
42 study, are the ski resorts. The more accurate data will be incorporated into the Visitor Use Study and
43 there will be an updated Visitor Use Study to release to the public shortly.
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45 **f. 2023-2024 Ski Bus Priority Access Program Recap.**
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47 Ms. Nielsen reported that another successful season of the Ski Bus Priority Access Program has
48 ended. She explained that the program is in partnership with the Sandy City Police Department, UTA,

1 UDOT, and Cottonwood Heights. The idea behind the Ski Bus Priority Access Program is that the
2 Sandy City Police Department clears traffic and allows priority access to Little Cottonwood Canyon
3 for the UTA ski bus on route 972 on days that Little Cottonwood Canyon closes for avalanche
4 mitigation work. Last year, travel time was reduced by 30%, which incentivizes the use of the bus.
5 This year, the final numbers and the reduction in travel time have not been received from UTA yet,
6 but that information should be received soon. She expected there would be similar travel time
7 reductions.

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9 Chair Silvestrini noted that he did not see a request for additional funding this year. Last year, it was
10 a very snowy winter and the bus bypass budget was exceeded. That was not an issue with the budget
11 this year. Ms. Nielsen confirmed that the budget was accurate this year due to the snow levels.
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13 John Knoblock asked about the 953 bus and whether something similar could be done there. Ms.
14 Nielsen reported that there is a monthly meeting with the team that delivers this service to the public.
15 It includes representatives from the Sandy City Police Department, CWC, UDOT, and UTA. There
16 have been discussions about whether any other ski bus routes need this service. While there is no
17 concrete update on that, she assured him that those types of conversations continue to take place.
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19 Ms. Nielsen referenced a request made by Mayor Monica Zoltanski at the last CWC Board Meeting.
20 As a result of that request, a member of the Stakeholders Council and a member of the Youth Council
21 were invited to introduce themselves to the CWC Board. Danny Richardson and Kali Jones are both
22 present. Ms. Jones explained that she is currently a student at the University of Utah and is part of
23 the Youth Council. The Events and Outreach Committee has been working on the Short-Term
24 Projects Grant proposal for the film festival. What drew her to the Youth Council is the idea of
25 preserving the resource while ensuring that others can equitably recreate it. Mr. Richardson stated
26 that he is the Chair of the Transportation Systems Group for the Stakeholders Council. He was a
27 Snowbird employee, the President of Ski Utah, and an employee of UTA. He looks forward to seeing
28 solutions.
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30 **COMMITTEE UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

31 32 **1. Executive/Budget/Audit Committee.**

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34 **a. Treasurer Christopher F. Robinson and/or Budget Officer Sam Kilpack will**
35 **Brief the Board on the Recommended Tentative Budget for FY 2024-2025 and**
36 **Discuss the Attached FY 2024-2025 Contract Memo, and the Proposed**
37 **Resolution 2024-07 Approving the Tentative Budget.**
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39 Commissioner Christopher Robinson reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 documents in the Meeting
40 Materials Packet. The budget uses the newly modified tiered contribution system. Ms. Nielsen
41 explained that the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 is fairly straightforward and does not
42 have much deviation from the previous budget. However, it does incorporate the three-tier member
43 contribution system. She reminded Board Members that for the past several years, the CWC has been
44 trying to find a way to streamline member contributions. In previous years, it has been based on
45 historical giving that started under the Mountain Accord. The CWC has been trying to determine a
46 formula that makes sense for the member jurisdictions and can provide more stability to the budget.
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1 Ms. Nielsen reported that there are Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3. Tier 1 has a range of \$15,000 to \$25,000,
2 Tier 2 has a range of \$50,000 to \$75,000, and Tier 3 has a range of \$100,000 to \$200,000. Each of
3 the jurisdictions falls into one of the three tiers. The Ex-Officio Members are not classified here and
4 have Ex-Officio Member Contributions listed in the Tentative Budget. Commissioner Robinson
5 reported that the Ex-Officio Members are UTA at \$50,000 and the Metropolitan Water District of
6 Salt Lake and Sandy at \$15,000. As for the membership contributions, those are listed as \$487,000
7 in total. Chair Silvestrini explained that some members provided feedback about what they would
8 realistically be able to contribute. Any necessary adjustments will be taken into account.

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10 Ms. Nielsen noted that in the materials presented, there is a comparison between the proposed Fiscal
11 Year 2024-2025 budget and the current budget. Commissioner Robinson liked that layout because it
12 shows the differences from one year to the next. There are some notable differences, such as cost of
13 living adjustments (“COLA”) and \$25,000 for a Federal Lobbyist. The rest is fairly similar.

