

**UTAH QUALITY GROWTH COMMISSION
MCALLISTER FUND
CRITICAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE**

***DRAFT* MINUTES**

Thursday, January 20, 2005

2:00 p.m.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ROOM 3710

MEMBERS PRESENT

ASHBY, Ken	Quality Growth Commission (253-1218)
JAMES, Bill	Representing Division of Wildlife Resources Director; Habitat Section Chief (538-4752)
LEE, Gregg J.	Executive Director Red Butte Garden (581-3878)
LEHMANN, Jill	Government Relations TNC (238-2330)
WHEELWRIGHT, Doug	Deputy SLC Planning Director (535-6178)

MEMBERS EXCUSED

ALLEN, David	CHRISTY, Kim
BARBER, Brad	SMITH, Amanda
LOFGREN, Dan	MORRETTI, Miles (Bill James represented him)
HEMINGWAY, Hank	

GOPB (Governors Office of Planning and Budget) STAFF

BOHN, Laura	Intern (USU)
CARVER, Brian	Project Manager GOPB
NEILSON, Nancy	GOPB Staff
BENNETT, John	Project Manager GOPB

Welcome:

John Bennett of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget welcomed everyone.

Agenda item #1. LeRay McAllister Fund Balance – presented by John Bennett

Assuming that all of the approved requests for funds have been paid by the end of June, there will be a McAllister Fund balance of \$25,000. The following payments have been approved by the Quality Growth Commission (also Utah Quality Growth Commission).

Clearfield:	\$ 48,412.00
Holladay:	250,000.00 (unless a new application is needed)
Ogden:	4,592.50

Tree Utah:	20,000.00
Red Butte Garden	73,000.00
Santa Clara City	30,000.00
Provo City	160,000.00
Salem City	20,000.00
Salt Lake County	80,000.00

There is an ongoing fund of \$482,600.

Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. has recommended that five million dollars be appropriated by the Legislature which would be a one-time appropriation. This would be a total fund of \$5,482,600 for fiscal year 2006.

Agenda item #2. Pending Grant Status.

John discussed the status of outstanding grants. He told the committee that the remainder of Ogden’s grant, and the Clearfield grants would close within the next few weeks. The others will be paid as they ripen.

Agenda Item #3. Review changes to Holladay Project – Make recommendation to the Quality Growth Commission.

The City of Holladay has acquired a seven year ‘option to buy’ four parcels which. Therefore, urgency is not a factor at this point.

It was felt by the committee that the project was a worthwhile one. However, since the appraisal was not current it was determined that a new one would be necessary and because the project has changed significantly another site visit would be necessary.

It was noted that turkey vultures return to trees in the area every April. The wildlife may be protected by law. Also of interest was the history of a tent camp in the area.

There is the potential that the site can also be a trailhead for the Bonneville Shoreline Trail which is only one mile away. The potential trail would travel along the creek side to Big Cottonwood Canyon and join with Bonneville Shoreline Trail there.

The subcommittee members expressed a desire for more information about the specifics of this proposal. It seemed likely that the city would need to supply all the information contained in a full application in order for us to evaluate this application appropriately. The subcommittee members felt that the cleanest way to get this information would be to ask the city to reapply for funding in the next round. That way, the subcommittee could review a full application for this project, and compare it to other projects that may apply. There was also some question about the valuation of the parcels and the subcommittee wanted to ensure that the 50% matching requirement was met.

Doug Wheelwright urged the committee to consider allowing the city to keep the grant on condition that they supplied all the new information. He pointed out that it is common in planning circles for projects to “morph” over time.

However, other subcommittee members were concerned about setting a precedent that would allow cities to material change projects without re-applying. This was not a precedent the subcommittee wanted to set.

Motion: Ken Ashby made the motion to request that the City of Holladay re-apply for the next round of funding. Greg Lee seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Agenda Item #4. Review Critical Lands Planning Tool Kit and Conserved lands mapping project. (Laura’s thesis.)

Laura Bohn made a power point presentation on the tool kit. It’s purpose is to provide a way that communities can plan for critical lands conservation. Because some communities do not have the staff to complete such a plan, the tool kit provides the basic outline for balancing these needs. It will be available online and can be accessed through the state’s planning home page at www.planning.utah.gov. This makes it easily accessible and it is not difficult to understand or to use. The tool kit includes an encyclopedia of critical lands that will help participants identify those areas of interest and concern. It will help communities enjoy and conserve their beloved quality of life. It is a tool that will assist in judicious planning for avoiding disasters. Another benefit is that minimal planning grants are available and can be applied for.

Agenda item #5. Discuss election of new officers.

- There was one suggestion to consider the following people as members or officers of the committee:
 - Senator Leonard Blackham
 - George Hopkin of the Department of Agriculture

Adjourn: 3:15 p.m.

Action Items:

- Next meeting: Monday, February 14, 2004; 2:00-4:00 p.m.; Department of Natural Resources, Room 1010
- McAllister Funds remitted. (John to follow through.)
- Make recommendation to the Quality Growth Commission regarding the City of Holladay which is to *apply for the next round of funding* because the project has changed dramatically.
- Each member is encouraged to make recommendations at the next meeting for new members and to state their desire to remain on the committee if that be the case.
- Tool Kit suggestions by Ken Ashby to be added to power point verbiage. (Laura)

- Use of the words “private property.”
 - Each community to determine “balance”
- Consider the afternoon of the third Wednesday of every month from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. as the time set aside for monthly meetings.
- Laura to email Kathleen Nielsen of Santa Clara for information on flood damage to their project.