

PTOS Meeting Minutes - August 21, 2019

Attendees

City Staff

Michael Johnson

Samantha DeSeelhorst

Committee Members

Melissa Fields

Greg Hilbig

Erin Davis

Kristy Morrison

Michael Mensen

Christine Mikell

Roger Kehr

Ronna Cohen

Matt Dominesey

Ben Hill

Jennifer Shah

Meeting

Introductions

New committee member: Michael Mensen

City Planner/Sustainability Analyst: Samantha DeSeelhorst

Topics

6:05-6:11 **Sustainability plan and activities** (Samantha DeSeelhorst)

- Two areas: city operations, residential
- Activities - meeting 100% renewable energy by 2032, EV stations, etc. (this may be the topic of a city newsletter article in the near future)

6:12-6:38 **Grant opportunities** (Mike Johnson)

TRAC Grant (see shared drive for presentation)

- Grant from SLC Co tax revenue
- Purpose: convention/cultural/recreation facilities or tourism promotion
- Must be new projects, non-routine costs, only 3 requests per organization
- Priority to projects with matching costs
- No \$ range: small ~ \$25K, large - up to \$2M (based on sales tax revenue)
- Questions:
 - Melissa: Can the \$ be used to purchase lands?? Ben, Greg and Mike J. think not; but some uncertainty exists

- Christine: Can we use the \$ to make park/ampitheater in Canyon Center (CC) and then use the \$ allocated for the CC project to buy lands for trails? Mike J. thinks that is a possibility worth exploring.
- Timeline:
 - May/June: applications workshops
 - July: application deadline
 - Fall: review of proposals
 - Dec: awards
- Melissa suggested PTOS consider some projects (with input from Mike J.) and comments to city prior to spring workshops

Outdoor Recreation Grant

- Gov's Office fo Economic Development
- Min: \$5K, max: \$250K (50/50 match required, some can be in-kind)
- Application deadline - February, contracts awarded in May/June
- Examples: trail construction / signage, climbing structures (but not regular playground equip.), wildlife viewing; No private business support, no land acquisition
- Possibilities: East Jordan Canal Trail (need to get SL City to cover part of the canal to make it happen); good connector to Mountview Park
- Christine: the city will be asking the city's lobbyist to request funding from the legislature to acquire open lands near Little Cottonwood Canyon during the Jan. 2020 session
- Greg: Tom Adams, Director of Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation lives in Cottonwood Heights; invite him to one of our meetings?

Others

- SL Co Active Transportation Fund: ~\$1M total
- Transportation Choice Fund - based on 4th quarter sales tax revenue; the city used this grant (\$1.5M) for the BST improvements; \$10-12M moving forward
- Wasatch Front Regional Council
 - Transportation Alternatives Fund (non-motorized projects)
- Land Water Conservation Fund - federal grant available to US Forest Service (USFS); cannot be used for non-USFS for BST trail, but John Knoblock (Friends of BST) and Greg Heiner (Trust for Public Lands)
- Questions:
 - Christine: SL Co implementing bond for road improvements. Can \$ from the county be used for trails? Mike J. said he would look into it.

6:39-6:44, 6:48-6:49 BST

- Christine: Site tour will occur with Wendy Fisher and reps from Leroy McAllister fund on Tuesday, August 27 (DeSpane property)
- Melissa asked if any committee members know any of the board members, she will send out a list of names
- Christine suggested sending an image of the land and noting how rare this type of parcel has become

- Mike J.: Consultant (Blue Line) has been hired to generate plans for BST extension and organize/implement two public open house events. The consultant will meet with the PTOS on occasion to give updates. Contract ~ \$39K
- Greg: USFS has temporarily stopped construction due to the heat; Davis County has acquired BST funds and Zinnia Wilson (USFS) is excited to see progress there

6:45-6:47 **Trail behind Target** (Mike Johnson)

- The city is making headway to preserve the trail

6:49-6:57 **Crestwood Park** (Erin Davis)

