

SALT LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Special Meeting of the Salt Lake County Board of Health and
MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2015 – 7:30 AM
Government Center N2-800

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kelly Christensen, Chair, by phone
Russ Booth
Councilman Bradshaw
Scott Brown
Clare Coonan
Judy Cullen, by phone

Dr. George Delavan
Joe Garcia
Tom Godfrey
Brooke Hashimoto, by phone
Paula Julander
Dr. Jeffrey Ward

EXCUSED/ABSENT:

Mayor Robert Dahle
Chris Hemmersmeier

Dr. Harry Rosado

GUESTS/STAFF:

Gary Edwards, SLCoHD Exec. Dir.
Pamela Davenport, SLCoHD PIO
Eric Peterson, EH
Jeannine Maxfield, EH
Megan Taylor, Deputy Dist. Atty.
David Wulf, Slide the City
Chris Nelson, UDOH
Doug Eldredge, Fox13
Heather Edwards, Admin.

Royal DeLegge, EH Dir.
Ron Lund, EH
Rick Ledbetter, EH
Melanie Mitchell, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Ryan Lambert, Deputy Dist. Atty.
Kerm Jackson, Slide the City
Tamara Vaifanua, Fox13
Jason Nguyen, KTVX-ABC4

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:30 AM by Kelly Christensen, Chair of the Salt Lake County Board of Health, who conducted the meeting by phone.

SLIDE THE CITY – REQUEST FOR VARIANCE:

David Wulf, Slide the City, is requesting a variance from Health Regulation #2, *Design, Construction, and Operation of Pools*, and presented further information supporting the request. Mr. Wulf displayed a piece of the foam pad that is located under the slide, as well as the other safety items they will require for the event. Mr. Wulf informed the Board that the goal for the event coordinator is to mitigate the risks that are associated with the event, including the safety elements and water disposal. Mr. Wulf responded to questions of Board members regarding water filtration in the slide, event advertising, participant safety issues, water supplier, water disposal, and participant changing areas.

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Rick Ledbetter, Pool Program Manager, responded to the Slide the City variance request for the Health Department. The department has not received any of the agreement letters needed for the event and is still lacking documentation for a certified pool operator. Mr. Ledbetter stated that the department still has concerns regarding water quality issues, design of the slide, lack of control mechanisms, and safety concerns, and requests that the Board deny the request for variance.

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The Board held an open discussion and addressed concerns that the department outlined regarding the event. Discussion surrounded the liability of the event, the authority the department has to monitor the event and have staff present during the event, as well as the requirement of additional Slide the City staff members to monitor participants during the event. The Board requested that Slide the City use the Health Department’s “No Crypto” video campaign and distribute health information to participants when they register for the event. The Board instructed the department to continue working with Slide the City to ensure the public health and safety concerns are addressed, as part of the variance approval, and requested that the department work on a regulation that would apply to future events of this type.

A motion was made by Tom Godfrey to deny the request for variance for Slide the City. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jeffrey Ward. