



MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025, AT 3:30 P.M. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM. THE ANCHOR LOCATION WAS MILLCREEK CITY HALL LOCATED AT 1330 EAST CHAMBERS AVENUE, MILLCREEK, UTAH.

Board Members: Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Chair
Mayor Erin Mendenhall
Christopher F. Robinson
Mayor Dan Knopp
Mayor Mike Weichers
Mayor Monica Zoltanski
Mayor Roger Bourke
Laura Briefer

Special Advisors: Amber Broadway

Stakeholders Council: Tom Diegel
Danny Richardson

Staff: Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director
Samantha Kilpack, Director of Operations
Mia McNeil, Community Engagement Coordinator
Shane Topham, CWC Legal Counsel

OPENING

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

Chair Jeff Silvestrini called the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”) Meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

2. (Action) The Board will Consider Approving the Minutes of the Board Meeting on January 6, 2025.

MOTION: Roger Bourke moved to APPROVE the Meeting Minutes from the January 6, 2025, CWC Board Meeting. Dan Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

2025/2026 STRATEGIC PLANNING DISCUSSION

1. Mountain Accord Directives Review.

Executive Director, Lindsey Nielsen, shared a spreadsheet that maps out the administrative, budget, project, and communications work for the CWC in the next fiscal year. She reported that the fiscal year is from July 2025 to June 2026. The spreadsheet includes the standard meeting schedule for the CWC Board, Stakeholders Council, and CWC Youth Council. It also includes the standard monthly communications and outreach work, the Short-Term Projects Grant Program, and the Central Wasatch Symposium. The plan is to turn the Central Wasatch Symposium into an annual event. The spreadsheet has information about the budget-building process and ongoing projects, such as the Ski Bus Priority Access Program and the U.S. Forest Service trailhead restroom maintenance schedule.

In addition to the calendar with the established work of the CWC, the CWC Board is asked to have a conversation about the directives laid out during the Mountain Accord process. There is an opportunity to consider these items now as the budget and strategic plan for the next fiscal year are built out. Ms. Nielsen reported that there is a memo that outlines some of the Mountain Accord items, such as a Millcreek Canyon shuttle. CWC Staff has put effort into a potential shuttle and the Stakeholders Council has put a considerable amount of effort into this project. The CWC Board can decide whether there is a desire to have more CWC Staff time dedicated to the implementation of this project. Another item listed in the memo is the Environmental Dashboard. The CWC is currently under contract with the University of Utah for Phoebe McNeally and her team to continue building out the Human Element. There was recently a storyboarding session with Ms. McNeally, Kirk Nichols, Stakeholders Council Members, CWC Youth Council, and members of the public. At that time, feedback was received on the current display and substance of the Environmental Dashboard.

The next item in the memo is the Central Wasatch National Conservation and Recreation Area Act (“CWCNRA”). Ms. Nielsen noted that the section from the Mountain Accord that references the CWCNRA is included in the memo. Per the outcomes of the 2024 CWC Board Retreat, CWC Staff will continue to plan meetings with important stakeholders for the duration of the current fiscal year as well as the next fiscal year. The next item on the list is a project that was mapped out in the Mountain Accord but has not been focused on: a Salt Lake Valley to Park City Alternatives Analysis study. Since the Mountain Accord was signed in 2015, High Valley Transit has been established. The CWC Board can discuss whether there is a need for additional work in this area. Another item on the list is a Cottonwood Canyons analysis for a non-auto tunnel connecting Big Cottonwood Canyon and Little Cottonwood Canyon. This is from Section 3.10 in the Mountain Accord. Ms. Nielsen reiterated that the CWC Board can decide whether there is a desire to focus on this during the next fiscal year. The last item is a Big Cottonwood Canyon to Park City non-auto connection study.

In addition to the projects listed, two sections of the Mountain Accord have been earmarked. The first is a Land Acquisition Program. The CWC has not worked on the creation of an acquisition program that the CWC manages and implements, so that is something the CWC Board can discuss.

