

## MINUTES

### Jordan River Commission

December 16, 2010

### West Valley Cultural Celebration Center

In attendance:

Kevin Astill, alternate for Corey Rushton, West Valley City

Ken Leetham, North Salt Lake

Stan Porter, North Salt Lake

Lynda Sperry, SWCA

Alan Matheson, Envision Utah

Wilf Sommerkorn, Salt Lake City

Make Atencio, JWCD

John Whitehead, DEQ/DWQ

Richard Bay, Jordan Water Conservancy District

Irvin Jones, Councilman, South Salt Lake City

Gabe Epperson, Envision Utah

Joe Taylor, Envision Utah

Jenny Wilson, Salt Lake County

Chris McCandless, Councilman, Sandy City

Morgan Brim, Cottonwood Heights City

Louenda Downs, Davis County Commission

Item # 1; The meeting opened with introductions from members and attendants. Cultural Celebration Center director Russ Olsen. Mr. Olsen then gave a brief speech about the history and works of the center. Louenda Downs then gave a report on the newly opened section of trail in Davis County. Attendance at the ribbon cutting was large and expected use of the trail is also sizeable.

Item # 2; Chris McCandless called for a motion to approve the last meeting's minutes. Approval was unanimous with Irvin Jones abstaining.

Item # 4; Jenny Wilson gave an update on the status of possible available funds from Salt Lake County. If a deal is reached between the County and Kennecott, some 3 million dollars may become available. A resolution was drafted to ask the county to use this money towards the Jordan River. After an update about the status of the Fur Breeder's property, Wilson read the resolution. A motion was called and the resolution was unanimously approved.

Item # 3; The status of new and pending members of the commission were discussed by Alan Matheson. Cottonwood Heights signed on (Morgan Brim was present) and Saratoga Springs plans to do so in the next fiscal year. Salt Lake City has the item docketed and is expected to join. Draper City has voted to

join. South Jordan is still undecided and uncertain. Potential and future members are invited to attend meetings (Wilf Sommerkorn of SLC was present). Jenny Wilson suggested that the Commission get on the Council of Governments meeting agenda in January or February with her or Chris McCandless presenting.

Item #5; Issues relating to *Ex-officio* members of the commission were discussed. Chris McCandless suggested Jenny Wilson (her term on the Salt Lake County Council is ending) and Wendy Fisher of Utah Open Lands. An application form for *Ex-officio* members was presented. The commission decided that the item asking for a board member's recommendation be left on the form even as this is not required to suggest endorsement. Citing concerns that the under the 1/3 *Ex-officio* member rule, the Commission may not be able to function if someone quit or seats are unfilled, it was suggested that the rule be changed to read "up to one third". The 1/3<sup>rd</sup> question and the fee scale for *Ex-officio* members were slated as an agenda item for the next meeting.

The executive director job description was outlined and discussed. After an agreement to add the word "recommended" to the experience section, a motion was called and the description was approved unanimously. A committee of Gabe Epperson, Ken Leetham, Richard Bay and John Whitehead was formed to distribute the document. The position will be open from until 1/27 with hope of selecting a candidate at the 2/3 meeting.

Item # 6; Linda Sperry of S.W.C.A. is a biologist working for cooperative weed management areas along the Jordan River. Linda is also an adjunct professor and has used student labor as well as grants to implement a large scale invasive weed eradication project in the areas between Utah Lake and the Great Salt Lake. It was suggested she may be a valuable member of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Item # 7; It was decided that Stan Porter will acquire the URLs for the website and that all other logo and site items will be left until a director is selected.

Item # 8; the next meeting is set for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 A.M. at the North Salt Lake City Offices. The agenda is to include

An update of the Salt Lake City trail gap

The position of Executive Director

*Ex-officio* pay scale and 1/3 members rule

Creation of a Technical Advisory Committee will be slated on the March meeting agenda.