

1 **MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION MEETING HELD MONDAY,**  
2 **FEBRUARY 4, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M. IN THE COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL**  
3 **CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 2277 EAST BENGAL BOULEVARD, COTTONWOOD**  
4 **HEIGHTS, UTAH**  
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6 **Present:** Commissioner Chris McCandless, Commissioner Jackie Biskupski  
7 Commissioner Mike Peterson, Commissioner Chris Robinson, Commissioner  
8 Harris Sondak, Commissioner Jeff Silvestrini, Commissioner Andy Beerman,  
9 Mayor Jenny Wilson, Commissioner Jim Bradley 10

11 **Staff:** Executive Director Ralph Becker, Deputy Director Jesse Dean, Legal Counsel  
12 Shane Topham, Communications Director Lindsey Nielsen  
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14 **Excused:** Commissioner Carlos Braceras  
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16 **A. OPENING**  
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- 18 **i. Commissioner McCandless will conduct the meeting as Chair of the Board of**  
19 **Commissioners (“Board”) of the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”).**  
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21 Chair Chris McCandless called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. He welcomed Jenny Wilson, who  
22 was soon to be ratified as the new Mayor by the Salt Lake County Council, to serve as a member  
23 Commissioner of Salt Lake County on the CWC board.  
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- 25 **ii. The Commission will Consider Approving the Meeting Minutes of Monday,**  
26 **January 7, 2019.**  
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28 The minutes were reviewed and modified.  
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30 **MOTION:** Commissioner Silvestrini moved to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting,  
31 as modified. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson. The motion passed with the  
32 unanimous consent of the Commission.  
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34 **B. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
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36 Brian Hutchinson commented on the serious conditions in the canyons. He supported conducting  
37 studies on parking and traffic but suggested there be more focus on immediate available mass transit  
38 solutions. He remarked that the situation has not improved.  
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40 Kyle Buxton identified himself as an elected representative of the Big Cottonwood Canyon  
41 Community Council and a volunteer for several organizations in the canyon. He had donated  
42 countless hours for various efforts in the canyon. Mr. Buxton thanked Chair McCandless for donating  
43 30 hours of his time per week, which saves the CWC \$90,000 per year. He suggested that the CWC’s  
44 paid staff become unpaid volunteers. He reported that the State Legislature is neutering the Central  
45 Wasatch Commission by considering HB 78, which prohibits a government entity from seeking a  
46 federal designation of State land without their permission. The CWC has no permission and the State  
47 feels they were deceived into spending \$5.6 million for the Mountain Accord to seek a federal  
48 designation. When HB 78 passes, it will be illegal for the CWC to seek wilderness in the National

