



Utah Quality Growth Commission  
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## Utah Quality Growth Commission

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday May 27, 2010**  
**Room 3710, Utah Department of Natural Resources Building**  
**1594 West North Temple Street**  
**Salt Lake City, UT 84114**

**Members Present**

**Flint Richards, Chairman**  
**JT Martin, Vice Chairman**  
**Reed Erickson**  
**Mike Kohler**  
**Laraine Swenson**

**Visitors Present**

**Ted Knowlton, The Planning Center**  
**Val John Halford, WFRC**  
**Terry Marasco, Utah Clean Air Alliance**  
**Laura Ault, FFSL**  
**Kevin Fayles, Envision Utah**  
**Quinn Card, Salt Lake City Counsel Staff**

**Staff Present**

**John Bennett, Executive Director**

1. Welcome and Introductions, Flint Richards, Chair, 5 Minutes

Chairman Richards welcomed everyone present and asked each person present to introduce themselves.

2. Public Comments, Flint Richards, Chair, 5 Minutes

Terry Marasco addressed the commission. He has created a graphic tool that shows the state of Utah's Air Quality, and projects where we will be, in relationship to the federal standards as we move forward. It is still in draft form, but should be rolled out in about three months. He shared the early results of this work with the Commission and agreed to come back again as the information is updated

3. Approve Minutes from April 2010 Meeting, Flint Richards, Chair, 5 Minutes

**ACTION ITEM:** Approve Minutes

A quorum was not present so the approval of the minutes was postponed until the June 24, 2010 meeting.

4. Pre-Applications for funding from LeRay McAllister Fund  
John Bennett, 30 minutes

**ACTION ITEM:** Determine which pre-applicants will be invited to submit the full application

The Commissioners present discussed the pre-applications received. John Bennett reminded the commission that at this point they were not considering the merits of the projects. They were to determine which projects met the criteria in the Quality Growth Act, and which would be invited to

submit the full application. He explained that all the current applications met the requirements of the act. The Commission discussed whether to invite all the eligible applicants to submit an application this year. Laraine Swenson asked whether the Commission should exclude the restoration grants and maybe the two small fee title acquisitions. Mr. Bennett explained that this would be a new precedent. In the past the Commission had simply invited every eligible applicant to apply, and decided which to fund after they had visited the sites.

A quorum was not present, but the Chairman exercised his prerogative to instruct staff to invite all the applicants to apply, but to make it clear to the two restoration projects that the Commission had decided earlier to rank the acquisition projects more highly this year.

- 5 Report on Life on State Study. The Wasatch Front Regional Council recently completed a study looking at possible concepts for redevelopment along State Street in Salt Lake County. These concepts may be useful for other similar corridors. Wasatch Front Regional Council has been asked to discuss this study with the Commission. Val John Halford, WFRC, and Ted Knowlton, 30 Minutes

Ted Knowlton and Val John Halford shared with the Commission the results of the “Life on State” study that the Planning Center had conducted on behalf of the Wasatch Front Regional Council. The purpose of the study is to explore ways to revitalize State Street. The Planning Center avoided trying to apply a one-size fits all approach. Rather, they identified areas along the corridor that had unique characteristics and highlighted ways those characteristics could be enhanced. A copy of the powerpoint presentation about the “Life on State” study is attached.

- 6 Redo of Land Conservation in Utah Brochure or website. John Bennett, 20 minutes

John Bennett showed the Commissioners a handbook created back in 1997 that discussed a number of strategies for land conservation in Utah. He indicated that he would like to update this as one of the initiatives of the Commission this year. Those Commissioners present supported the idea, and directed him to do a draft to receive further consideration.

7. Envision Utah/Quality Growth Commission Governors Quality Growth Awards, Proposed Honorees

The Quality Growth Commission co-sponsors these awards. We have given an award for land conservation at this event in the past. Do we want to propose some possible grantees in this category this year? Are we comfortable with what is proposed. John Bennett, 10 minutes

John Bennett showed the Commissioners present a list of proposed award recipients prepared by Envision Utah, and explained that the Commission is responsible for doing an award for Land Conservation. He asked the Commissioners to identify some projects, studies, or individuals that could be given an award for land conservation.

Suggestions were:

Blueprint Jordan River Study and stakeholders  
The Aldo Leopold Award winners from Utah

Commissioners also agreed to think about additional possible recipients and share those with the Commission.

8. Administrative Matters: Next meeting scheduled for June 24, 2010, Location: Utah State Capitol, Room 140