1 The second section of the Mountain Accord that is earmarked is the Environmental Monitoring,
2 Adaptive Management, and Restoration Program. That is associated with the Environmental
3 Dashboard. Ms. Nielsen asked the CWC Board to discuss the projects that have been mentioned.

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5 Chair Silvestrini mentioned the language in the Mountain Accord related to the Environmental
6 Dashboard and Short-Term Projects Grant Program. The grant program work has not necessarily
7 been tied to the Environmental Dashboard the way the Mountain Accord contemplated, but
8 projects that have been funded are consistent with it. It is possible to be more mindful of the
9 Environmental Dashboard data when short-term project applications are considered. Laura Briefer
10 recalled that during the Mountain Accord negotiations, the Environmental Dashboard was
11 intended to be a monitoring tool. However, the Environmental Dashboard is not what would drive
12 adaptive management and mitigation work. This was intended to be driven by the different
13 stakeholders or groups involved in the Mountain Accord. The Environmental Dashboard is a
14 useful tool, but it does not encompass a lot of the mitigation, restoration, and adaptive management
15 planning that is needed. There could be some strategic planning in place where the CWC invites
16 projects that might have more of an impact, rather than having the short-term projects proposed be
17 the drivers. Chair Silvestrini asked who would run something like that. Ms. Briefer believed a
18 Working Group could handle that.

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20 Ms. Briefer shared information about the Watershed Plan for Salt Lake County, where there is a
21 plan in place for the mitigation of riparian areas. The Salt Lake City plan has information related
22 to forest health and mitigating erosion. Some plans already exist that could be useful to look at as
23 part of a strategic plan for the CWC. Chair Silvestrini asked what the next steps would look like
24 for something like that. Ms. Nielsen explained that if there is support from the CWC Board, then
25 CWC Staff would work to create a Task Force and schedule a first planning meeting. Chair
26 Silvestrini does not have an issue with the CWC bringing people together in that way and expressed
27 support for this approach.

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29 Chair Silvestrini does not have an interest in a connection between Big Cottonwood Canyon and
30 Little Cottonwood Canyon or Big Cottonwood Canyon and Park City. That does not seem like
31 something there would be a lot of support for. What was contemplated is different than improving
32 transit connections. Commissioner Christopher Robinson believes the language in both of those
33 subsections refers to non-auto connections, which was confirmed. Discussions were had about
34 different kinds of non-auto connections. Ms. Nielsen reported that the writers of the Mountain
35 Accord in 2015 did not recommend an aerial connection. Section 3.11 – Big Cottonwood to Park
36 City was reviewed.

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38 • 3.11.1 - The signers of this Accord agree to further study the economic, transportation,
39 community, and environmental detriments, benefits, and impacts (both positive and
40 negative) of a wide range of non-auto-based options to connect Park City with Big
41 Cottonwood Canyon. The study will include an analysis of carrying capacity for the
42 broader Park City Community.

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44 Commissioner Robinson does not believe it should be pursued at this time. Chair Silvestrini
45 agreed. Mayor Monica Zoltanski thought it made sense to focus on what can be managed with the
46 resources and time available. At the CWC Board Retreat, there was a consensus to make the

1 CWNCRRA a priority of the organization. There is a lot that the organization is focusing on right
2 now and she is not certain that it makes sense to focus on 3.11 as well. She noted that there is the
3 CWNCRRA, Millcreek Canyon shuttle, and various smaller projects. She would rather the CWC
4 focus on a few items rather than expand the scope of the responsibilities and goals. The current
5 workload is a significant undertaking.

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7 Mayor Roger Bourke stated that his priority is the Environmental Dashboard because there is
8 already a useful tool in place. It can be refined further, as has been discussed, but it is already
9 something that is in place. His second priority would be the Millcreek Canyon shuttle, as that is a
10 sensible way to reduce the vehicle traffic in the canyon. As for the CWNCRRA, it is something that
11 the organization can aspire to and work towards but is unlikely to happen soon. When it comes to
12 the non-auto items mentioned in the Mountain Accord, it does not seem like something to discuss
13 further at this time.