1 Conservation Recreation Area (“NCRA”). Ken Ivory was particularly critical of ceding more control  
2 to the federal government when it already lacks the resources to manage the acreage it already has.  
3 Creating a new 79,000 NCRA area without roads, grazing, timber harvesting, drinking water, toilets,  
4 and fire hydrants endangers human life, wildlife, and property.  
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6 Mr. Buxton stated that CWC Communications Director, Lindsey Nielsen, announced the CWC’s  
7 2019 work project, which is to count parking stalls in the canyon. He pointed out that the Mountain  
8 Accord is still in litigation and with the funding of the CWC, nothing has been accomplished other  
9 than to provoke the State legislation to neuter the CWC. Comparatively, 22,000 people volunteered  
10 at 78 venues for the 2002 Winter Olympics yet the CWC can only find three people and has to pay  
11 them \$200,000 for part-time work. Mr. Buxton claimed that to date the CWC has no credibility and  
12 no public valuable work projects. He questioned its purpose. He suggested the Central Wasatch  
13 Commission help Alta and Brighton become water independent from the Salt Lake City watershed.  
14 Salt Lake City is also wrongfully taking \$45,000 per month from Millcreek and Cottonwood Heights,  
15 which forces them to buy Salt Lake City land in the canyons. He asked what the CWC intends to do  
16 about these chronic canyon injustices.  
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18 Blake commented that one of the transportations solutions that can be enacted  
19 immediately is to increase the property tax on all parking areas within the Canyons and offer the  
20 excess funds to UTA to increase bus service and parking infrastructure at the base of the canyons.  
21 This will encourage the resorts to put a parking toll on their parking infrastructure at the top of the  
22 canyon. This will help divert cars from the canyon and remove some of the incentive to own oversized  
23 SUVs. He considered it an easy solution that can be enacted quickly with an immediate use for those  
24 tax funds. He suggested that a series of busses travel up the canyon at the end of the day to help  
25 incentivize use of busses. Chair McCandless agreed to pass the information on to UDOT who will  
26 take it into consideration as part of their Environmental Impact Study (EIS).  
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28 Evan Johnson identified himself as a property owner in Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons and  
29 stated that the ultimate bully weaponizes water. He claimed that \$3 million in taxes must be paid  
30 from the Brickyard property or go without water. He commented that \$100 million from the  
31 Brickyard was wrongfully taken from County coffers by Salt Lake City, whose weaponization of  
32 water forced Millcreek and Cottonwood Heights to pay \$45,000 per month to purchase Salt Lake City  
33 land in the canyons. Mr. Evans referred to the slogan “Protect the Canyons” and asked who it is being  
34 protected for. He noted that freeloaders such as bikers, hikers, and back country skiers pay nothing  
35 to use the canyons but demand protected rights in the NCRA to 94% of Big Cottonwood Canyon by  
36 stepping on the ski resorts and small canyon users. Mr. Johnson saw no reason to spend \$9 million  
37 to protect the rights of those who have been freeloading. He felt they should be required to pay to  
38 use the canyons. Salt Lake City Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy has water  
39 applications to build a 410-foot dam in Little Cottonwood Canyon. They used that fact recently in a  
40 water case in order to win.  
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42 Mr. Johnson asked Commissioner Biskupski why she claimed that the Salt Lake City’s Water District  
43 will never build a 410-foot dam in Little Cottonwood Canyon when the opposite was stated by Public  
44 Utilities representatives in court. He commented that holding dam water applications for a water  
45 monopoly, to use as leverage in lawsuits, and to steal Canyon land by confiscatory regulation is not  
46 honest. Salt Lake City mislead the court by claiming that their water district serves 500,000 people  
47 when in fact it only serves half that number. They also selectively failed to inform the court that most  
48 of the water in Little Cottonwood Creek that is treated comes from the Provo River and about the

1 double selling of water. Mr. Johnson stated that Salt Lake City sells water to the ski resorts for snow  
2 making and then captures it again in the treatment plant. Selling water twice with no permit is not  
3 legal or moral. Salt Lake City has promised new water for new 12-inch water lines in Alta but no  
4 water for the cabin users. He asked what facts or achievements will result in the dissolution of the  
5 CWC. He also inquired about their objectives and milestones. Mr. Johnson characterized the CWC  
6 as an endless money buffet at the public trough for failed politicians for fake work to protect the rights  
7 of Canyon freeloaders. Salt Lake City is keeping the ski resorts frightened by weaponizing water.  
8 He asked Mayor Biskupski when she plans to treat the ski resorts, small Canyon landowners,  
9 Cottonwood Heights, and Millcreek justly. Chair McCandless agreed to look into the dam scenario  
10 referred to by Mr. Johnson.

