

JORDAN RIVER COMMISSON
Governing Board – Regular Meeting

Minutes of October 16, 2014

Name	Agency or Organization	Present
Corey Rushton	Board Past-Chair, West Valley City	
Chris McCandless	Board Chair, Sandy City	X
Rebecca Call	Board Vice-Chair, Saratoga Springs	X
Richard Bay	Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District	X
Ralph Becker	Salt Lake City	X
John Bennett	Office of the Governor	X
Bill Colbert	Draper City	
Ben McAdams	Salt Lake County	By Alternate: Julie Peck-Dabbling
Commissioner Louenda Downs	Davis County	By Alternate: Barry Burton
Commissioner Larry Ellertson	Utah County	
Bruce Jones	Utah Transit Authority	By Alternate: Hal Johnson
Debbie Snow	City of South Salt Lake	X
Laura Ault	Division of Forestry Fire State Lands	By Alternate: Tyler Murdock
Rep. Rich Cunningham	Utah House of Representatives	
Stan Porter	City of North Salt Lake	X
Justin Stoker	City of West Jordan	X
Tee Tyler	Cottonwood Heights	X
Dan Armstrong	Taylorsville	By Alternate: Mike Meldrum
Hilary Arens	Division of Water Quality	
Aimee Newton	Salt Lake County Council	By Alternate: Adam Gardner
Scott Peters	Ex-Officio, Jordan River Foundation	By Alternate: Lynn Larsen
Alene Bentley	Ex-Officio, Rocky Mountain Power	X
Jon Bronson	Ex-Officio, Zions Bank	X
Amy Collins	Ex-Officio, TreeUtah	
Greg Hardy	Ex-Officio, Chevron	
Michael Horrocks	Ex-Officio, Wasatch Rowing Foundation	X
Soren Simonsen	Ex-Officio, At Large	X
Michael Steele	Ex-Officio, Utah State Fairpark	
Ray Pickup	Ex-Officio, Workers Compensation Fund	
Tim Brown	Ex-Officio, Tracy Aviary	X

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Laura Hanson, Jordan River Commission
 Carolina Roa, Tracy Aviary
 Kelly Gillman, CRSA
 Dan Griffiths, Tanner Company

Jeff Oyler, Davis County
 John Larsen, Utah Water Rights, Upper
 Jordan River Commissioner

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Jordan River Commission, was held on Thursday October 16, 2014 at 9:00 am at the Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 West Taylorsville Boulevard, Taylorsville, Utah 84128

Chris McCandless, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He welcomed the Board and thanked everyone for attending.

ITEM 1 – CONSENT AGENDA

Chris McCandless asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes made

Motion – Justin Stoker made a motion to approve the agenda and minutes.
Second – Rebecca Call
Vote – Unanimous in favor.

ITEM 2 – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Chris McCandless asked Laura Hanson to give the Director’s Report.

Laura Hanson thanked the Board and gave an overview of work progress and updates since the last Board meeting:

Community Relations & Outreach

- Outreach to current and potential members:
 - Presentation at REI in the community meeting room on October 21, 2014 at 7:00 pm
 - Field trip presentation to conference attendees at and International Forestry Conference on October 8, 2014
 - Presented to the JWCD Board on October 8, 2014
- Submitted the MyJordanRiver.org mobile website project for an award through American Trails, a national, trails oriented non-profit.

Projects, Grants, and Fundraising Efforts

- **New Grants Received:**
 - No new grants received since last Board meeting
- **New Grants Submitted:**
 - No new grants submitted since last Board meeting
- **Upcoming Grant Deadlines:**
 - Transportation Alternatives Program, Congestion and Air Quality Mitigation Funding
 - This federal funding Wasatch Front Regional Council is requesting Letters of Intent by October 30th. Additional Information should be available soon.
- **Best Practices for Riverfront Communities**
 - Registration is open for the next workshop in the Best Practices for Riverfront Communities Training Series
 - November 21, 2014

- Topics: retrofit of existing sites in urban areas and stream restoration as a stormwater management technique
- Instructors: David Hirshman and Bill Stack, Center for Watershed Protection
- Registration ranges from \$75 for JRC members and partners to \$125 for private companies and individuals.

She also mentioned that the JRC is really in need of a better vehicle to transport tools and restoration project materials than the director and intern's private vehicles. She also noted that a space to drop a tool shed would be helpful as well, as the storage unit is expensive and space is cramped already.

Hal Johnson mentioned that UTA sometimes donates its old ride-share vans, and asked if that would work. Laura said yes, and thanked UTA for their support.

No action taken. Discussion only.

ITEM 3a – Discuss and consider approval of a process and checklist for providing development review assistance to local governments and the establishment of a River Friendly Community/Development recognition program

Chris McCandless asked Laura Hanson to introduce this topic.

Laura Hanson explained that At the September 18, 2014 Board meeting, the Board discussed this item and decided to continue the discussion after the TAC had time to offer their suggestions and input. The TAC meeting was low on attendance at its last meeting, but a good discussion still occurred. A number of suggestions were offered to draft checklist and review process, and they have been incorporated into the attached draft.