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15 Chair Silvestrini explained that he is interested in a Millcreek Canyon shuttle, but there are a lot
16 of unknowns related to that. The Forest Service has made it clear that they want the road
17 improvements completed first. While he has not heard anything specific about the new
18 administration and possible impacts on the funding for Federal Lands Access Program (“FLAP”)
19 grants, it could conceivably be something that is cut back. That could delay the implementation
20 of a shuttle program. He would like more clarity about what will happen with the road
21 improvements. The upper canyon improvements are likely three years away from completion.
22 The plan with the Forest Service and Salt Lake County was to do the lower part of Millcreek
23 Canyon after that. A shuttle might not be able to be implemented for five or six years, depending
24 on the timeline associated with the road improvements. As a result, he does not think it is
25 appropriate to use budget money to update the previous Fehr & Peers study.

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27 Mayor Zoltanski pointed out that while the organization cannot control what the new
28 administration does, there is still an opportunity to build momentum on the CWNCRRA. Based on
29 the conversation so far, Mayor Dan Knopp does not believe other members of the CWC Board
30 want to focus on transportation issues this year. Mayor Zoltanski clarified that it might not be the
31 best time to take on new transportation projects. Sustaining what has been built with the
32 Environmental Dashboard and other transportation projects is sensible and attainable. Chair
33 Silvestrini felt the CWC should continue to work on the CWNCRRA and the alignment. He knows
34 some issues with Brighton need to be worked out. It is possible to refine the map moving forward.
35 Beyond that, he feels it is important to encourage the implementation of Phase I of the Utah
36 Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Study
37 (“EIS”) for enhanced busing. There should also be a focus on the Big Cottonwood Canyon
38 Mobility Action Plan (“BCC MAP”).

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40 Mayor Bourke reported that the Short-Term Projects Grant Program often sees some interesting
41 projects. It may produce something that will result in both a short-term project and a long-term
42 effort. The menu of possibilities might expand depending on the projects submitted.

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44 Mayor Knopp explained that half of the Mountain Accord talks about transportation. When it
45 comes to the UDOT Little Cottonwood Canyon EIS, there seems to be a desire to wait for the
46 lawsuit to play out. However, that means the Phase I work cannot be properly discussed. Mayor

1 Erin Mendenhall reported that some are in litigation regarding transportation in the canyon. It is
2 not accurate to state that transportation will be ignored. Mayor Knopp pointed out that the CWC
3 Board is unable to talk about it much because of the lawsuit. Mayor Bourke believes the CWC
4 Board can still discuss it.

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6 Chair of the Transportation System Committee, Danny Richardson, introduced himself to the
7 CWC Board. He informed the CWC Board that there is a lot that can be done with the traction
8 law. For example, an effort can be made for the traction law to be in place all day rather than only
9 when it starts to snow. In addition, the stickers can be electronic to assist with the checks. \$150
10 million was allocated for enhanced bus service and he does not believe that is being held up by the
11 lawsuits. There are some things that the CWC Board can talk about and continue to work on. The
12 Transportation System Committee has been discussing these matters. He reiterated that some more
13 immediate transportation projects can be considered further by the organization.

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15 Commissioner Robinson wants to better understand the frustration expressed by Mayor Knopp.
16 He acknowledged that there are certain topics not everyone is willing to discuss due to litigation,
17 but wondered if there are specific concerns about the mention of the non-auto connections. Mayor
18 Knopp stated that whenever the CWC Board starts to talk about transportation, it does not go
19 anywhere. Commissioner Robinson noted that the CWCRA will require compromise and a lot
20 of parties interested in transportation to be part of a consensus solution. If the objective is to focus
21 on the CWCRA, that means there need to be enough interested parties brought back to the table.
22 That may mean certain items in the Mountain Accord will be covered in some of the future
23 discussions.