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12 Summer Cowden asked why the CWC favors back country skier, hiker, and biker freeloaders who  
13 pay nothing to use the canyon but disfavors small canyon landowners who pay taxes. She claimed  
14 that Salt Lake City threatened to cut off Alta Ski Lifts' water supply if they did not support the CWC's  
15 federal land trades. She also asked why Salt Lake City pressured Brighton and Solitude to not support  
16 the incorporation of Brighton City. Ralph Becker approached Brighton's BCCA twice and both times  
17 was denied. Chair McCandless went to the Public Land Commission as well and was denied. The  
18 new Town of Brighton does not support the NCRA, which Ms. Cowden considered to be fake  
19 wilderness and more federal control. She stated that the Town of Alta asked to be excluded from the  
20 NCRA but Brighton is not excluded and the ski resort is running the CWC's arbitrary and capricious  
21 process. Utah cannot compete with Colorado who has 11 times more Forest Service permitted ski  
22 resort land, yet Ralph Becker and Chris McCandless want to ban in perpetuity ski resort expansion  
23 and new ski resorts in Big Cottonwood Canyon. She questioned how setting aside 94% of the Canyon  
24 for freeloaders and 6% for ski resorts is just. Ms. Cowden stated that the decision to speed up the  
25 lifts and enlarge parking lots is an effort to cram more people onto an already overcrowded hill. She  
26 noted that conditions have been unsafe for at least the last three years. She saw no point in pursuing  
27 mass transit to ski resorts that are already overcrowded and ban all expansion forever. Brighton has  
28 1,050 acres of ski terrain. She saw no reason to spend mass transit dollars to ski on so few acres.  
29 Powder Mountain has 7,000 acres and there is no good reason to pursue mass transit into Big  
30 Cottonwood Canyon if ski resort expansion is banned forever. She suggested that Powder Mountain  
31 instead get the mass transit dollars rather than Brighton and Solitude. She expressed her opposition  
32 to the CWC as a whole.

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34 Kevin Dwyer was present on behalf of the Salt Lake Valley Trails Society and thanked the board  
35 members for their efforts. They have been involved with the CWC and the Mountain Accord for a  
36 few years and got involved because of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, which they are very interested  
37 in as the largest group in the Valley providing for maintenance and construction. He pointed out that  
38 the Cottonwood Canyons are very important resources to the citizens. He noted that they found that  
39 Mountain Accord and the Central Wasatch National Conservation Recreation Area Act  
40 ("CWNCRA") addressed White Pine. As the population increases, they want to be able to get people  
41 from the Wasatch Front into the Canyons without the necessity for motorized transport. That can be  
42 done in Little Cottonwood Canyon via the Little Cottonwood Canyon Trail. The Salt Lake Valley  
43 Trails Society saw no reason from the proponents of the CWNCRA to prohibit mountain bikes. He  
44 asked that the situation be resolved preemptively while considering past use and future opportunity.  
45 Mr. Dwyer felt they could help address some of the recreation pressures and deal with opportunities  
46 for all Canyon users in a sustainable manner. In 2019, they will double their efforts and he hoped the  
47 CWC could support them through a modification to the proposed language in the CWNCRA.

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1 John Knoblock was present representing Trails Utah and the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee.  
2 He thanked the ski area managers and UDOT for their efforts. With regard to the road issue, he  
3 pointed out that it takes only one car, bus, or truck, to negatively impact the flow of traffic. As a  
4 result, it is important to have resources for motorists to check tires and vehicles when going up the  
5 Canyon. Mr. Knoblock encouraged the CWC to prepare a public access data base to track actionable  
6 projects that are ongoing in the Central Wasatch since it will help manage the situation more  
7 effectively and serve as a public outreach.

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9 There were no further public comments. The public comment period was closed.

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11 **C. COMMISSIONER COMMENT**

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13 Chair McCandless announced that as of December 31, 2019 he will no longer serve as the Sandy City  
14 Council representative on the Central Wasatch Commission board. He will not be seeking reelection  
15 to the Sandy City Council. He remarked that it serves no purpose for the public to insult, disparage  
16 reputations, and question the board members' morals and integrity. They are losing a great number  
17 of leaders in the community as a result of discord that has been expressed. Over the next 11 months  
18 Chair McCandless was committed to doing his best to further the cause. Commissioner Biskupski  
19 thanked Chair McCandless for his efforts. Chair McCandless explained that the Interlocal Agreement  
20 requires that those serving on the CWC, with the exception of Commissioner Braceras, must be  
21 elected officials. His intent was to serve on the CWC until December 31, 2019.

