

Utah Quality Growth Commission Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2006, 11:00 AM

Cannon Room, Room 335

Salt Lake City Hall/City and County Building

451 South State Street

Salt Lake City, Utah, 84101

Minutes

Commissioners Present

Carlton Christensen, Vice Chairman
David Allen
Mayor Lewis Billings
Commissioner Carol Page
Commissioner Camille Cain
Mr. Flint Richards
Councilman Mike Kohler
Mayor Darrell Smith
Commissioner Leonard Blackham

Commissioners Excused

Mr. Dan Lofgren, Chairman
Mr. Jaren Davis, 2nd Vice Chairman
Mr. Brad Barber
Director Mike Styler

Visitors Present

Ms. Janice Jardine, SL City Council Staff
Ms. Ann Price, Forestry, Fire & State Lands
Mr. Barry Nash, Trust for Public Land
Ms. Amanda Smith, TNC
Ms. Camille Williams, Provo City
Mr. Bruce Slater, DEQ

Staff Present

Mr. John Bennett
Ms. Laura Alt
Mr. Mike Hansen
Mr. Kevin Daniels

Vice Chairman Carlton Christensen conducted the meeting

1—Welcome and introductions – 5 minutes

2—Public Comments – 5 minutes

George Ramjoue of the Wasatch Front Regional Council addressed the Commission. He supplied them with a copy of the Wasatch Choices 2040 Plan document that Envision Utah and WFRC and Mountainland AOG have produced. George encouraged Commissioners to read the document and comment if they liked, and he thanked the Commission for supporting the project with a planning grant of \$10,000.

3— Approval of Minutes from September, 2006 Meeting, and October 2006 Meeting – 5 minutes

ACTION ITEM: Approve September and October Minutes

With nine members present, the Commission approved both sets of minutes.

4— Presentation on State of Utah Planning and Education Resource Toolkit (SUPER), Laura Ault, 10 Minutes

Laura Ault described this new toolkit that is being developed by the QGC/GOPB staff. SUPER will provide planning resources and education to local governments in Utah. It will combine several tools currently in use, and create others to provide a one stop planning resource.

Staff asked the Commissioners present to consider funding the development of the toolkit. This will be on the agenda again for the January, 2007 Meeting

5— Report on Legislative Strategy, Mike Styler and Leonard Blackham, 10 minutes

Leonard Blackham reported that several new partners had agreed to support the Land and Water Reinvestment Act. He also indicated that the Governor was not going to support it, so he and Mike Styler might have to pull back from promoting it. He indicated that the bill will go forward, and that he could not pull it back now if he wanted to.

6—Status Report on Provo Rock Canyon Grant, Camille Williams, Provo City Attorney's Office, 10 minutes

Camille Williams made a presentation to the Commission about the status of the Rock Canyon project which the commission has agreed to fund. She indicated that she could not report new progress. There are several issues that must be resolved in court, one of the early hearing is set for Dec. 12, 2006, but that will not be the end of it.

Mayor Billings acknowledged a lack of progress. He asked the commission leaders to meet with Senator John Valentine who has had a personal stake in this project to get his take on the progress of the project. A motion to extend or not extend the project will be on the agenda in January.

LUNCH: Provided by Cowboy Partners

7— Video of Accomplishments, Carlton Christensen, 10 minutes

Carlton Christensen prepared a video tribute to the accomplishments of the Commission. He used pictures of McAllister Fund projects to demonstrate commission successes. He also had pictures of commissioners and staff.

After showing the video, Carlton supplied a copy of the video for each member.

8— Award of thanks to Carol Page and Camille Cain, 10 Minutes

Carol and Camille were each given a plaque from the Commission. They each expressed pride at having served, and said they would miss the commission and its members.

9—Administrative Matters:

Next meeting will be January 24, 2007, Location to be announced