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25 Co-Chair of the Stakeholders Council, Tom Diegel, reported that there is a bill in front of the
26 Legislature right now that talks about traction. There could potentially be an enhancement to the
27 traction law so it would not only apply to the Cottonwoods but apply Statewide in snow zones.
28 There is also a bill that specifically addresses Little Cottonwood Canyon. As mentioned by Mr.
29 Richardson, there has been money allocated for the Cottonwoods. The actions of the Legislature
30 seem to indicate there is a willingness to support canyon transportation. The CWC Board has a
31 responsibility to discuss issues like transportation, especially since transportation is at the heart of
32 the issues in the Cottonwood Canyons. The obstacles that have been mentioned during the CWC
33 Board Meeting are not obstacles that should prevent the organization from getting involved. It
34 should instead be an inspiration to become more involved in transportation-related discussions.

35 36 **2. Strategic Planning Discussion for 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.**

37 38 **a. Staff will Bring a Draft Strategic Plan with Budget Considerations to the May** 39 **5 Board Meeting.**

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41 Chair Silvestrini believes the CWC Board has provided some direction to CWC Staff as far as
42 strategic planning and how that should impact the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. Ms. Nielsen
43 thanked CWC Board Members and others for sharing comments about the Mountain Accord
44 memo.

1 Commissioner Robinson thought that a Land Acquisition Program was something that could move
2 ahead. Chair Silvestrini noted that it is difficult to talk about how that would happen without a
3 funding source. Ms. Briefer believes the CWC is in a good position to be a convener. There is
4 more than one entity that might be interested in land acquisition for one reason or another. The
5 vision of the Mountain Accord was to try to convene different interests to leverage the resources
6 available, whether those are Federal, State, or local resources. There were some specific ideas
7 mentioned during the Mountain Accord negotiations. To the point made earlier by Mayor
8 Zoltanski, it is important to be considerate of the bandwidth available, but it feels like the Land
9 Acquisition Program could be pursued. Discussions were had about what a potential program
10 could look like in the future.

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12 Commissioner Robinson believed the main priority is the CWNCRRA work. The CWNCRRA has
13 ramifications for other areas of interest as well. Chair Silvestrini agreed that this seems to be the
14 consensus of the CWC Board. The Land Acquisition Program would be useful in terms of
15 accomplishing the goals of the Mountain Accord. Commissioner Robinson stated that some of the
16 land acquisition will be mitigated if the land exchanges occur. At the CWC Board Retreat, there
17 was support to focus on the CWNCRRA. He feels a significant effort should be made this year on
18 that.

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20 Mayor Mendenhall asked if there is any update on the effort to coordinate with the ski resorts about
21 the land exchange conversations. Ms. Nielsen reported that there is no substantive update at the
22 moment. The intention is to schedule some initial meetings after the Legislative Session ends. By
23 the next CWC Board Meeting in May, there should be an update to share with CWC Board
24 Members.

25 26 **EXECUTIVE/BUDGET/AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATES**

27 28 **1. Broadening the Use and Purpose of the CWC Donation Checking Account and** 29 **Resolution 2025-05 Approving It.**

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31 Director of Operations, Samantha Kilpack, reported that CWC Staff recently had a discussion with
32 the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee about the possibility of expanding the use and purpose of
33 the donation checking account. That account was created in 2022 to receive donations for work
34 on the Environmental Dashboard. The way that Resolution was written was to solely receive
35 donations for that purpose. With the State appropriations largely covering the Environmental
36 Dashboard expenses, there is a desire to expand the use of the donation account so it can be used
37 to receive donations for other CWC project work. This would not cover any operational or
38 overhead expenses, but other projects. She explained that this will allow the organization to use
39 the money where it is needed.