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23 **D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING APPOINTMENT OF STAKEHOLDER**  
24 **COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR.**

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26 **i. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2019-02 Appointing Greg Summerhays as**  
27 **Chair and Kelly Bricker as Vice Chair of the CWC's Stakeholder Council for**  
28 **Two-Year Terms Expiring June 30, 2021, or Until their Successors are**  
29 **Appointed.**  
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31 Deputy Director Jesse Dean reported that at the last board meeting a recommendation was made that  
32 the Stakeholder Council ratify and have discussion about the proposed Chair and Vice Chair put  
33 forward by the board. That process took place at the January meeting. Unanimous support was  
34 expressed by the Stakeholder Council for both individuals.

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36 Greg Summerhays introduced himself and reported that he serves as the President of the Sandy Area  
37 Chamber of Commerce and is a long-time Utah resident. He reported on the most recent Stakeholder  
38 Council meeting, which is comprised of individuals who are very passionate about the issue. He was  
39 eager to come up with the best possible solutions.

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41 Executive Director Ralph Becker informed the board that Vice Chair Dr. Kelly Bricker participated  
42 in the Stakeholder Council meeting but was unable to be present at tonight's board meeting.

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44 **MOTION:** Commissioner Bradley moved that the Commission adopt Resolution 2019-02,  
45 approving Greg Summerhays as Chair and Dr. Kelly Bricker as Vice Chair of the CWC Stakeholder  
46 Council. Commissioner Sondak seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Commissioner Sondak-Aye,  
47 Commissioner Peterson-Aye, Chair McCandless-Aye, Commissioner Bradley-Aye, Commissioner  
48 Silvestrini-Aye, Commissioner Biskupski-Aye, Commissioner Beerman-Aye, Commissioner

1 Robinson-Aye. The motion passed unanimously. Anticipated Commissioner Wilson did not  
2 participate in the vote.

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4 **E. DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTIONS EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO FORMER**  
5 **SALT LAKE COUNTY MAYOR BEN MCADAMS, FORMER SNOWBIRD**  
6 **PRESIDENT AND CEO BOB BONAR, AND FORMER DEER VALLEY GENERAL**  
7 **MANAGER BOB WHEATON.**

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9 **i. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2019-05 Expressing Gratitude to Former Salt**  
10 **Lake County Mayor Ben McAdams for His Work and Service to the CWC.**  
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12 **ii. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2019-06 Expressing Gratitude to Former**  
13 **Snowbird President and CEO Bob Bonar for His Work and Service to the CWC.**  
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15 **iii. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2019-07 Expressing Gratitude to Former Deer**  
16 **Valley General Manager Bob Wheaton for His Work and Service to the CWC.**  
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18 Chair McCandless stated that his intent was to have the awards framed and presented to the recipients  
19 individually. He hoped to present Mr. Bonar’s award on February 19. The dates of the other two  
20 presentations had not been confirmed.

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22 **MOTION:** Commissioner Silvestrini moved to adopt Resolution 2019-05, 2019-06, and 2019-07 to  
23 express appreciation to Mayor Ben McAdams, Bob Bonar, and Bob Wheaton. Commissioner  
24 Beerman seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Commissioner Sondak-Aye, Commissioner  
25 Peterson-Aye, Chair McCandless-Aye, Commissioner Bradley-Aye, Commissioner Silvestrini-Aye,  
26 Commissioner Beerman-Aye, Commissioner Robinson-Aye, The motion passed unanimously.  
27 Commissioner Biskupski was not present for the vote. Anticipated Commissioner Wilson did not  
28 participate in the vote.

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30 **F. DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CWC BYLAWS ADOPTING**  
31 **GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

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33 **i. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2019-08 Amending the CWC Bylaws to**  
34 **Incorporate a Public Comment Policy.**  
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36 Mr. Becker reported that there had been ongoing discussion among the board about establishing  
37 guidance for public comment and to propose an amendment to the bylaws. A draft was prepared for  
38 review by the board and the public.

