

**Salt Lake County Council of Governments**  
**Quarterly Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, November 14th, 2024.

**Time:** 11:30 – 12:00 pm meeting

**Place:** Salt Lake County Unified Fire Authority 3380 S. 900 W. Salt Lake City, UT. 84119

**COG Membership:**

- ✓ Mayors from each jurisdiction including the Salt Lake County Mayor
- ✓ City Council representative from each city of the First Class (population of 100,000 or more) (Salt Lake City, Sandy, West Valley City, West Jordan) – Salt Lake City Councilmember Dan Dugan; Sandy Councilmember Alison Stroud; West Jordan Councilmember Chris McConnehey; West Valley Councilmember William Whetstone
- ✓ Four County Council members – Councilmember Ann Granato, Councilmember David Alvord, Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton (Alternate), Councilmember Laurie Stringham (Alternate)

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**COG Membership Attendees:** Alta – Mayor Roger Bourke; Bluffdale – Mayor Natalie Hall; Brighton – Mayor Dan Knopp; Cottonwood Heights – Mayor Mike Weichers; Draper – Mayor Troy Walker; Herriman – Mayor Lorin Palmer; Holladay – Mayor Robert Dahle; Midvale – Mayor Marcus Stevenson; Millcreek – Mayor Jeff Silvestrini; Riverton – Mayor Trent Staggs; Salt Lake City – Dan Dugan; Salt Lake County – Councilmember Ann Granato, Councilmember David Alvord; Sandy – Mayor Monica Zoltanski; South Jordan – Mayor Dawn Ramsey; Taylorsville – Mayor Kristie Overson; West Jordan – Mayor Dirk Burton; West Valley City – Mayor Karen Lang; Salt Lake County – Mayor Jenny Wilson; Alison Stroud

**Other:** Katherine Fife, Andrew Gruber, Josh Lee, John Hiskey, Molly Wheeler, Laurie Hopkins, Lisa Hartman, Laurie Stringham, Catherine Kanter, Janice Kimball, Doug Hill, Kim Bell, William Whetstone, Mike Winder, Jared Gerber, Justin Lee, Diane Turner, Jennifer Kennedy, Ellen Birrell, Kelvin Green, Alan Lord, Lise Brunhart, Carlton Christensen, Stephen Van Maren, (virtual) Reina Chano Murray, Kara Trevino, Alexa Oldham, Caitlyn Tubbs, Dustin Lewis, Michelle Larsen, Suzanne Hyland, Andrew Johnston, Rob Dahle, Isaac Higham

**Staff:** Lauren Littlefield, Tiffany Marquez, Derick Davis

1. **11:30 am – 12:00 Noon (30 minutes) Lunch and networking.**
2. **Welcome and Approval of Minutes** – Sandy Mayor Monica Zoltanski, welcomed everyone at 12:00. Mayor Zoltanski asked for a motion to approve the August 15th, 2024, minutes. Mayor Wood motioned to approve the August 15th minutes. Councilman Dugan seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Zoltanski thanked Ann Granato, Dave Alvord, and Jim Bradley for their service being part of the Salt Lake County Council. Starting in 2025 Mayor Hall will be the new COG Chair and Mayor Hales will be the Vice Chair.
3. **Update & Preview of Homelessness Policy** – Wayne Niederhauser, Utah State Homeless Coordinator. Wayne spoke on the new Code Red program using conditional use permits for housing. The State Homelessness Services Board has been tasked with finding 30 acres of property for an additional facility that can house 1000 to 1200 homeless individuals. Part of the reason for the new site is to have a 50-year solution to the homelessness problem. There are concerns of such a large center. Reno, Las Cruces, and San Antonio have similar facilities that are working well. They have properties that they are presenting to the board. The Board would like 3 priority properties decided on by December 15<sup>th</sup>. The new facility will be there to keep people off the street, and to discourage camping. Mayor Silvestrini asked why the model was changing from multiple facilities back to a large central facility. Wayne stated the large facility would be used a central intake center and the satellite facilities could be used to accommodate different subpopulations. Right now the shelters are at capacity with the extra 900 beds filling up during the winter months. Dan Dugan asked about the exit strategy to help people get into permanent housing. Wayne spoke on the need for criminal justice reform and support to help get people into housing when they are “ready” for that next step. Dan and Wayne spoke on the fact that the funding is not where it needs to be to help all the people in need of assistance. It needs to be a collective effort to get this done. Affordable housing must be subsidized. At its core this is a cost of housing issue. There were 10k homeless for the first time in 2023.
4. **Policy Preview & Update on Statewide Housing Plan** – Steve Waltrip, Utah Senior Advisor for Housing Strategy and Innovation, Steve Waltrip was unable to attend the meeting. No updates currently.
5. **Lincoln Land Institute Demonstration – “Who Owns Salt Lake County”** – Dina Blaes, Director, Salt Lake County Office of Regional Development & Reina Chano Murray, Associate Director, Center for Geospatial Solutions, LLI. Dina spoke on who owns Utah. She mentioned Jeff Allenby from The Center for Geospatial Studies in Boston. Jeff found that during the 2008 – 2009 housing bubble, housing was purchased by institutional investors especially in areas with a large tourism presence. Blackrock being one of those companies. Utah has a large corporate property ownership in Summit and Grand Counties. With permission from Salt Lake County Mayor Wilson and the Salt Lake County Council the county partnered with Lincoln Land Institute for a study on who owns Salt Lake County. She stated that the reason it took a while for the results was “data cleaning”. There needs to be standards for the data collected from Assessors, Records, and Clerks. The information was not an aggregate, it was done parcel by parcel. The housing stock in Salt Lake County has increased from 2018 to 2023 the investor activity has also increased. Salt Lake County did an inventory audit in 2017 – 2018 and with the data that The Lincoln Land Institute had the county was able to show the trends

over that time. Reina spoke on what Lincoln Land Institute does. “We serve as data navigators for the common good, improving how data is accessed, interpreted, and applied across boundaries.”

- **Services**

- Data and Asset Inventory
- Analysis & Mapping
- Spatial Infrastructure
- Data Management
- App Development

“We are more than technologists. The team is growing, and we are multidisciplinary.”

National parcel by parcel ownership classification. We can determine an ownership profile. The parcel data explorer gives information such as lot use type, who owns the parcel, number of housing units, total acreage, and average assessed value. The goal is to have the dashboard available in 2025.

6. **Group Photo & Adjourn** – Mayor Monica Zoltanski, Mayor Z asked if there was any new business to be discussed. Dan Dugan spoke on transit funding. COM Meeting December 12<sup>th</sup> at Murray City. The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm.