

Utah Quality Growth Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2006, 11:00 AM

Olmstead Conference Room

East Building, Capitol Hill

Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114

Minutes

Commission members attending

Dan Lofgren

Carol Page

Camille Cain

Flint Richards

David Allen

Brad Barber

Leonard Blackham

Mike Styler

Lewis Billings

Carlton Christensen

Darrell Smith

Mike Kohler

Excused

Jaren Davis

Visitors present

Shauna Kerr, TPL

Amanda Smith, TNC

Vaughn Lovejoy, TreeUtah

Ann Price, FFSL

Joel Frandsen, FFSL

Jerry

Chairman Dan Lofgren conducted the meeting

1— Critical Lands Subcommittee Report—Review final recommendation on spending, Review Requests for extensions, Dave Allen 45 minutes

ACTION ITEM: Approve or Modify Subcommittee Recommendations on spending and extensions.

Commission began the process of evaluation by doing a preliminary review to determine which projects to visit. After the visits they updated those scores to take into account the site visits. This impact one or two projects which scored higher after the visit than they did before. Commissioners felt like this was a good process to follow.

John Bennett stated that the Commission had \$1.4 million to give this year, but the subcommittee was recommending \$1.85 million in spending for this year. He explained how this was possible.

First, there was \$120,000 available from last year from closed projects that did not use all the funds allocated for their projects. Sportsmen for Habitat received \$400,000 last year but used only \$300,000 and the Gittins Dairy received \$155,000 but used only \$135,000. This money will be reprogrammed into this years funding.

Second, the Holladay and Salt Lake County Projects were reprogrammed because they have lost their matching funds or have changed the scope of the project and may no longer qualify. Those funds totaled \$275,000.

Third, \$55,000 in interest income was committed to projects this year. This totaled \$450,000 in additional funds available this year.

The commission voted to extend some projects, and to reprogram Holladay and Salt Lake County.

The extensions were:

South Jordan, 3 months
Division of Wildlife Resources, 6 months
Utah Botanical Center, 1 year
Provo, request status report
No extension for Holladay
No extension for SL County

Flint moved to approve the extensions and reprogramming as proposed, Dave Allen seconded the motion. The Commission approved the motion unanimously.

New projects to be funded with this year's funds:

Chalk Creek phase 1,	\$400,000	
Trout of Paradise	\$200,000	
Richins Ranch	\$400,000	
Virgin River Headwaters	\$300,000	bring back to explain how the deal will change because of the reduction.
Selman 2	\$80,000	
Foothill	\$195,000	
Glenn Farm	\$240,000	
Weber Pathways	\$25,000	
Tree Utah	\$10,000	
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Total	\$1,850,000	

Mayor Billings wondered if we could be clearer in giving guidelines to applicants. We also need to contact the applicants to make sure they know that we thought the projects were good.

Mike Kohler, moved to accept the subcommittees recommendation. The motion included a representation that if the projects changed, they needed to comeback to the commission to help us understand the scope of the project.

The project received multiple seconds, and passed unanimously.

Brad Barber declared a potential conflict of interest and abstained from voting.

LUNCH: Presentation on State Capitol Reconstruction, Rob Pett, Architect, Doug Welling with Jacobsen Construction. 20 minutes

Mayor Lewis Billings introduced Rob Pett, Architect of the Capitol Reconstruction. Provo used the same architect to do the renovation of the Academy Square in Provo to make a new library. Jacobsen Construction is also part of this team.

Mr. Pett and Mr. Welling discussed the renovation project, and offered a tour of the project to those who wish to attend.

They indicated that every effort is being made to return the capitol to its original layout with all new facilities. They also indicated that Fredrick Law Olmstead's original landscaping plan is being completed.

**2—Legislative Strategy, Progress – Mike Styler, Leonard Blackham, Lewis Billings
Review presentation to League of Cities and Towns Policy Committee, 10 Minutes**

Lewis Billings, Leonard Blackham and Mike Styler discussed the meeting with the League of Cities and Towns policy committee to solicit their support for assistance with the Land and Water Conservation fund. The Committee gave us a unanimous vote of support for the proposal. Mayor Billings said that the League was going to assist us in passing this measure.

There was a discussion of next steps. Leonard Blackham discussed the contacts he has made with the counties, and agreed to talk with Brent Gardner about their annual meeting in two weeks. Dan Lofgren asked that this be a major discussion item on the next agenda.

3—Discussion Annual Report Outline, John Bennett, 10 minutes

John indicated that the staff was preparing the report, and that a PDF version would be sent to commissioners for their comments.

4—Administrative Matters: Proposed winter meeting date: Wednesday Dec. 6, 2006, or Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006, location to be announced.

The commission will hold its winter meeting December 6, 2006. Location is yet to be determined.

Tours of capitol reconstruction will take place following the meeting.

Carlton Christensen, Lewis Billings, Mike Kohler and John Bennett took the tour.