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40 Commissioner Silvestrini recalled that at the retreat they determined that there should be a policy in  
41 place so that they have a basis to enforce some of the guidelines that have already been used with  
42 respect to public comment. The resolution primarily provides support for the amount of time allowed  
43 for each person to comment, directing that their comments be relevant to the issues before the  
44 Commission, and that they engage in civility.

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46 Commissioner Sondak stated that at a recent CWC meeting, a member of the public wanted to play a  
47 recording but would not disclose who the recording was of or the conditions under which it was made.

1 The draft resolution did not appear to speak to that. CWC Attorney Shane Topham referred to item  
2 number four, which addresses the issue.

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4 Commissioner Silvestrini also observed that the policy specifies that comments can be submitted in  
5 writing. He did not object to comments being provided in an audio format so long as there is  
6 attribution with respect to who is making the comment. Chair McCandless stated that the intent is to  
7 post the policy at each meeting so that those present are aware of the expectations and limitations.

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9 Commissioner Silvestrini questioned whether paragraph 9 should be amended to allow for written  
10 and/or recorded comments. Commissioner Robinson suggested the verbiage specify that written or  
11 digital comments are permitted, which would allow for a video or other electronic communication.  
12 Commissioner Silvestrini had no objection to that clarification.

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14 **MOTION:** Commissioner Silvestrini moved to approve Resolution 2019-08 amending the CWC  
15 Bylaws to incorporate a public comment policy and amend Paragraph 9 to specify that written or  
16 digital comments may also be submitted. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Vote on  
17 motion: Commissioner Sondak-Aye, Commissioner Peterson-Aye, Chair McCandless-Aye,  
18 Commissioner Bradley-Aye, Commissioner Silvestrini-Aye, Commissioner Biskupski-Aye,  
19 Commissioner Beerman-Aye, Commissioner Robinson-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.  
20 Anticipated Commissioner Wilson did not participate in the vote.

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22 **G. DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CWC BYLAWS REGARDING**  
23 **REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES.**

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25 **i. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2019-09 Amending the CWC Bylaws to**  
26 **Incorporate a Policy Concerning Reimbursable Expenses.**

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28 Mr. Becker reported that after incurring expenses, staff realized that policy was not in place with  
29 regard to dealing with reimbursements. In consultation with legal counsel and in examining how  
30 expenses are reimbursed by other governmental entities, a recommendation was made for a policy to  
31 be added as Paragraph 6.3 of the Bylaws providing for how expenses are to be handled by staff and  
32 the board.

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34 Commissioner Silvestrini referenced Paragraph 3 and stated that the per diem rates are what are  
35 allowed by the IRS.

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37 In response to a question raised by Commissioner Sondak, Mr. Becker stated that when someone is  
38 away at a conference, the time from when they leave until they return is counted as work hours if they  
39 are there on behalf of the CWC or if the training is approved by the CWC. He noted that this applies  
40 to non-exempt employees.

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42 **MOTION:** Commissioner Silvestrini moved to approve Resolution 2019-09 amending the CWC  
43 Bylaws to include new Section 3-Expense Reimbursements. Commissioner Peterson seconded the  
44 motion. Vote on motion: Commissioner Sondak-Aye, Commissioner Peterson-Aye, Chair  
45 McCandless-Aye, Commissioner Bradley-Aye, Commissioner Silvestrini-Aye, Commissioner  
46 Biskupski-Aye, Commissioner Beerman-Aye, Commissioner Robinson-Aye. The motion passed  
47 unanimously. Anticipated Commissioner Wilson did not participate in the vote.  
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1 **H. DISCUSSION AND AMENDMENT TO STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL ANNUAL**  
2 **MEETING SCHEDULE.**