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15 Chair Silvestrini discussed the Salaries and Benefits portion of the budget. The Tentative Budget
16 shows a 3.4% COLA and a 5% merit increase. He wanted to know if that is something that has been
17 discussed, as that total is slightly higher than most municipalities are considering for the fiscal year.
18 Commissioner Robinson explained that the numbers have been proposed and can be discussed by the
19 CWC Board. Ms. Nielsen explained that with the 3.4% COLA and 5% merit would bring the yearly
20 salary for Ms. McNeil to approximately \$38,000, would bring Ms. Kilpack to \$98,000, and would
21 bring Ms. Nielsen to \$126,000. Commissioner Robinson reiterated that the CWC Board can discuss
22 the number proposed. Chair Silvestrini pointed out that this might be best to discuss during a Closed
23 Session. It makes sense to consider adopting the Tentative Budget during this meeting and then
24 holding a Closed Session in the future to further discuss the Salaries and Benefits proposed. Mayor
25 Mendenhall asked about the 5% merit number. She agreed that a Closed Session made sense.

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27 Ms. Nielsen reported that CWC Staff drafted the Tentative Budget, which is what is traditionally
28 done. It has been reviewed by the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee. If the Tentative Budget is
29 approved, it will move to the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee at the June meeting and then to the
30 CWC Board for final approval at the June meeting. She confirmed that it is possible to plan for a
31 Closed Session during the CWC Board Meeting agenda in June. Commissioner Robinson suggested
32 delegating the Closed Session to the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee. Chair Silvestrini thought
33 it made sense to discuss the matter during a Closed Session at the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee
34 Meeting in June where a recommendation can be made to the CWC Board. However, the CWC Board
35 should still have the option to go into a Closed Session in June to discuss this matter further.

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37 Chair Silvestrini reported that the State appropriation has increased from last year. As for the rent,
38 that was lower because of the move to the new office. That provides a little bit more flexibility. He
39 explained that the Tentative Budget is approximately \$7,000 higher than the budget from last year.

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41 **b. Chair Silvestrini will Discuss Contracting with a Facilitator for the Stakeholders**
42 **Council Retreat and Proposed Resolution 2024-08 Approving It.**
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44 Chair Silvestrini reported that at the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting, there were
45 discussions about hiring a facilitator to conduct the Stakeholders Council Retreat. Later in the CWC
46 Board Meeting, there will be consideration of a contract for the facilitator. Chair Silvestrini believed
47 the expense is worthwhile since the Stakeholders Council previously expressed appreciation for a
48 facilitator. Ms. Nielsen explained that in the current budget, there is \$6,000 allocated for the

1 Stakeholders Council and Youth Council. Most of that has not been touched. This contract proposes
2 using \$2,475 of that to facilitate the Stakeholders Council Retreat scheduled for May 16, 2024.

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

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6 **a. Short-Term Projects Committee Chair Mike Weichers will Brief the Board and**
7 **Provide Project and Funding Recommendations for this Year's Short-Term**
8 **Projects and Discuss Proposed Resolution 2024-09 Approving Them.**
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10 Ms. Nielsen reported that Mayor Mike Weichers, Mayor Zoltanski, and Mayor Bourke, Annalee
11 Munsey, and Dave Whittekiend participated on the Short-Term Projects Committee. Mayor Bourke
12 shared information about the meeting discussions. He explained that there were short-term project
13 proposals that totaled \$207,000. The Committee recommended funding approximately 57% of that,
14 but the recommended funding is more than was allocated for short-term projects. \$95,000 was
15 allocated for short-term projects and the total recommendation from the Committee was \$117,800.

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17 The short-term project funding amounts recommended by the Short-Term Projects Committee are:

- 18 • Trail Maintenance, Native Plant Restoration, and Control of Invasive Weeds in the Tri-
19 Canyons - Cottonwood Canyons Foundation (\$20,000);
- 20 • Outdoor Film Festival – CWC Youth Council (\$1,800);
- 21 • Community Gear Shed – CWC Youth Council (\$6,000);
- 22 • Bonanza Flat Accessible Trail Project – Park City Municipal Corporation (\$5,000);
- 23 • Fixed Anchor Maintenance: Wasatch Rock Climbing Routes – Salt Lake Climbers Alliance
24 (\$10,000);
- 25 • Alpenbock Documentary Film – Salt Lake Climbers Alliance (\$5,000);
- 26 • Conservation (Education and Outreach) Program – Save Our Canyons (\$15,000);
- 27 • Environmental Sustainability Education – Summit Community Gardens and EATS (\$10,000);
- 28 • White Pine Bridge Trail Erosion Repair – Trails Utah (\$5,000);
- 29 • Pipeline Trail Extension – Trails Utah (\$15,000);
- 30 • Transit to Trails Shuttle – Utah Open Lands (\$10,000);
- 31 • Backcountry Shuttle – Wasatch Backcountry Alliance (\$15,000).