40 41 **2. Disposal of Surplus CWC Property and Resolution 2025-06 Approving It.**

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43 Ms. Kilpack reported that the CWC recently purchased a new printer in order to print in color and
44 to print double-sided. If the CWC Board chooses to declare the old printer surplus, then CWC
45 Staff will dispose of it by posting it on KSL Classifieds. The minimum bid price will be
46 determined at the current meeting, but CWC Staff recommended a minimum bid of \$150. The

1 value of the printer, according to an internet search, is \$200 to \$300. It could be listed at \$150 to
2 start, but the price could be lowered to whatever the minimum bid determined by the CWC Board
3 is determined to be. Commissioner Robinson believes there should be policies in place so CWC
4 Staff can address smaller value items with approval from the Chair and Secretary/Treasurer rather
5 than the full CWC Board.

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7 Discussions were had about Resolution 2025-06. Commissioner Robinson asked if there could be
8 a modification. He read the following language: “All Property on the List is hereby declared to be
9 of nominal value except those items of the Property for which a minimum bid of over \$25.00 is
10 designated on the attached List.” He felt that \$25 was too low a number. CWC Legal Counsel,
11 Shane Topham clarified that this is a generic resolution. However, if there is a desire for CWC
12 Staff to have the ability to surplus items based on a certain value chosen, that is fine. Alternatively,
13 it could be handled by the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee rather than at a CWC Board
14 Meeting. What is before the CWC Board currently is intended to conform with the surplus policy
15 that is in place.

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17 Commissioner Robinson recommended changing the surplus policy to allow CWC Staff, with
18 support from the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee to declare and sell surplus property having
19 a value not greater than a certain number. The organization does not have a lot of property to
20 surplus. Mr. Godfrey reported that this can be done, but it will require an amendment to the
21 bylaws. He can have that ready for the next CWC Board Meeting. Chair Silvestrini recommended
22 that \$2,500 be listed. The surplus can be handled by CWC Staff with the approval of the
23 Executive/Budget/Audit Committee.

24 25 **3. Updates to Special Advisor Board Membership.**

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27 Chair Silvestrini reported that Save Our Canyons was given a Special Advisor position on the
28 CWC Board under the amended bylaws. However, there is not currently an Executive Director.
29 The question is whether to appoint the Interim Executive Director or wait until a new Executive
30 Director is appointed. The former Executive Director, Spencer Shaver took a job elsewhere.
31 Mayor Knopp would prefer to wait for a permanent replacement rather than have someone serve
32 temporarily.

33 34 **4. Job Descriptions for Full-Time Communications Director and Part-Time Research Intern.**

35 36 37 **a. Posting on Member Jurisdiction Job Boards.**

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39 Ms. Nielsen reported that there are two job descriptions included in the Meeting Materials Packet
40 for review. The descriptions are for a full-time Communications Director and a part-time Research
41 Intern. She explained that any desired edits can be made during the meeting and then the job
42 listings can be posted this week. The Communications Director, when hired, will start in the month
43 of May. Community Engagement Coordinator, Mia McNeil, will leave the organization in June.
44 The idea is that the Communications Director will assume a lot of what Ms. McNeil currently
45 does. She will be able to onboard the new employee in May and then the Communications Director
46 will take over fully in June when Ms. McNeil leaves the CWC. As for the Research Intern, this is

1 envisioned to be for four months or one semester. It would pay \$15 per hour and offer an option
2 for school credit. The intern would look into the history behind National Recreation Areas and
3 National Conservation Areas that have already been designated in the United States. Ms. Nielsen
4 noted that Ms. McNeil currently works 20 hours per week, but the Communications Director
5 would be hired for 40 hours per week. There would be a shift from a part-time to a full-time
6 position. The CWC Board expressed support.

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8 **5. Budget Process for FY 2025-2026 will Begin this Month with Treasurer Chris**
9 **Robinson.**

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11 Ms. Nielsen reported that the budget season is starting this month. There will be a Fiscal Year
12 2025-2026 draft budget ready for review at the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting in
13 March. There will be a Tentative Budget for review and approval at the May 5, 2025, CWC Board
14 Meeting. The changes discussed during that time will be implemented for the Final Budget
15 approval in June.

