

Central Wasatch Commission Meeting Minutes  
Sandy City Hall  
10000 South Centennial Parkway, Sandy, Utah 84070  
Wednesday, June 6, 2018

The Central Wasatch Commission Board members met in open session on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Sandy City Hall.

<u>Attendee Names</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Status</u>
Jackie Biskupski	Vice Chair	Present (phoned in)
Andy Beerman	Commissioner	Present
Jim Bradley	Commissioner	Present
Chris McCandless	Chair	Present
Ben McAdams	Commissioner	Present
Mike Peterson	Commissioner	Present
Shane Topham	Legal Counsel	Present
Carly Castle	SLC Special Projects Manager	Present
Laura Briefer	SLC Public Utilities Director	Present
Carlos Braceras	Commissioner	Absent

A. **Opening**

- i. Chair Chris McCandless conducted the meeting. Meeting convened at 3:05 p.m.
- ii. Approval of the Monday, April 23, 2018 Minutes.

**Motion:** Commissioner Ben McAdams made a motion seconded by Commissioner Andy Beerman to approve the Central Wasatch Committee meeting minutes of Monday, April 23, 2018. The motion passed unanimously showing that all Commissioners present voted "Aye".

B. **Public Comment**

**John Knoblock** spoke concerning the implementation of a trail and cycling plan for the Mountain Accord.

**Chris McCandless** would make a note to talk about some of his items and issues.

*(Mr. McCandless asked that the record note that Commissioner Bradley arrived at the meeting.)*

**Barbara Cameron**, Big Cottonwood Community Counsel, spoke regarding help from the CWC for an amendment to the Utah Code for vehicle muffler inspections. She would like illegal mufflers stopped at the point of inspection.

Comments were closed.

#### C. **Commissioner Comment**

**Andy Beerman**, Park City Mayor, presented an update on a prior discussion to add Summit County to the Central Wasatch Commission. He felt the best approach would be to ask Park City to apply for membership. If they accept membership, the Interlocal Agreement between Park City and Summit County could be nullified, then Summit County could appoint a member for their seat on the Commission. Mayor Beerman will bring a proposal for the next meeting.

**Chris McCandless** indicated that he would place this item on the next agenda.

**Andy Beerman** also noted that the conservation easement/management plan was moving forward on Bonanza Flat which includes new parking, restrooms, and trails.

**Commissioner Mike Peterson** asked what the acreage was for Bonanza Flats.

**Andy Beerman** stated that it was approximately 1400 acres.

**Chris McCandless** asked if it would be appropriate to ask Park City to come before the Commission for a presentation on the Bonanza Flat master plan area.

**Andy Beerman** recommended inviting Wendy Fisher from Utah Open Lands.

#### D. **Approval of Employment contract between the Central Wasatch Commission and Ralph Becker.**

Resolution No. 2018-09 approving the Executive Director Employment Agreement between the Central Wasatch Commission and Ralph Becker.

**Shane Topham** explained the slightly modified employment agreement concerning employment benefits for Mr. Becker.

**Motion: Commissioner Jim Bradley** made the motion seconded by **Commissioner Ben McAdams** to approve the contract. Roll was called showing that all Commissioners present voted "Aye".

*(Mayor Jackie Biskupski was away from her phone.)*

**Chris McCandless** invited Mr. Becker for comments.

**Ralph Becker** thanked the Commission for the selection. He will bring his best to work with and for the Commission and Public.

**Chris McCandless** expressed appreciation to Laura Briefer and Carley Castle for their help in the transition.

**Laura Briefer** thanked the sub-committee for their work and are happy to turn things over to Mr. Becker.

**E. Public Hearing on the tentative budget for the CWC for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.**

**Public Comment:**

**Steve Van Maren** found some inconsistencies in the verbiage of the budget and asked the Commission to address them: the amount in the table of contributions from each entity is still for the initial year for two years; a projected \$15,000 interest income is reflected at \$10,000 per year.

**Chris McCandless** recommended that the budget be approved with a caveat to have the accountant address and make corrections to questions raised by Mr. Van Maren.

**Commissioner Peterson** mentioned that changes could be made since this was the Tentative Budget.

**Shane Topham** mentioned that the budget is subject to amendments through the course of the fiscal year.

**F. Approval of 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget for the Central Wasatch Commission**

**Motion: Mayor Mike Peterson** made the motion seconded by **Mayor Andy Beerman** to approve Resolution No. 2018-10 adopting the final budget of the Central Wasatch Commission for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, subject to future amendments. Roll was called showing that all Commissioners present voted "Aye".

**G. PTIF Accounts Authorization**

**Shane Topham** explained how the Public Trust Investment Fund provides a vehicle for governmental entities to pull excess monies to invest in safe investments which provide better returns. The adoption of Resolution No. 2018-11 accomplishes the enrollment in the Public Trust Investment Fund program of the Office of the State Treasure.