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4 **i. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2019-10 Amending the Regular Business**  
5 **Meeting Location for the CWC Stakeholder Council for 2019.**  
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7 Mr. Dean explained that Resolution 2019-10 amends the meeting location for the Stakeholder  
8 Council. All subsequent meetings for 2019 will be held the third Wednesday of each month from  
9 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The February location will be the Promise Room in Millcreek City Hall next to  
10 Mayor Silvestrini's Office. Commissioner Silvestrini stated that it is a multi-purpose room that can  
11 accommodate the needs of the group.  
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13 **MOTION:** Commissioner Peterson moved to approve Resolution 2019-10, amending the Regular  
14 Business Meeting location for the CWC Stakeholder Council for 2019. Commissioner Robinson  
15 seconded the motion. Vote on motion: Commissioner Sondak-Aye, Commissioner Peterson-Aye,  
16 Chair McCandless-Aye, Commissioner Bradley-Aye, Commissioner Silvestrini-Aye, Commissioner  
17 Biskupski-Aye, Commissioner Beerman-Aye, Commissioner Robinson-Aye. The motion passed  
18 unanimously. Anticipated Commissioner Wilson did not participate in the vote.  
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20 **I. DISCUSSION OF JANUARY MEETING OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE**  
21 **STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC LANDS, UTAH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**  
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23 Mr. Becker reported that the Legislature is in session and they are engaged. Just prior to the  
24 commencement of the legislative session, another meeting was held on the Stewardship of Public  
25 Lands. They were not specifically on the agenda as they had been the month prior, however, they  
26 were a point of discussion. Mr. Dean, who was present on behalf of the CWC, was asked to answer  
27 questions and there was discussion and action by the commission that could affect the work of the  
28 board.  
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30 There were two pieces of legislation that the commission was proposing. The first was HB 78, a bill  
31 put forward by Representative Albrecht that was introduced and considered during the last legislative  
32 session. It would require any subdivision of the State, or anyone who works for the State or local  
33 government, to appear before the Committee on Natural Resources and Energy and make a  
34 presentation about their proposed federal legislation. The CWC could potentially be impacted. Last  
35 year the bill did not make it to the Legislature and concerns were expressed about it. Staff had been  
36 in preliminary discussions with members of the Commission on the Stewardship of Public Lands  
37 about this and one other bill.  
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39 The second bill was a HJR 17 for which language had been preliminarily developed in draft form. It  
40 would support the development of a Public Land Management Plan by the State and ask for  
41 appropriation and support to pursue the plan. Staff met with the sponsor of the bill, Representative  
42 Keven Stratton, who did not consider it to be in conflict with the work of the CWC. Staff would  
43 continue to engage with Representative Stratton as the bill unfolds.  
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45 Mr. Becker intended for staff to be actively involved with both bills and appreciated that the various  
46 jurisdictions have been working to reflect the wishes of the CWC. Mr. Becker suggested that the  
47 board take a more proactive stance with the Legislature this year and seek indications of support.  
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1 Mr. Becker stated that last year HB 78 was opposed by both the Utah Association of Counties, the  
2 Utah League of Cities and Towns, and others. It had been modified significantly since then with the  
3 current version being a reflection of a bill that was amended substantially from its original form,  
4 which would have required approval of the Legislature before any pursuit of federal legislation  
5 involving public lands. Staff's desire was not to oppose the legislation but if it emerges, do so in a  
6 form that either supports or is consistent with the work of the Commission.  
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8 Commissioner Wilson stated that both were up for Salt Lake County Council consideration for the  
9 following day. She stated that she would likely express opposition for HJR 17. Her sense was that  
10 they would prefer to have a better understanding that they have created systems pertaining to  
11 governance through various bodies of public land management. She would continue to ensure that  
12 the CWC and Salt Lake County remain in the driver's seat.  
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## 14 **J. STAFF MONTHLY REPORT**