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17 **6. Special District Board Member Training Needed.**

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19 Ms. Nielsen reported that all CWC Board Members need to complete certain training. Ms. Kilpack
20 has contacted CWC Board Members who still need to complete that training. Commissioner
21 Robinson asked that a reminder email be sent out to CWC Board Members after the CWC Board
22 Meeting.

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24 **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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26 **1. Transportation Committee Chair Dan Knopp will Discuss the Recent Activity of the**
27 **Transportation Committee.**

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29 **a. The Transportation Committee Met on January 24, 2025.**

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31 Mayor Knopp shared information about the last Transportation Committee Meeting. There was a
32 meeting in January and during that time, there were discussions about a proposal to build a parking
33 lot in Mill F across the street from Solitude Ski Resort. A 720 stall parking lot is proposed and an
34 application has been submitted. However, it was an incomplete application. There will be a fair
35 and open hearing when a complete application is submitted. Commissioner Robinson asked if this
36 was on private property, which was confirmed. The application came to the Town of Brighton.
37 At this time, the Town of Brighton is waiting for a complete application to be submitted by Solitude
38 Ski Resort.

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40 There was communication received from the Great Western Mining Company about a potential
41 road between Alta and Brighton. Mayor Knopp explained that when this was investigated, it was
42 determined that some of the land is not owned. It does not seem to be a viable proposal at this
43 time. That being said, the Transportation Committee did discuss the communication. In addition,
44 the Committee spoke about the tire checks that have occurred at the bottom of the canyon. There
45 is work being done to make sure the checks are running as smoothly as possible. He noted that

1 there is a project with UDOT in 2026 where the intersection at the bottom of the canyon will be
2 reconfigured.

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4 Mayor Dahle shared information about the gravel pit and the development that will occur there.
5 Mayor Mike Weichers reported that hill reclamation is being done, which is required before the
6 foundations can be poured. The Phase I work will move ahead in spring with an apartment
7 building.

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9 Mayor Knopp reported that there is work being done with Representative Gay Lynn Bennion on a
10 bill to make traction devices required in the canyons all winter. There have been meetings with
11 the ski resorts. The Transportation Committee also discussed a possible Millcreek Canyon shuttle.

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13 **2. The Board will Discuss Potential Projects and Direction for the Committee.**

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15 There were no potential projects shared.

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17 **SHORT-TERM PROJECTS UPDATE**

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19 **1. Short-Term Project Grant Proposals are Being Evaluated by the Forest Service and**
20 **Salt Lake City Public Utilities.**

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22 Mayor Weichers reported that a new cycle of the Short-Term Projects Grant Program opened in
23 January. Applications were received until February 9, 2025. There were 17 proposals submitted.

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25 **2. The Short-Term Projects Committee will Meet on April 9th to Evaluate Finalist**
26 **Proposals.**

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28 The Short-Term Projects Committee will meet on April 9, 2025, to review the project proposals.
29 On May 5, 2024, the CWC Board will review the Committee recommendations and approve the
30 projects for funding. In June, CWC Staff will disperse the determined funding to the organizations.

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32 **3. The Board will Discuss the Scope and Eligibility of the Short-Term Projects Grant**
33 **Program.**

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35 **a. Entity Eligibility.**

36 **b. Eligibility of Ongoing Projects.**

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38 Ms. Nielsen asked the CWC Board to consider two issues: entity eligibility and the eligibility of
39 ongoing projects. She shared an example of an ongoing project and explained that the Wasatch
40 Backcountry Alliance shuttle is short-term in the fact that it happens across the span of four
41 months, but it also comes back each year. It would be beneficial to determine whether something
42 like that qualifies as a short-term project. As for the entity eligibility, when the grant program was
43 designed, it was designed with the intention that grants would fund projects worked on by
44 501(c)(3) non-profits and unaffiliated community organizations. Over the years, there have been
45 government organizations partnering with 501(c)(3) non-profits and unaffiliated community
46 organizations. Government organizations have never been the applying entity or the entity that

1 received the grant funding if awarded. She asked whether the CWC Board wants to continue
2 running the grant program this way.