Lynn Larsen mentioned that Question #28 talks about off-site improvements, and noted that there is likely little responsibility or control over any changes to lands outside of the project boundary. He also suggested that some local ordinances may not allow these recommendations, and that may pose a challenge.

Rebecca Call suggested that certain standards throughout the document may warrant a greater weight in their scoring – e.g. Wetlands, buffer zones, etc. Another idea would be to have a certain number of prerequisite standards be met for consideration as a River Friendly project, and that points for going above and beyond those base requirements could help define the recognition level awarded.

Chris McCandless suggested that the checklist go back to the Technical Advisory Committee for review and further consideration and that we try to incorporate comments and adopt the checklist and process in early 2015.

Soren Simonsen suggested that other items to consider weighting more heavily could include the use of native plants and permeable pavement.

John Bennet asked about other State agency standards, e.g. water quality, that might be worth including/aligning with this checklist as well.

Ralph Becker asked about expanding the checklist to also be applicable to public projects like restoration efforts. He noted that if a project had a stamp of approval from the Jordan River Commission that it may assist in getting support from city councils.

Justin Stoker mentioned that it must get to the developer and landowners early in the process.

Soren Simonsen suggested that through his connections with the Urban Land Institute, that there may be some individuals interested in serving on the TAC with a development or design background.

Debbie Snow offered the already approved Carlisle project in South Salt Lake as a trial run for the checklist to evaluate how well it works or does not.

Ralph Becker suggested that this checklist could also be incorporated into local planning processes as a way to provide incentives for projects to go above and beyond. In Salt Lake City, LEED certified projects get bumped to the top of the list for approvals.

No action. The Board decided to table this decision, and ask the Technical Advisory Committee to review it again and provide additional suggestions and ideas.

ITEM 3b – Discuss and consider approval of Public Draft - Jordan River Commission Strategic Plan

Chris McCandless asked Laura Hanson to present this item.

Laura Hanson reported that progress is being made on a strategic plan for the Commission, and that a new draft is being presented for Board review. She also noted that Dan Griffiths from Tanner Company was in attendance and has offered some pro bono assistance as this draft was prepared. He has also offered to facilitate a discussion to help narrow down the Board's priorities for the next few years.

Dan Griffiths facilitated an exercise in which teams of four or five people wrote their priorities on large sticky note pads. Each group presented their ideas and placed their sticky notes on the wall. Mr. Griffiths worked with the Board to group the various ideas into a smaller number of general categories, and then asked each individual to vote on their top three priorities with stickers. The results of that exercise are as follows:

- Funding Resources, More Money, Leveraging of Existing Funds – 15 votes
- Branding and Marketing – 8 votes
- Develop River Access Plan, Right-of-Way Acquisition – 7 votes
- Prioritization of Open Space Acquisition – 7 votes
- Education of Kids and Community Education – 7 votes
- Trail Completion, Recreation and Tourism – 5 votes
- Coordination of Volunteer Efforts – 3 votes
- Water Quality – 2 votes

Laura Hanson thanked Dan Griffiths and noted that she will work to update the goals and objectives in the draft document to reflect these priorities. A new draft will be available at a future meeting.

No action taken. Discussion only.

ITEM 4a – Consider appointment of Dennis Pay as Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee

Chris McCandless asked Laura Hanson to present this item.

Laura Hanson reported that David Eckhoff has served as Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee for three years now, and is ready to give this opportunity to someone new. He has resigned as Chair, but looks forward to continuing to participate in the TAC and on Jordan River issues. Dave suggested that a local government representative would be a good

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category of person to fill the Chair position for this next term. He suggested Dennis Pay, whom is the Director of Public Works for the City of South Salt Lake. Dennis is interested in the position, and looks forward to serving if the Board decides to appoint him to the role of TAC chair.

Motion – Justin Stoker made a motion to appoint Dennis Pay as Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee.

Second – Debbie Snow

Vote – Unanimous in favor.

ITEM 5 – Presentation: Citizen Science Bird Monitoring along the Jordan River

Carolina Roa from Tracy Aviary presented to the Board about their citizen science bird monitoring program and the preliminary findings so far. The presentation also included suggestions to consider when planning and implementing restoration projects.

ITEM 7 – OTHER BUSINESS

Chris McCandless asked if any Board members had anything else to share or report.

Chris McCandless reported that he met with a man that is working on planning a marathon along the Jordan River as part of the Get Into the River Festival. Both representatives from Davis County and Utah County expressed interest in being part of that event as well, and Laura Hanson noted that the goal is to try this out and then hopefully expand it into a relay that crosses through all three counties.

No action taken. Discussion only.

ITEM 10 – CONFIRM NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN

The next meeting of the Jordan River Commission Governing Board will be December 4, 2014, 9:00-11:00, Lehi City Hall. This will be a joint meeting with the Utah Lake Commission

On motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.