

**UTAH QUALITY GROWTH COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, September 22, 2004**  
**State Capitol Complex, East Building, Olmstead Room**  
**Salt Lake City, Utah**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>ALLEN, Dave</b>	<b>Summit County Rancher</b>
<b>ASHBY, Kenneth</b>	<b>Former Pres. Farm Bureau (via teleconference)</b>
<b>BARBER, Brad</b>	<b>Planning Consultant</b>
<b>BILLINGS, Lewis</b>	<b>Provo City Mayor</b>
<b>CHRISTENSEN, Carlton</b>	<b>Salt Lake City Council, QGC (via teleconference)</b>
<b>KERR, Shauna</b>	<b>Vice-Chair, Summit County Commissioner</b>
<b>LOFGREN, Dan</b>	<b>CHAIR, Cowboy Partners LC</b>
<b>MORGAN, Bob</b>	<b>Department of Natural Resources</b>
<b>PETERSON, Cary</b>	<b>Commissioner of Agriculture, Dept of Ag. &amp; Food</b>
<b>SMITH, Darrell</b>	<b>Mayor of Draper City</b>

*Note: "Commission" refers to the Utah Quality Growth Commission Member's or the 'Quality Growth Commission.' Each refers to the same group.*

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

<b>HERBERT, Gary</b>	<b>Utah County Commissioner</b>
<b>PAGE, Carol</b>	<b>Davis County Commissioner</b>
<b>THOMPSON, Max D.</b>	<b>Coldwell Banker</b>

**STAFF**

<b>BENNETT, John</b>	<b>GOPB Staff</b>
<b>BOHN, Laura</b>	<b>GOPB Intern</b>
<b>CARVER, Brian</b>	<b>GOPB Staff</b>
<b>CURTIS, Wes</b>	<b>State Planning Coordinator</b>
<b>HANSEN, Mike</b>	<b>Manager, State and Local Planning</b>
<b>NEILSON, Nancy</b>	<b>GOPB Staff</b>

**GUESTS**

<b>GILMORE, Walt</b>	<b>Sandy Parks and Recreation</b>
<b>KEOGH, Anna</b>	<b>Bingham/Stone Farm</b>
<b>LEE, Gregg J.</b>	<b>Red Butte Garden</b>
<b>MONTGOMERY, Dave</b>	<b>Bingham/Stone Farm</b>
<b>MORRIS, Bill</b>	<b>Bingham/Stone Farm</b>
<b>PATTON, David</b>	<b>University of Utah Center for Public Policy</b>
<b>WILLIAMS, Camille S.</b>	<b>Provo City</b>

**Agenda item #1 – Welcome Dan Lofgren**

Dan welcomed the guests and the commission members.

## **Agenda item #2 – Public Input**

Walt Gilmore from Salt Lake County was present and abstained from making any comments.

David Patten of the University of Utah Center for Public Policy invited the Commission members to a Summit being held on September 30<sup>th</sup> which will include an impressive line up of speakers and will introduce Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). John Bennett will be in attendance.

## **Agenda item #3 – Approval of Minutes for July 28, 2004**

Dave Allen made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting which was in July and Mayor Darrell Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **Agenda Item #4 – Quality Growth Communities Subcommittee**

Appreciation was expressed to Carlton who chairs this subcommittee and the other members for all of their efforts.

Two handouts were presented by John Bennett. One was entitled Quality Growth Communities Subcommittee First Cycle Recommendations and the other was a matrix of the applicants for the Utah Quality Growth Community designation and the assessment of those applications. (See packet)

A recognition event will be held in October. This will be held at the Governor's Mansion on October 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. and will honor the Quality Growth Community program participants. Recipients will receive a folder of information. Mike Hansen did a power point presentation on what the folder includes

- A letter inviting two people per application to attend because of limited seating. (55 seats available) Whoever signed the application will get the letter.
- An instruction sheet on how to use the designation benefits will be included with different agencies writing their own section. For example UTA will offer staff assistance to an applicant who receives this designation.
- There will also be the use of the logo they can use in appropriate ways. *Discussion:* the designation logo could be displayed as a flag, a front door decal, a banner made of the preferred size, displayed on law enforcement vehicles, as a city entrance sign, a logo on letter head or even used as a bumper sticker were some of the ideas discussed. In other words give them the art work and they use can do it. It was also suggested that the logo could have the city and the year on it. Authorize what they can do so they can make the choice of display.
- A designation certificate will be included.

Mike Hansen has prepared a press release for the occasion.

Three phases of acknowledgement were discussed which included the application phase then the provisional member then the certified community designation.

Cary Peterson noted the opportunity for these communities to receive technical water conservation assistance through the different agencies. (The drinking water board and the water quality board)

Mayor Lewis Billings made the motion that the community applications come back to the Commission for approval at the end of the timeline for completing the qualifications. Dave Allen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**LUNCH:**

***Special thanks to Richard Ellis, Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for providing lunch today.***

- **Lunch presentation by Brian Carver and Laura Bohn of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget –**

The Conservation Mapping project looks at conservation easements and conservation properties. A separate field of attributes is kept of each parcel's conservation values. This shows agricultural protection, watershed property and other things like wildlife habitat. A running tally will be kept of what each parcel is being preserved for.

A few months ago funds were requested for this project which the Commission granted. Since that time Laura has been gathering and mapping the information received. The Commissioners offered to help get some of the data that is currently being withheld. Because of Laura's efforts the technical assistance for critical lands mapping is considered complete.