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4 Chair Silvestrini feels it would be problematic for a governmental entity to be the sole applicant
5 for a short-term project grant. Ms. Nielsen reported that in the past, Park City Municipal has
6 partnered with Utah Open Lands on a Transit to Trails shuttle, but there have never been
7 governmental entities receiving the funding. Commissioner Robinson asked if there are any
8 applications in the current cycle from governmental entities, which was confirmed. Ms. Nielsen
9 pointed out that one of the goals of the Short-Term Projects Grant Program is to foster community
10 partnerships. Commissioner Robinson thought it would make sense to allow those governmental
11 entities to reapply with a partner.

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13 Mayor Weichers noted that Cottonwood Heights applied for trail maintenance for the Big
14 Cottonwood Trail, as the Short-Term Projects Committee has approved funding for trail
15 maintenance in the past. Commissioner Robinson pointed out that there might be a chance for
16 Cottonwood Heights to partner with an organization during this cycle. Ms. Nielsen reported that
17 Trails Utah is a good trails-focused organization there could be outreach to. It is possible to
18 brainstorm different options. There was support to allow the applying entities to find community
19 partners and resubmit.

20 21 **STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

22 23 **1. Stakeholders Council Chair and Co-Chair John Knoblock and Tom Diegel will** 24 **Discuss with the Board the Recent Activities of the Stakeholders Council.**

25 26 **a. Resolution 2025-04 - Releasing Members of the Stakeholders Council.**

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28 Mr. Diegel reported that there was a Stakeholders Council Meeting held last week. The Council
29 has a lot of passionate individuals. He believes there will be some proposals forwarded to the
30 CWC Board in the next several months. At the last Stakeholders Council Meeting, there were
31 breakout sessions that involved the different System Committees: Transportation System
32 Committee, Economy System Committee, Environment System Committee, and Recreation
33 System Committee.

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35 During the breakout sessions, it was noted that the Forest Service has experienced some cuts in
36 the last several weeks. Adam Shaw now serves in the District Ranger position and there will be a
37 conversation with him to discuss the situation, as a lot of on-the-ground workers were cut. At the
38 meeting, the Stakeholders Council discussed restrooms and maintenance as well as snow plowing
39 for trailheads. There has been communication with UDOT about this. Their focus is on the
40 highway to the ski resorts, but there are a lot of trailheads that also require snow plowing. Summer
41 transit is also important to think about because the canyons are heavily used during the summer
42 months.

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44 In addition to the four System Committees, there is also the Millcreek Canyon Committee. Mr.
45 Diegel reported that previously, CWC Staff looked into starting the National Environmental Policy
46 Act (“NEPA”) work so that once the canyon construction was finished, the NEPA would be done

1 and it would be possible to move the shuttle forward fairly quickly. However, focusing on the
2 Fehr & Peers study would also be beneficial. The Stakeholders Council is still supportive of a
3 Millcreek Canyon shuttle.

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5 John Adams is a relatively new addition to the Stakeholders Council and shared a suggestion
6 during the last meeting about trust in the Central Wasatch. For example, if there is tolling in Big
7 Cottonwood Canyon, some of that money could be used to help protect the area. Mr. Adams will
8 present his idea in more detail at the next Stakeholders Council Meeting. Something could
9 potentially be forwarded to the CWC Board for consideration after it has been fleshed out further.

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11 Chair Silvestrini noted that there is a Resolution the CWC Board will vote on later in the meeting.
12 Some members of the Stakeholders Council have resigned. As for the remaining Stakeholders
13 Council Members, approximately half of them have terms expiring in June. He suggested asking
14 those Council Members whether there is a desire to continue serving. That needs to be known
15 before reappointments occur. Ms. Nielsen reported that there are no term limits, so it is possible
16 for the Council Members with expiring terms to serve another term. Commissioner Robinson
17 asked about the three Council Members who are leaving the Council. Ms. Nielsen explained that
18 their bandwidth does not currently allow for their continued participation on the Stakeholders
19 Council.