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34 Mayor Bourke discussed the recommended projects. The Outdoor Film Festival is a proposed one-
35 time event and it was suggested by the Youth Council. It seemed like a worthwhile undertaking as
36 the proposal is for a modest amount of money. As for the item for Trail Maintenance, Native Plant
37 Restoration, and Control of Invasive Weeds in the Tri-Canyons, the total amount was recommended
38 to be funded. Mayor Bourke stressed the importance of trail maintenance in the study area.

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40 Another ask was from the Salt Lake Climbers Alliance and it has to do with Fixed Anchor
41 Maintenance. Mayor Bourke explained that the anchors become worn out over time and are crucial
42 for climbing safety. The request was a fairly modest amount given the impact. The Alpenbock
43 Documentary Film was something the Short-Term Projects Committee thought was interesting and
44 \$5,000 was recommended. The Summit Community Gardens and EATS proposal was discussed.
45 Ms. Nielsen explained that this is the first time that the organization has applied for short-term project
46 funding. It is always nice to see applications from community organizations in the Wasatch Back.
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1 Save Our Canyons requested \$18,000, but the Short-Term Projects Committee recommended
2 \$15,000. With the Bonanza Flat Accessible Trail Project, the proposal is for the construction of an
3 accessible trail. Mayor Bourke noted that the short-term project will improve access for a variety of
4 users. The Transit to Trails Shuttle was proposed by Utah Open Lands and the Backcountry Shuttle
5 was proposed by the Wasatch Backcountry Alliance. Mayor Bourke discussed the White Pine Bridge
6 Trail Erosion Repair and explained that it is a trail repair on the south side of the White Pine Bridge.
7 It was determined to be a worthy short-term project, as was the Pipeline Trail Extension that was
8 proposed. Additionally, partial funding was recommended for the Community Gear Shed project.
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10 Mayor Bourke stressed the importance of the short-term projects. These projects are fairly quick to
11 complete and show others that the CWC is always doing something worthwhile in the study area.
12 Chair Silvestrini believed the additional amount of money requested is available in the current budget
13 without the need for a budget amendment. It is possible to accommodate the Committee's request.
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15 Mayor Mendenhall asked about the Community Gear Shed project location. Ms. Nielsen reported
16 that this is one of two short-term project applications submitted by the Youth Council. She explained
17 that a gear shed is essentially a library where visitors can check out the gear that is necessary to
18 explore the Central Wasatch. The location of the gear shed is proposed to be at the Mobile Moon Co-
19 op, which is located on the west side of Salt Lake City. This is new community outreach for the
20 CWC, as it is an organization that the CWC has not worked with previously. Another motivation
21 behind this project for the Outdoor Access Committee was to increase access to the mountains for
22 historically underserved communities in Utah, who without a gear shed might not be able to recreate.
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24 Chair Silvestrini wanted to know if this is a start-up operation and whether the funding level is
25 adequate. Ms. Nielsen reported that the shed at the Mobile Moon Co-op had been built already. The
26 \$6,000 would be used for gear to stock the shed and could potentially purchase passes to access certain
27 trails that now have a fee associated with access. Mr. Diegel asked if donations would be solicited.
28 He noted that \$6,000 will likely not go that far when it comes to outdoor gear needs. Ms. Jones
29 explained that the Outdoor Access Committee discussed a lot of the points that the Short-Term
30 Projects Committee expressed concerns about. Work is being done to resolve some of those
31 unanswered questions.
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33 Mayor Mendenhall did not encourage accepting used gear, because safety needs to be the priority.
34 She suggested that there be a survey for those who check out gear to specify where the gear was used.
35 Laura Briefer believed the survey should also ask where the user resides, as that will be useful to
36 know. Chair Silvestrini liked the location of the Community Gear Shed. However, he wanted to see
37 some additional information about how the money will be used specifically and what will be
38 purchased. He would also be interested in a survey as previously suggested so the outreach is clear.
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40 Ms. Nielsen clarified that a list of what the money will be spent on was included in the project
41 proposal. She also added that all awarded projects are required to submit reports indicating how the
42 Short-Term Projects Grant funding was spent. If there are any unspent funds, those are required to
43 come back to the CWC. She reviewed the list of items in the Community Gear Shed proposal:
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- 45 • Storage system (totes and shelves to finish the gear shed) - \$400
- 46 • Bikepacking panniers - \$400
- 47 • Men's backpacks - \$400 (\$200 each)
- 48 • Women's backpacks - \$400 (\$200 each)