**Presentation from Sharan Hauri on the status of the ASLA National Conference. "Natural Spaces/Public Places"**

- **October 29-November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Salt Palace Convention Center**
- First conference on landscaping natural and public places
- One tour on public lands. (October 29<sup>th</sup>)
- There will be a panel at the hotel followed by the tour and then lunch will be served at the Nature Conservancy. (All this taking about five hours.)

Dave Allen thanked Sharan for all of her effort and Dave will represent the Quality Growth Commission (QGC) at this conference.

**Agenda item #5 – Critical Land Subcommittee Report - Shauna Kerr**

At this point the following applicants spoke on behalf of their critical lands projects.

1. Red Butte by Bill Morris, City Attorney for Marriott/Slaterville
2. Provo City by Camille S. Williams, City Attorney
3. Dry Creek by Walt Gilmore of Salt Lake County Parks
4. Bingham Fort Farm (currently Bingham/Stone Farm) by Dave Montgomery, Owner

Shauna Kerr gave a thorough presentation on the reasoning behind each recommendation. The recommendations are as follows:

LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation 7th Funding Recommendations

	Requested Funds	Recommended Funds	
Woodlee Dairy	350,000	280,000	In line for next yr.
Red Butte Garden	90,000	88,000	
Riverton City	250,000	0	Ripeness/Specific property
West Jordan	92,000	0	No imminent threat
Tree Utah	20,000	20,000	
Fuhriman	100,000	100,000	
Santa Clara	30,000	30,000	
Rock Canyon/Provo	200,000	160,000	
Salem Wetland	25,000	0	Come back for funding
Dry Creek	100,000	80,000	
Bingham/Stone Farm	350,000	265,000	
	1,607,000	1,023,000	

Dave Allen made the motion to accept the Subcommittee’s recommendation with the following adjustments (see matrix) and Brad Barber seconded the motion.

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	Requested Funds	Recommended Funds	
Woodlee Dairy	350,000	275,000	Earmarked for next yr.
Red Butte Garden	90,000	73,000	
Riverton City	250,000	0	Ripeness/Specific property
West Jordan	92,000	0	No imminent threat
Tree Utah	20,000	20,000	
Fuhriman	100,000	100,000	
Santa Clara	30,000	30,000	
Rock Canyon/Provo	200,000	160,000	
Salem Wetland	25,000	20,000	
Dry Creek	100,000	80,000	
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**Agenda item #6 – Proposed Budget for FY 2005 – Wes Curtis**

The Quality Growth Commission unanimously approved the proposal by Wes Curtis for appropriation of Legislative funds for County and Critical Lands planning (CRMP) and administrative costs. Any leftover funds would be used for rural communities and the Commission will determine that definition. Mr. Curtis recommended that they could use the county Class A designation to define a *rural county* while a population of 10,000 or less could describe a *rural community*.

**Agenda item #7 – Follow up on commission discussion on the nexus between economic development and critical land conservation – Dan Lofgren**

It was recommended by Dan that this issue be brought up at a later meeting.

**Agenda item #8 – Discussion on establishing a working group to prepare for additional conservation funding should ballot initiative pass – Dan Lofgren**

Brad Barber will Chair the initiative group and will serve with Shauna Kerr and Bob Morgan.

**Agenda item # 9 – Report to the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee – Mike Hansen**

This is a yearly report. (See handout)

Discussion on this issue included the following ideas:

- Only report on the achievements of the last year!
- How has the State spent the money and is it in alignment with the goal?
- Use references if they want to know more.
- Report on what is going on around the state.
- Focus regionally.
- What do they care about?
- Have meetings with the chair and vice-chair to find out what they want to see in the report!
- Make it fun for them. (Krispy Kreams)
- Use multi-media: Power point, testimonial, booklet (summary page, color.)
- Refer them to the statute if they want to read it.
- Map page of our conservation.
- Who is your audience for this report?
- Invite newly elected officials.
- Recognize LeRay McAllister
- Get the information out first!

**Agenda item #10 – Report on Healthy Communities Conference in South Carolina – Shauna Kerr**

This was sponsored by the National Governor's Association which addressed the subject of designing healthy communities. (For example Bountiful has a program to get the elderly out walking.) Through the Department of Health, Planners and the Governor's office the goal is to bring walk-ability back into the community. Planning with health in mind is the issue.

John and Shauna have a goal to set up a time with UDOT to have a forum discussion and start planning for trails, etc. The Utah Department of Health is already funding trail development.

**Agenda item #11 – Administrative Matters (Next meeting and future agenda items)**

Daybreak Development by Kennecott will sponsor the next meeting in **October**. They are at 11400 South and the Bangerter Highway. It is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> (which is the fourth Wednesday). No objections were raised by the committee even though it is UEA weekend.

John Bennett presented a letter from the Grafton Heritage Partnership Project with an invitation to attend their celebration of the progress they have made with the grant money they have received. This event will be held at the Salt Lake City Public Library, 400 South 200 East in Conference Room B at 1:30 p.m.

**Adjourn: 2:08 p.m.**

**Action Items**

- **Attend Quality Growth Committee meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> sponsored by Daybreak.**
- **Attend Grafton Project presentation, September 23, SL Public Library (optional) 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room B**
- **Attend ASLA meeting on October 29<sup>th</sup>, tour by Brian Carver (optional, register online at [www.asla.org](http://www.asla.org))**
- **GOPB to contact in person or by phone each Community applicant.**
- **GOPB to finish folder for presentation and press release. (Mike Hansen)**
- **Initiative subcommittee to meet on preparations for passage of bond**
- **At the end of the timeline the Community applications will again be reviewed by the Commission for completion of the qualifications.**