### 16 **i. Presentation by Executive Director Ralph Becker of his Monthly Report.**

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18 Mr. Becker reported that the staff report has been distributed in the form of a monthly newsletter to  
19 summarize the work of the Commission. He noted that a consultant was selected to handle the  
20 Transportation Action Plan. With regard to the federal legislation, staff was working daily with others  
21 on the Congressional legislation. Over the next few weeks he expected another draft of the legislation  
22 to be available for public review. It will incorporate the decisions of the Commission from the  
23 November meeting that adopted a version of the bill going forward. It also includes an update to the  
24 bill to reflect standard legislative drafting for Congress. The intention was for a new draft to cross-  
25 reference changes so that all are aware of the reasoning behind the modifications.  
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27 With regard to the Environmental Dashboard, Mr. Becker stated that in past meetings an offer was  
28 brought forward from ESRI, who does 80% of GIS programming worldwide. They offered to provide  
29 the CWC with pro bono services in developing an environmental dashboard. Professionals were  
30 brought in over the past month to meet with staff and the steering community. They discussed not  
31 only offering information specific to the environmental dashboard, but to more broadly provide a hub  
32 for all kinds of information. They were getting close to merging the work of the prior and existing  
33 consultant, Brendle Group, with ESRI and moving the project forward.  
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35 Ms. Nielsen reported that last month a team of project managers and engineers from ESRI, who is  
36 based in Denver, made a trip to Utah to introduce how the technology has changed over the past two  
37 years. The new application is called Hub and will look the same as an environmental dashboard but  
38 is a more interactive communicative tool. It would allow the public to connect in a more dynamic  
39 way than a dashboard. The same team is making a trip to Fort Collins, where the Brendle Group is  
40 based, to map out the path forward to define roles and align expectations.  
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## 42 **K. DISCUSSION OF 2019 CWC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.**

### 44 **i. CWC Chair Chris McCandless will Lead a Discussion Surrounding 2019 CWC 45 Goals and Objectives.**

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47 Chair McCandless reported that many of the ideas for the 2019 Goals and Objectives came from  
48 collective ideas associated with the retreat. He asked that the board review the document in detail



1 and make changes with a vote to be taken at the next meeting.

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- 3 • Canyon Corridor Transportation Plan. The hope was that something concrete will be in place
- 4 by the end of the year. It was clarified that the corridor includes Wasatch Boulevard.
- 5 Commissioner Peterson stated that it is critical that Wasatch Boulevard be mentioned.
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- 7 • Canyon Corridor Transportation Action Plan. Chair McCandless asked that Millcreek be
- 8 added but was unsure how to proceed since it is not actually included in the Utah Department
- 9 of Transportation Corridor Transportation Plan. He suggested that that be addressed this year.
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- 11 • A concurrent resolution supporting CWC from the State of Utah. Chair McCandless
- 12 explained that the resolution was discussed as part of their staff efforts and would involve
- 13 elected officials from the State of Utah supporting the work of the CWC.
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- 15 • Environmental Dashboard. Chair McCandless stated that it needs to be completed this year
- 16 and is moving forward.
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- 18 • Community Engagement. Public involvement was deemed to be of utmost importance.
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- 20 • Communications. Chair McCandless stated that Communications Director Lindsey Nielsen
- 21 is doing a tremendous job of maintaining the highest levels of communication. They also
- 22 maintain the highest levels of decorum and professionalism regardless of the comments made.
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- 24 • Stakeholder Council.
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- 26 • Administration Budget and Strategic Plan.
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- 28 • Budget for 2019-2020. While important, Chair McCandless stated that it is also important to
- 29 have a five-year strategic plan on how the CWC will be funded. The issue was discussed
- 30 extensively at the retreat.
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- 32 • Board and Staffing Needs.
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- 34 • Office Space. Identified as the lowest priority. Chair McCandless stated that currently, he is
- 35 donating office space and copying services to CWC staff.
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37 Chair McCandless hoped to adopt the document, or some version of it, at the next meeting.

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39 Commissioner Beerman remarked that the document does a good job of reflecting what was discussed

40 at the retreat. What he believed were missing were smaller items such as improvements to bathrooms,

41 trails, and trailheads; increases in bus service; and creative transportation solutions. They have

42 consistently been identified by the public and he asked that those items be given greater priority.