20 21 **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

22 23 **1. Youth Council Updates.**

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25 Ms. McNeil shared information about the CWC Youth Council. She reported that there are
26 continued meetings. March 24, 2025, will be the next CWC Youth Council Meeting. There are
27 some Committee projects underway and the plan is to put together action items for the year. The
28 Events and Outreach Committee has been talking about a local gear swap or hikes to engage with
29 the community. The Outdoor Access Community has been working with the Gear Shed with one
30 member working directly with The Gear Fund Collective and Mobile Moon Co-Op. The
31 Environmental Dashboard Education Committee attended the Environmental Dashboard
32 Storyboarding Workshop, provided input, and learned more about the Environmental Dashboard
33 Survey that was conducted.

34 35 **2. Symposium Report and Final Spending.**

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37 Ms. Kilpack reported that many of the volunteers at the Central Wasatch Symposium were
38 members of the CWC Youth Council. She expressed appreciation for their efforts and looks
39 forward to working with them at the next event. In the Meeting Materials Packet, there is a memo
40 that includes the final spending for the Central Wasatch Symposium. There was \$5,710 earned
41 from the event, which was \$700 above what was budgeted and there were well over 200 event
42 attendees. The total spending was approximately \$23,000, which was approximately \$3,000 over
43 the original budget. Next year, the event will likely cost a little bit less, as there will not be as
44 many first-time purchases.

1 **3. The CWC’s 2025-2026 Appropriations Request has been Submitted and Presented.**

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3 Ms. Nielsen reported that the 2025-2026 appropriations request was for \$185,000. That was
4 sponsored by Senator Kirk Cullimore and presented. The CWC should hear about the status soon.
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6 **4. Housekeeping.**

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8 Ms. Kilpack reported that she sent out a few documents for CWC Board Members to fill out, sign,
9 and return. These are documents that assist with the annual audit and annual Fraud Risk
10 Assessment. There is an ethics form, a conflict disclosure statement, an acknowledgment of the
11 Open and Public Meetings Act Training, and an acknowledgment of the procurement policy.
12 Those are needed by the end of the fiscal year. She asked all CWC Board Members to complete
13 the documents.
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15 **5. The Next Board Meeting will be on May 5, 2025.**

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19 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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21 Mr. Diegel asked if anyone knew anything about the bill that is in front of the House to try to make
22 the Wasatch into a State Park. Chair Silvestrini understands that the sponsor withdrew the bill.
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24 **COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

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26 Mayor Bourke reported that he read something in The Salt Lake Tribune about a Beehive
27 Development Agency. That appeared to be a heavy-handed action, but this afternoon, it was stated
28 that the bill has been scaled back amid worries of governmental overreach. Chair Silvestrini
29 suggested that he get involved with the Utah League of Cities and Towns (“ULCT”). There was
30 a lengthy discussion about this bill at the Legislative Policy Committee Meeting earlier in the day.
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32 **ACTION ITEMS**

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34 **1. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-04 – Releasing Members of the**
35 **Stakeholders Council.**

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37 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to APPROVE Resolution 2025-04 – Releasing Members
38 of the Stakeholders Council. Dan Knopp seconded the motion. The motion passed with the
39 unanimous consent of the Board.
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41 **2. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-05 – Amending the Donation Protocol.**

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43 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to APPROVE Resolution 2025-05 – Amending the
44 Donation Protocol. Mike Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous
45 consent of the Board.
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1 **3. (Action) Consideration of Resolution 2025-06 - Declaring Certain Property Surplus.**

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3 **MOTION:** Roger Bourke moved to APPROVE Resolution 2025-06 – Declaring Certain Property
4 Surplus. Mike Weichers seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of
5 the Board.

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7 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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9 There were no additional discussions.

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11 **CLOSING**

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

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15 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to ADJOURN. Roger Bourke seconded the motion. The
16 motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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18 The meeting adjourned at 5:04 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 3, 2025.*
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7 Minutes Secretary

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9 Minutes Approved: _____