

**UTAH QUALITY GROWTH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2006 11:00 a.m.
Salt Lake City Library - 5th floor Board Room
400 South 200 East Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

MEMBERS PRESENT

BARBER, Brad	Member-at-large
BILLINGS, Lewis	Mayor, City of Provo
CAIN, Camille	Weber County Commissioner
CHRISTENSEN, Carlton	Vice-Chair; Salt Lake City Council
DAVIS, Jaren	Utah Association of Realtors
KOHLER, Mike	Wasatch County Council (Available by phone)
LOFGREN, Dan	Chair ; Utah Home Builders
PAGE, Carol	Davis County Commissioner
SMITH, Darrell	Mayor, City of Draper

MEMBERS EXCUSED

ALLEN, Dave	Summit County Rancher
BLACKHAM, Leonard	Commissioner, Dept Agriculture & Food
RICHARDS, Flint	Utah Farm Bureau Federation
STYLER, Mike	Director, Dept. of Natural Resources

GOPB STAFF

BENNETT, John	Project Manager
BOHN, Laura	Project Manager
CARVER, Brian	Project Manager
HANSEN, Mike	Manager, State and Local Planning
NEILSON, Nancy	Administrative Assistant

GUESTS

DAVIS, Jill Remington	Salt Lake City Council
JARDINE, Janice	Salt Lake City Council Staff
RAMJOUE, George	Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)
Quam, Jill	The Nature Conservancy of Utah

Agenda item #1 –Meet at Library at 10:30 a.m. for transportation to the Capitol

Mike Hansen, Brian Carver and Laura Bohn were the drivers for the State mini-vans that picked up Commission members at the Salt Lake City Library.

Janice Jardine of the Salt Lake City Council provided parking validations for the Commission members to park their cars at the Library. (Because of the legislative session parking on Capitol Hill is very difficult.)

Agenda item #2 – Meeting with Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. and the McAllister Family in the Governor’s Board Room

Governor Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. presented a personal letter to the McAllister’s. After which he presented Mrs. LuJean McAllister with a binder with one-page descriptions for each of the McAllister Fund projects. The projects were divided into years beginning with 1999 and ending with 2005. (Laura Bohn, John Bennett and Nancy Neilson prepared the book.) A black and white copy was provided for Commission members in their meeting packets. (Lieutenant Governor Gary R. Herbert asked to be excused because of another assignment.)

Pictures were taken of the group and are available for viewing on the Governor’s website at www.governor.utah.gov/. Look for photos listed on the right; go to February; and then to the exact day of the event.

Agenda item #3 – Presentation to Mrs. LeRay McAllister and family, Utah State Senate Chambers

Commission members accompanied the McAllister family to the Senate Chambers. A beautifully framed Resolution was presented and read to Mrs. LuJean McAllister (prepared and provided by the Planning office) after which many members of the Senate gave expressions of appreciation for Senator McAllister. Those who commented included: Senator Lyle W. Hillyard, Senator Parley G. Hellewell, Senator “Bill” Hickman, Senator Fred J. Fife, Senate Gregory S. Bell, Senator Howard Stephenson, Senator Mike Dmitrich, and Senate President John L. Valentine. Senator Gregory S. Bell acknowledged that the Utah Quality Growth Commission was in attendance and expressed appreciation for all that they do in administering the McAllister Funds.

Quote from John Bennett: Thanks for your help in putting together the event for Mrs. McAllister and her family today. It went very well, and she and her family were very pleased. The Senate spent maybe 15 minutes in tributes to LeRay McAllister. It was a wonderful event.

The audio recording of the proceedings on the Senate floor is available at this URL.

<http://www.le.state.ut.us/asp/audio/index.asp?Sess=2006GS&Day=38&Bill=&House=S>

Select Time Certain - Hillyard - Citation honoring former Senator LeRay McAllister

Agenda item #4 – Return in vans to the Library for 12:30 meeting

Agenda item #5 – Welcome and Introductions – Dan Lofgren

Dan Lofgren thanked the Commission members for joining the morning activities because it added additional time to their busy schedules. However, he felt that it was the right thing to do.

Commission members felt the events of the morning ran smoothly.

Note: There were no public comments.

Agenda item #6 – Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2006 Meeting

Action taken: With one correction added, the motion was made to approve the minutes by Carol Page and Carlton Christensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Agenda item #7 – Review staff recommendations on 2007 Legislative Strategy – John Bennett

Because the 2007 legislative session will be the last for the remaining original members of the Utah Quality Growth Commission (their commissions expire on April 15, 2007) a strategic plan for the Commission is being proposed. John provided the following list in the packet.

- Resurrect the Quality Growth Communities Program and put in statute with specific incentives identified.
- Change the statute to allow the Commission to give planning grants directly, and secure ongoing funding for CRMP and Critical Lands Planning.
- Push for restoring the LeRay McAllister Fund ongoing funding to original level.