**Motion: Commissioner Beerman** made the motion seconded by **Commissioner Peterson** to approve Resolution No. 2018-11 making the required certifications and authorizations for participation in the Public Treasure's Investment Fund program of the Office of the State Treasure. Roll was called showing that all Commissioners present voted "Aye".

**H. Discussion and Possible Appointment of additional member of the Town of Alta**

**Chris McCandless** noted that this application was specifically for the town of Alta.

**Commissioner Peterson** asked about the parameters outlined in the Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with respect to membership.

**Shane Topham** explained the ILA membership, appointments, policies and bylaws of the board which are subject to amendments. The board enacted a resolution to adopt an additional member policy up to nine commissioners. There are provisions to add Alta as an additional member to the commission along with Millcreek and Park City.

**Commissioner Bradley** asked what the process would be increase membership to ten members.

**Shane Topham** noted that there is room for one more appointment. The policy would need to be amended for additional members.

**Chris McCandless** asked Commissioner Bradley if his intention was to place this item on the next agenda.

**Commissioner Bradley** stated that he would like this placed on the next agenda. The addition of another member would provide for full representation.

**Chris McCandless** will put this on the calendar with a resolution to increase the membership to ten then entertain the application of Millcreek and Park City.

**Mayor Beerman** noted that it would make more sense for Summit County to occupy the Wasatch Back seat then have Park City apply individually.

**Shane Topham** explained the process that Millcreek and Park City would need to go through during the approval process with the legislative bodies. If the entities agreed, they would then join the ILA.

**Mayor Beerman** noted that if Park City's application is accepted, he would need to resign. Someone would be appointed from Summit County.

**Commissioner Bradley** asked Mr. Topham to articulate on the process that the Commission follows once the body recommends approval.

**Shane Topham** explained the process once the board offers membership and approves the appointment.

**Chris McCandless** would endorse the application for the town of Alta. This is the only town that is contained in the CWC boundary.

**Mayor Beerman** stated that Alta has been a valued partner and should be joining the table.

**Motion: Commissioner Peterson** made the motion seconded by **Mayor Beerman** to approve Resolution No 2018-12 offering membership in the CWC to the Town of Alta. Roll was called showing that all Commissioners present voted "Aye". (*Mayor Biskupski was going through security at the Airport and was not available to vote*)

**Mayor Sanders** expressed appreciation to the Commission on behalf of former Mayor Tom Pollard. They look forward to joining the CWC and are willing to meet with them.

**Chris McCandless** asked Mayor Sanders to express appreciation to Mayor Pollard for his efforts in this process.

**I. Update on the Salt Lake County Wasatch Canyons Master Plan conducted by Jack Young.**

**Donald Summerson**, Director of Regional Planning and Transportation for Salt Lake County addressed the work their division has done to update the general plan for the Wasatch Canyons. He briefed the Commission on the history and efforts which began back in 2013.

**Jack Young**, Project Manager, addressed the overall process of the master plan addressing the goals, five phases, public events and workshops and how they would work with the CWC.

**Commissioner Mike Peterson** asked if they would be willing to meet with the Commission and elected bodies that are part of the Wasatch Canyons during their process.

**Jack Young** noted that they would be willing to meet and schedule a time to come before the Commission once documents become available.

**Chris McCandless** asked if they work in concert with UDOT on the EIS.

**Jack Young** noted that they work closely with UDOT who has also participated in numerous planning events.

**Chris McCandless** would like to invite them back when they reach Step 5 in the master plan.

**J. Presentation of University of Utah Senior Engineering Class Little Cottonwood Canyon Transportation Study conducted by Dr. David Eckhoff.**

**Dr. David Eckhoff** presented the Little Cottonwood Canyon Trails, Roadway, Information, and Parking Preliminary Design project. Mr. Eckhoff is the advisor on an intelligent transportation system for Little Cottonwood Canyon. The Granite Community Counsel asked for the study to come up with solutions for ski traffic and congestion. Their recommendation is for an intelligent transportation system and multimodal hubs to support the transportation system.

**Chris McCandless** thanked Mr. Eckhoff for their efforts on the study. The Commission will consider this information as they move forward.

**K. General Administration Matters: The commission will discuss formation and staffing of a CWC executive committee to formulate meeting agenda, etc.**

**i. Formation and duties of CWC Executive Committee.**

**Ralph Becker** encouraged the establishment of an Executive Committee to assign certain functions that are administrative in nature for approval by the Chair or by the Executive Committee.

**Chris McCandless** noted that the ADHOC Executive Committee has been meeting once a month for the past three months with the following members: Commissioner Peterson, Councilman Bradley, Shane Topham, Commissioner Chris McCandless, Mayor Jackie Biskupski, Laura Briefer, and Carly Castle. The Executive Committee has been meeting several times a month. He asked the Commission if they would like to pursue and adopt the establishment of an Executive Committee at the next meeting.

