

MINUTES

Jordan River Commission

October 6, 2010

Salt Lake County Complex

Attending: Chris McCandless, Corey Rushton, Randy Kaufman, Mike Styler, John Whitehead, Louenda Downs, Julie Peck-Dabbling, Bart Forsythe, John Bennett, Kristine Widner, Russ Wall, Gabe Epperson, Alan Matheson

Acting Chair Chris McCandless welcomed the members to the first meeting of the Jordan River Commission Board at 10:10 a.m.

Gabe Epperson provided a brief overview of the “Big Ideas” and Guiding Principles from the Blueprint Jordan River report and the purposes of the Commission. He then reviewed the status of Commission membership. Entities who have signed the Interlocal Agreement or a resolution to do so include: Utah County, Salt Lake County, Davis County, South Salt Lake City, North Salt Lake City, Sandy, West Valley City, Taylorsville and the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District. Several other communities are expected to take action on a resolution to join the Commission in coming weeks.

With the current members, the Commission has commitments of approximately \$75,000 in funding. The Utah Department of Environmental Quality has agreed to provide work space, computer, phone and other office support to a Commission employee. This in-kind support will initially constitute the State’s contribution to the Commission, allowing the State to join as a member. The State will explore other funding contributions in the future. Mike Styler said he was comfortable with that arrangement. He also indicated that the State may need legislative approval to sign the Interlocal Agreement creating the Commission.

Corey Rushton made a motion to house the Commission staff at the DEQ, subject to further State approval. Commissioner Downs seconded. Motion passed unanimously (Mayor Wall abstained pending his formal appointment to the Commission, but spoke in favor).

The members discussed an appropriate legislative representative on the Commission. Under the Interlocal Agreement, the legislator is to be appointed by leadership and represent a district that includes the river. Envision Utah will prepare a list of qualifying candidates for the next meeting.

The members discussed the addition of ex officio members. They agreed to target some specific entities for invitation. Such entities might include sewer districts, water districts, and appropriate nonprofits. The opportunity to join the Commission will then be advertised broadly.

The members decided to rotate the location of their meetings as convenience and issues dictate. They also want to learn about the issues in different communities. JVVCD, Dept. of Natural Resources and the Dept. of Environmental Quality all offered the use of conference rooms for meetings.

The members discussed the funding formula for the government members. The Implementation Committee had proposed a formula to base municipalities’ contributions on a river frontage, population and area. Counties were to pay a fixed amount (Utah County \$10,000; Davis County \$5000, and Salt

Lake County \$40,000). Funding from the municipalities and Counties was to total \$100,000 initially. Commissioner Downs make a motion to: 1) designate a fiscal year from July 1 – June 30; 2) adopt the funding formula for municipalities and counties as proposed by the Implementation Committee, including the specific contribution amounts for each jurisdiction as proposed (copy attached); and 3) adopt an initial budget of \$75,000 to hire an executive director for the Commission and provide for other start-up costs, subject to revision if additional members join and the amount available increases. Corey Rushton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (with Mayor Wall abstaining pending his formal appointment to the Commission, but speaking in favor of the motion).

With a preliminary budget established and a funding formula approved, invoices will be sent to the members for the amounts they have committed.

The Commission needs to establish a bank account for funds received. Chris McCandless will approach some financial institutions to see what is required. Mayor Wall offered the services of his city attorney to help with the process.

The members decided to postpone an appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair until the next meeting when more members are present. Chris McCandless will continue to serve as acting chair until then.

The next meeting will tentatively be held at JWCD on November 18th at 9AM, subject to room availability. We will invite West Jordan because the meeting will be held in their boundaries. The agenda at the next meeting will include a discussion of the bylaws with Karl Hendrickson, the process for selecting ex officio members and establishing their contributions, and selection of officers and the executive committee. Corey Rushton will work through the state public notice website to notice the meeting and provide equipment to record the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30.