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44 Mr. Dean stated that there will be a more in-depth conversation next month in partnership with

45 UDOT, however, as part of the Canyon Corridor Transportation Action Plan, the intent is for them to

46 be able to pull projects out. Once that project begins, they will have funding for bathrooms and other

47 services in the immediate term.

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2 Commissioner Silvestrini suggested that under Special Projects they add support for collaboration  
3 among local governments, UTA, and others toward developing a pilot transportation project for  
4 Millcreek Canyon.

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6 Anticipated Commissioner Wilson suggested that the potential solutions be broken down into what  
7 can be implemented quickly as well as long-term projects. With a reinvigorated UTA, partnerships  
8 with UDOT, and the participation of the board, she hoped to create another strategic planning process  
9 that examines short-term possibilities that puts them in control for the next season as they roll out the  
10 longer-term planning.

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12 Mr. Becker commented that in terms of the Canyon Corridor Transportation Action Plan and the  
13 Little Cottonwood EIS, they have been engaged with UDOT. Their focus has been on immediate  
14 short-term, medium-term, and long-term actions. Some of the immediate actions were expected to  
15 take place during the next construction season. Other items will take place over a longer period of  
16 time and are required because of public involvement and decision making. It will also be a major  
17 focus of the Stakeholder Council. He invited the board members to contact any member of staff with  
18 information and questions.

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20 Commissioner Peterson also had met with UDOT and stated that sometimes the intermediate items  
21 are pushed aside. He suggested they be tracked and documented and that the information be made  
22 available.

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24 Commissioner Biskupski suggested a project management timeline be prepared for the year to help  
25 guide progress.

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27 Commissioner Sondak recommended a project dashboard be added to the website. Ms. Nielsen stated  
28 that transportation is not currently included in the environmental dashboard but the project continues  
29 to evolve and could be discussed going forward. Mr. Dean explained that there is currently a UDOT  
30 EIS website that is up and running with the forthcoming Cottonwood Canyon Transportation Action  
31 Plan. The intent was to coordinate the EIS and the Transportation Action Plan to reduce confusion  
32 surrounding the planning process and disseminate public comment.

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34 Commissioner Peterson asked if UTA will be involved and pointed out that ridership has increased  
35 by 30 to 40 percent. Mr. Dean stated that UDOT and UTA are involved in every conversation along  
36 with the Forest Service and Public Utilities.

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38 The matter was to be added to the next agenda for approval at the next meeting. Written comments  
39 from the board members were invited.

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41 **L. DISCUSSION AND MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED MEETING TO DISCUSS**  
42 **THE CHARACTER, PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OR PHYSICAL HEALTH**  
43 **OF ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUAL (UTAH CODE ANN. §52-4-05 [1][a]).**  
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45 **MOTION:** Commissioner Silvestrini moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to Utah Code  
46 Annotated §52-4-05 (1)(a) for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence or  
47 physical or mental health of one or more individuals. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion.  
48 Vote on motion: Commissioner Sondak-Aye, Commissioner Peterson-Aye, Chair McCandless-Aye,

1 Commissioner Bradley-Aye, Commissioner Silvestrini-Aye, Commissioner Biskupski-Aye,  
2 Commissioner Beerman-Aye, Commissioner Robinson-Aye. The motion passed unanimously.  
3 Anticipated Commissioner Wilson did not participate in the vote.

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5 The CWC was in Closed Meeting from 5:20 p.m. to 6:28 p.m.

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7 **MOTION:** Commissioner Bradley moved to reconvene the public portion of the Central Wasatch  
8 Commission Meeting of February 4, 2019. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson.  
9 The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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11 **MOTION:** Commissioner Silvestrini moved to direct the Finance Committee to proceed in the  
12 direction discussed during the Closed Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bradley.  
13 The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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15 **M. ADJOURNMENT.**

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17 **MOTION:** Commissioner Silvestrini moved to adjourn. The motion passed with the unanimous  
18 consent of the Board.

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20 The Central Wasatch Commission Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Central*  
2 *Wasatch Commission Meeting held Monday, February 4, 2019.*

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9 Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_