- Big overview was given last month. Please see those minutes
- County staff of 4 (now 3), so not much attention given to the park
- Tamarisk removal planned but none has yet occurred
- Erin: can we use some of the grants we discussed for projects at Crestwood?
- Mike J.: The Utah DNR would also be a good option if we use a fire break hook
- Pool - was hugely popular this summer, closing this Sunday; not ADA compliant though (so a liability); county wants to close it for good soon.
 - Christine: can we use some of these grants to buy the county portion of the park and keep the pool (put it under the city's recreation service area)?
 - If we pursue this option, there would be significant renovation / management costs related to the pool alone

6:58-7:20 **Dog Park** (Roger Kehr)

- Bark in the Park
 - Salt Lake Co - 4 times per year, has off-leash dog area (i.e., fence, \$2500)
 - Cottonwood Heights - 1 time per year but no off-leash area. Roger suggests city should budget an extra \$2500 for a fence to create an off-leash area during the event
 - Questions:
 - Christine: if the event is multiple times per year (e.g. 4 x \$2500 = \$10,000), just buy the fence and store at the city's public works area?
 - Kristy: Who deals with clean-up? How much does it cost to pick up dog waste? What happens to the land (grass)?
 - Ben: get Anne Etchel on board (Cultural Manager) to see if discretionary funds are available / recruit volunteers to help set up fence and do clean-up. She also can help find sponsors.
 - Erin: Dogs are allowed on the splash pad during the event - is the splash pad open after this event? Ben says it is open until Oct. 1
 - Jennifer: Perhaps we could conduct a poll of event attendees and the neighborhood post event to find out whether Mountview might be a good location for a permanent dog park?
 - Kristy: How many people attend? Ben thinks about 300.
 - Roger: Do we want to support an off-leash area at this event?

- Samantha: Herman Franks Park (700 E, 1300 S): good example of a dog park (all dirt) with playing fields and playgrounds nearby
- Ben: there might be a city ordinance constraining why there has not been a dog off-leash area at the city's event in the past. May need a permit to have the fence at the event.

7:20-7:28 **Changing PTOS meeting time**

- The committee agreed to change the meeting day to the 4th Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm, with the exception of the third Wednesday in November. No meeting in December
- Next meeting: Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:29-7:48 **City-wide survey**

- Mike J. thinks the city or committee could draft the questions related to the dog park (vs. the consultant associated with the survey)
- Ronna: what other questions do we think would be useful for directing our committee?
 - Examples: bike connectivity (e.g., lanes, markings, other safety measures), BST interests/concerns, pickleball vs. tennis courts
- Specificity of questions needs to be improved
 - Example: Would you like a dog park (or trailhead) within 1 mile of your home (or in your neighborhood)? vs. Do you support having a dog park in the city?
- PTOS recognized that perhaps there is a need for new ordinance that defines a developer's responsibility to the city to protect trees (especially riparian areas) and enhance active/alternative transportation via creation of trails or connectors between existing trails.
- Melissa asked PTOS committee members to email ideas for survey questions to her.
- 2017 survey was done by Y2Analytics; no 2018 survey was done

7:49- **Danish Pines**

- Matt: Bruce and he are working on drawing an alignment for a trail in consultation with the developer; south side of the property; issue with Watson Hollow development (Ivory Homes) but there are conservation easements that border the properties (so some potential)
- Christine: perhaps the city should consider acquiring the small farm parcel adjacent to the Danish Pines property

Action Items:

1. Find out if TRAC grant can be used to acquire lands (Mike J.)
2. Invite Tom Adams to a PTOS meeting? (Melissa, Greg)
3. Salt Lake Co transportation bond - find out if it can be used for trails (Mike J.)
4. Send list of Leroy McAllister board members to PTOS committee (Melissa)
5. Give Anne Etchel's contact information to Roger Kehr (Samantha)

6. Make sure dog park question(s) are on the city-wide survey that will be sent out soon (All, Melissa)
7. Request funding to have a fence at the Bark in the Park event (Christine)
8. Request permit for the fence at the Bark in the Park event (through Anne)
9. Create a new ordinance to define a developer's responsibility to the community with respect to protection of riparian areas, waterways, creation/connectivity of trails (Christine with help of PTOS)
10. Email survey question ideas to Melissa (All)
11. Contribute newsletter ideas to Melissa (All)