- 1 • Two-person tent - \$350
- 2 • Three-person tent - \$400
- 3 • Four-person tent - \$400
- 4 • Two 20 degree sleeping bags - \$400
- 5 • Two sub-20 degree sleeping bags - \$600
- 6 • Two foam sleeping pads - \$100 (\$50 each)
- 7 • Two inflatable sleeping pads - \$400 (\$200 each)
- 8 • Two backpacking stoves - \$300 (\$150 each)
- 9 • Camping stove - \$150
- 10 • Sawyer Squeeze water filter - \$40
- 11 • Katadyn Hiker Pro water filter - \$100
- 12 • Two crash pads - \$500 (\$250 each)
- 13 • Avalanche safety kit - \$500

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15 Ms. Nielsen reported that the list of items was forwarded to the Short-Term Projects Committee
16 Members, but it is possible to share that information with the CWC Board as well if there is interest.
17 Mayor Knopp felt it was important to treat this project like all of the other short-term project
18 awardees. Next year, the organization can look at how it went and decide whether there is a desire to
19 continue to support the Community Gear Shed project. Chair Silvestrini clarified that the questions
20 are not reflective of a lack of trust, but there is a desire to better understand what will be purchased.

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22 Discussions were had about the timeline for the next cycle of the Short-Term Projects Grant Program.
23 Ms. Nielsen explained that the CWC will accommodate the needs of the U.S. Forest Service. The
24 January date for the next grant cycle was previously discussed and agreed to by Bekee Hotze. The
25 idea for next year is that if the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") is required, those
26 projects be shifted to the next year to allow time for the Forest Service to address the NEPA. Ex-
27 Officio Whittekiend stated that it was his understanding that Ms. Hotze had been requesting an earlier
28 date.

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30 **3. Legislative and Land Tenure Committee.**

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32 **a. The Legislative and Land Tenure Committee Met on April 29, 2024.**

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34 Mayor Mendenhall reported that the Legislative and Land Tenure Committee met on March 8, 2024,
35 and April 29, 2024. The meetings included discussions about the Central Wasatch National
36 Conservation and Recreation Area ("CWNCRA") Act. One of the subjects that was discussed was
37 the potential for a reverse auction that could be engaged in for land conservation across the study
38 area. The Committee talked about opportunities for different sources of funds for a reverse auction.
39 There was no conclusion reached, but there will continue to be discussions about that possibility.
40 Some of the Legislative and Land Tenure Committee Members spoke to the delegation during visits
41 to DC in mid-March. There is an interest in organizing a field trip with State Legislators and Federal
42 Representatives. That kind of field trip could happen later in the summer or early in the fall. CWC
43 Staff is assisting with that work while Committee Members engage with the potential attendees.

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45 CWC Staff has reached out to Snowbird, Alta, Solitude, and Brighton to reengage on the CWNCRA.
46 Additionally, there have been discussions with the environmental community about the CWNCRA.
47 Those efforts will continue. The conversations that have occurred so far have been productive.

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2 Chair Silvestrini spoke about his conversations with the Congressional Delegation. There is still
3 interest in sponsoring the bill, but not until there is support from the State Legislature. That is the
4 motivation for wanting to host a field trip and focus on other communications with the State.
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6 **STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

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8 **1. Stakeholders Council Chair and Co-Chair John Knoblock and Tom Diegel will Discuss** 9 **with the Board the Recent Activities of the Stakeholders Council.**

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11 a. **The Stakeholders Council Retreat will be on May 16, 2024.**

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13 b. **The Stakeholders Council Chair and Co-Chair will Discuss Recent Leadership**
14 **and Membership Changes.**

