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MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, July 28, 2011, 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
Room 140, Utah State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Commission Members Present

JT Martin, Commission Chair, Salt Lake City Council
Roger Wynn, Utah Homebuilders Association
Flint Richards, Utah Farm Bureau
Brent Tanner, Utah Cattlemen's Association
Mike Styler, Executive Director, Utah Department of Natural Resources
David Mansell, Utah Association of Realtors
Reed Erickson, Iron County, At-large member, by telephone

Visitors Present

Kathleen Clarke, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food
Val John Halford, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Kevin Fayles, Envision Utah
Janice Jardine, Salt Lake City Council Staff

Staff Present

John Bennett, Executive Director
Evan Curtis, GOPB

- 1. Welcome and Introductions,** 5 Minutes
Chairman Martin welcomed everyone to the Commission meeting. John Bennett indicated that Kathleen Clarke, who was at the meeting representing Commissioner Leonard Blackham, was a former commission member as she had previously served as the Executive Director of the Utah Department of Natural Resources prior to going to Washington DC to serve as Director of the Bureau of Land Management under President Bush. Mr. Bennett asked that Commissioners welcome her back to the Commission.
- 2. Public Comments,** 5 Minutes
There were no public comments about items not on the agenda.
- 3. Approve Minutes from June 2011** 5 Minutes
ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes
John Bennett indicated that the June Minutes had not yet been prepared, so no vote was taken to approve the minutes.

4. Presentation on Implementation of Wasatch Choices 2040

WFRC 20 Minutes

Andrew Gruber, Executive Director of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, made a presentation to the Commission about the Wasatch Choice for 2040 plan, and the recent \$5 million grant that was received from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to implement this plan. John Bennett reminded Commissioners that the Quality Growth Commission had contributed about \$10,000 to the funding for the Wasatch Choice for 2040 plan to fund open space and critical lands planning as part of the larger plan. Andrew Gruber thanked the Commission for their assistance.

Andrew Gruber explained that the \$5 million was awarded to a consortium of local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, universities and other partners. Salt Lake County is the fiscal agent for the grant.

The consortium has identified six catalytic sites where principles of quality growth that advance the vision contained in Wasatch Choice for 2040 can be tested. These sites are in Salt Lake and Utah counties. They are looking at sites where transit oriented developments can occur, and where other principles of the Wasatch Choice for 2040 plan can be tested.

In addition, the impacts of new development patterns at each catalytic site are being modeled. The University of Utah is modeling these impacts and creating a tool that cities can use to do model similar developments in their communities.

A copy of Andrew Gruber's entire presentation is attached.

5. McAllister Program Report

Review Full Applications

Schedule Site Visits

Outstanding Grants—Status Report

John Bennett, 20 Minutes

John Bennett reviewed with the Commissioners the Full Applications for funding from the LeRay McAllister Program that were received on July 11, 2011. The Commissioners discussed site visits, and decided to visit the new projects, but to not schedule official visits for those sites they had already seen that were requesting 2nd Phase funding. John Bennett offered to arrange visits to these properties for those commissioners who wanted to visit. Dates for some of the visits were scheduled, and Mr. Bennett was asked to find dates for the other visits and share those with the Commission.

Mr. Bennett reviewed the outstanding grants and indicated that all were progressing and doing well.

6. Report on Commission Activities

John Bennett, 10 minutes

Agriculture Sustainability Taskforce

Rich County Easements

Mr. Bennett reported on the taskforce. He indicated that the taskforce met on July 19, 2011 and would not meet in August as the Legislature was not holding interim committee meetings in August. The next meeting of the taskforce will be in September.

7. Administrative Matters: the Commission decided not to hold a meeting in August. Instead they would focus their efforts on site visits, and subcommittee work. The next meeting will be September 22, 2011.