**Mr. Becker** asked if the ADHOC Committee members would be willing to continue serving.

**Commissioner Peterson** enjoys serving on the ADHOC and would gladly participate for additional phases of transition.

**Chris McCandless** recommended that a resolution be formulated for the ADHOC Committee then bring it back for ratification and possible discussion at the retreat.

#### ii. Scheduling of CWC retreat

**Chris McCandless** suggested holding the retreat in Park City. He would work with Mayor Beerman to help facilitate accommodations. Mr. McCandless suggested a few priorities that could be discussed at the retreat i.e.: additional employees, office location, website. He asked the Commissioners for their priorities.

**Commissioner Bradley** asked about the timing of the retreat.

**Chris McCandless** suggested sometime in July.

**Mayor Jackie Biskupski** stated that she would like to continue to serve on the ADHOC Committee.

**Ralph Becker** suggested having the ADHOC Committee function in the interim as an Executive Committee. He would work and consult with staff on finding office space and any tentative approvals that may need to be made.

**Chris McCandless** asked for approval from the Commissioners. Mr. McCandless noted that the Commissioners were nodding their heads in approval. Mayor Biskupski also stated that she agreed.

**Shane Topham** indicated that a new section of bylaws could be drafted on the responsibilities of the Executive Committee and discussed at the next meeting.

**Chris McCandless** asked the Commission for their feelings on a June Board Meeting and a July retreat.

**Ralph Becker** mentioned that the Commission discussed pursuing Congressional Legislation with Congress. The Commission would need to get something in the hands of the delegation and hold public comments by early July.

**Chris McCandless** noted that the ADHOC committee could discuss scheduling priorities at their next meeting.

**Commissioner Peterson** asked what the process and timeframe were for legislative bodies to give approval to the town of Alta for membership in the CWC.

**Shane Topham** noted that all current legislative bodies have experience with enacting resolutions approving membership. A proposed resolution could be provided to the bodies.

**Chris McCandless** suggested that a letter be sent on behalf of the CWC asking member cities to place this item on their agendas. He would like Mayor Sondak to be notified when it is placed on the agenda.

**Commissioner Bradley** felt it would be wise to inform new cities of what the ongoing dues are.

**Shane Topham** indicated that this was discussed early on whether to include in the bylaws or some policy that additional members had to commit to an ongoing financial payment. However, that idea was discarded. The only thing that he is aware of currently is a separate funding agreement for Mountain Accord which has been transferred over to the Central Wasatch Commission.

**Commissioner Bradley** felt this may be cause for concern if the question cannot be answered on the cost to join.

**Chris McCandless** noted that he would add long term funding requests and assessments for cities as a discussion item for the Retreat.

**Mayor Ben McAdams** invited Mr. Shay to make a comment before the Commission.

**Mr. Shay** felt the assessment should be based on water use. The CWC needs to have a common denominator and that denominator should be water. Water will be the biggest challenge our State will have. As transportation and development is discussed it needs to be seen through the lens of where the water is coming from, water quality, and conservation.

**Steve Van Maren** commented that the ADHOC Committee sounds like a quorum and should be noticed to the public.

#### I. **Adjournment**

**Motion: Commissioner Bradley** made the motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:40 p.m. All Commissioners replied with a unanimous "Aye".

CWC Comments- John Knoblock June 6,2018

I have several comments concerning the Mountain Accord implementation:

Three points in the Mountain Accord are:

1) Develop and implement a trail and cycling plan

- a) restart action on approving and implementing the trails plan
- b) finish the Great Western Trail which is included in the USFS Forest Plan
  - i) Trails Utah is working with USFS on Millcreek Elbow to Big Water GWT connector
  - ii) start planning the GWT Brighton to Guardsman Pass trail to help GP issues

this couples with:

2) Study cycling and trails in Parleys Canyon- SLC to Park City

- a) start a trails masterplan for Parleys Canyon, including beyond the MA boundary
- b) complete the GWT in Parleys Canyon- we just need to add a few short sections
- c) push forward on the paved bike trail from Mt Dell to Parleys Summit with UDOT

3) Federal land designations for CWNCRA, wilderness, & wilderness adjustment for BST

- a) build upon public engagement for transparency- the legislation needs a public comment period
- b) Trails Utah and Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee are working with NPS, USFS, SOC, SC on wilderness adjustments for a shared use - mountain bike legal BST
- c) CWNCRA legislation has been said to allow all existing recreation uses to continue- this is not true for White Pine SMA, which would take away the existing mountain bike use  
Neighboring Red Pine Lake trail has a similar high alpine lake which is already in wilderness
- d) provide funding for transportation, trails, and toilets and get firm agreement on transportation plans before passing legislation