Other legislative strategies identified by the Commission:

- Find out what the nay-sayers are saying before you get to the table and address the reasons those concerns are not valid.
- Use a positive and upbeat approach. Show what has been accomplished. What was mitigated?
- Clarify the plan of action and goals. One goal for example, is to assist those communities who don't have the resources to do planning.
- Provide information and a questionnaire.
- First get the Governor's support.
- Pay a courtesy visit to Senate President John Valentine and ask his opinion of the plan.
- Contact a supporting legislator.
- Request support from those rural areas who have received McAllister funds.

Lunch: Lunch (from Pizza Hut) and presentation provided by Salt Lake City.

Presentation by Jill Remington Davis:

Open space is a passion for Jill. She explained that she grew up in Cottonwood Heights and as a young woman would pass the foothills on her way to college. She enjoyed the changing colors of the scenery. Development has taken that joy away and she is sad the city missed the opportunity to preserve that open space.

Four years ago the people of Salt Lake voted to provide five million dollars through taxation for open space preservation. Now on the Salt Lake City Council, Jill has had the opportunity to see progress towards preserving precious lands through the Mayor's Open Space Advisory Committee. This protection comes through city ordinance and makes the process of selling or transferring ownership of

lands more difficult, etc. She referred to page nine of the Salt Lake City Ordinance No. 84 of 2004 (Enacting Chapter 2.88 of the Salt Lake City Code Creating the Open Space Lands Program).

2.88.120 *Removal of Lands from the Open Space Lands Program*

A. (a) Any proposal to sell or transfer Open Space Land must be in writing, signed by the Mayor, and must include a description of the land to be sold or transferred, the purpose of the proposed sale or transfer, the proposed purchaser of the land, the amount of the proposed purchase price, the anticipated future use of the land, any anticipated change in zoning that would be required to implement that proposed future use, and a statement by the mayor explaining why the proposed sale or transfer of the Open Space Land is in the best interest of the City.

(b) Holding a public hearing before the Mayor and the City Council'

(c) Providing notice of the proposed sale or transfer and the public hearing by

(i) Publication of a notice for two successive weeks, beginning at least 30 days in advance of the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, no less than ¼ page in size, with type no smaller than 18 point, surrounded by a ¼ inch border, in a portion of the newspaper other than where the legal notices and classified advertisements appear, containing the information set forth in the form below;

(ii) Posting two signs measuring at least two feet by three feet each, on the land proposed for sale or transfer at least 30 days in advance of the hearing, containing the information set forth in the form below; and

(iii) Mailing notice, at least 30 days in advance of the hearing, to all property owners of record within 1000 feet of the land proposed for sale or transfer, containing the information set forth in the form below.

(iv) Any notice published, posted or mailed pursuant to this section shall state substantially as follows: (etc.)

Agenda item #8 – Report current status of LeRay McAllister Fund – John Bennett

A Statement of Account (PTIF) from the Utah Public Treasurers' Investment Fund was included in the packet. The ending balance listed for January 31, 2006 was \$2,546,076.34 and a list of grants yet to be paid was also included.

Agenda item #9 – Critical Land Subcommittee report – John Bennett for Dave Allen

The Commissioners who have participated on the subcommittee are: David Allen, Chair; Mike Styler, Leonard Blackham, Flint Richards, Carol Page, Jaren Davis, Mike Kohler, and Brad Barber.

Other State Agency participants include; Jim Karpowitz or Bill James of Wildlife Resources; Bruce Slater of the Department of Environmental Quality; Jane Lambert of the Department of Health; Kim Christy of SITLA; and Larry Lewis or Dick Bradford of the Department of Agriculture and Food.

Non-profit organization representation has included Amanda Smith of The Nature Conservancy; Alan Matheson of Envision Utah; and Greg Lee of Red Butte Gardens.

Hank Hemingway of Hemingway Foundation brings a funding perspective and a local government representative since the beginning has been Doug Wheelwright of the Salt Lake City Planning Division.

Some suggestions for members are Ann Price of Forestry, Fire and State Lands; Mark Bedel of the Department of Community and Culture; and Shauna Kerr of TPL and other former Commissioners like Ken Ashby.

It was generally felt that nine members would provide the best coverage for expertise and will be revisited at the upcoming Monday teleconference. The questions remain of how many years one can serve and what should the process for appointment be.

Agenda item #10 – Administrative Items.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2006 in Weber County. Commissioner Camille Cain will provide the details later.

The packet included a black and white copy of the book presented to Mrs. McAllister and a news article on Carol Page (a Commissioner) by Tom Busselberg.

Action Items:

- **John Bennett:**
 - **Follow up with Weber County meeting and lunch on March 22nd.**
 - **Continue work on legislative strategy recommendations**
- **Nancy**
 - **Make correction to minutes on page 5. (“Washington County is no longer a *predominantly senior citizen* county.”)**
 - **Email minutes to Gerlinde Ruth (to get minutes online).**
 - **Assist with all plans for next meeting.**
- **Commission members were asked to study the DRAFT LeRay McAllister Fund Score Sheet, Total 100 Points provided in the packet and report back to Dan.**
- **Mike Hansen to follow through with PDF one-page documents on the web regarding McAllister projects.**
- **Camille Cain to reserve a place for the next Commission meeting,**

Adjourn:

1:50 p.m.