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16 c. **The Chair and Co-Chair will Discuss a Letter Advanced from the Stakeholder's**
17 **Council to the Board Concerning the Phase 1 Implementation of the Little**
18 **Cottonwood Canyon EIS.**
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20 Chair of the Stakeholders Council, John Knoblock, shared updates with the CWC Board. He reported
21 that the Stakeholders Council Retreat will take place on May 16, 2024. Anyone interested in joining
22 that retreat is welcome to attend. He noted that Stakeholders Council Members would love to see
23 members of the CWC Board at the retreat. Mr. Knoblock reported that there are six new members of
24 the Stakeholders Council to take over for those who have rotated out for various reasons. There were
25 a lot of excellent applicants and it was difficult to choose those who were ultimately selected.
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27 Mr. Knoblock reminded the CWC Board that the Stakeholders Council has five subcommittees.
28 There are four Systems Committees and the Millcreek Canyon Committee. Those meetings have
29 shifted to bi-monthly meetings. The Recreation Systems Committee has been discussing the Draft
30 Tri-Canyon Trails Master Plan that is out for comment. The Transportation Systems Committee has
31 been focused on potential parking areas for a Millcreek Canyon shuttle. Patrick Shea, who is on the
32 Stakeholders Council and is involved with the litigation for the UDOT Little Cottonwood Canyon
33 Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) offered to draft a letter that would be forwarded to the
34 Stakeholders Council and potentially to the CWC Board for consideration. Mr. Shea wanted the
35 CWC to formally request additional details from UDOT about the Phase 1 implementation.
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37 The Economy Systems Committee has expressed an interest in the SHRED Act and the Environment
38 Systems Committee has discussed land preservation. With the latter, there has been clarification that
39 there is no desire to cross paths with the work of the Legislative and Land Tenure Committee. The
40 Millcreek Canyon Committee has been discussing the Federal Lands Access Program (“FLAP”) grant
41 for Millcreek Canyon, the shuttle, and the 18-acre parcel at the bottom of Millcreek Canyon. Two
42 years ago, the Forest Service hired two designated Rangers for Millcreek Canyon and that system is
43 working well. The Rangers are proactive at communicating with visitors.
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45 Mr. Diegel expressed his appreciation that UDOT has been willing to talk about the potential parking
46 for a shuttle near the mouth of Millcreek Canyon. It shows that there is a good level of cooperation.
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1 **ACTION ITEMS**

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3 1. **(Action) Consideration of Resolution 2024-07 - Adopting A Tentative Budget for FY**
4 **2024-2025; Providing for Public Inspection of Such Budget; Establishing the Time and**
5 **Place of a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Such Budget; and Providing for**
6 **Publication of Notice of Such Hearing.**
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8 Chair Silvestrini reported that the first Action Item is consideration of Resolution 2024-07. He
9 explained that it relates to the adoption of the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The
10 budget can be changed ahead of the Final Budget adoption, but this approval will start the process.
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12 **MOTION:** Mayor Mendenhall moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-07 – Adopting a Tentative
13 Budget for FY 2024-2025; Providing for Public Inspection of Such Budget; Establishing the Time
14 and Place of a Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Such Budget; and Providing for Publication
15 of Notice of Such Hearing. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with
16 the unanimous consent of the Board.
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18 2. **(Action) Consideration of Resolution 2024-08 - Approving an Independent Contractor**
19 **Agreement with The Langdon Group, Inc. for Facilitator Services.**
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21 Chair Silvestrini reported that the Action Item is consideration of Resolution 2024-08, which has to
22 do with the Independent Contractor Agreement with The Langdon Group, Inc. for facilitator services.
23 The agreement is included in the Meeting Materials Packet and it is \$2,475 for the retreat.
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25 **MOTION:** Mayor Mendenhall moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-08 – Approving an
26 Independent Contractor Agreement with The Langdon Group, Inc. for Facilitator Services. Mayor
27 Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.
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29 3. **(Action) Consideration of Resolution 2024-09 - Approving Short-Term Projects and**
30 **Associated Funding.**
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32 Chair Silvestrini reported that the Action Item is consideration of Resolution 2024-09, which relates
33 to the short-term projects and the recommended funding amounts that were previously discussed.
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35 **MOTION:** Commissioner Robinson moved to APPROVE Resolution 2024-09 – Approving Short-
36 Term Projects and Associated Funding. Mayor Mendenhall seconded the motion. The motion passed
37 with the unanimous consent of the Board.
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39 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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41 There were no public comments.
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43 **COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

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45 Chair Silvestrini thanked CWC Staff and Commissioner Robinson for their efforts on the Tentative
46 Budget. He also thanked the Short-Term Projects Committee for their work and recommendations.
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1 **CLOSING**

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

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5 **MOTION:** Mayor Knopp moved to ADJOURN the CWC Board Meeting. Mayor Mendenhall
6 seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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8 The meeting adjourned at 4:51 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 on Monday, May 6, 2024.*

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7 Minutes Secretary

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9 Minutes Approved: _____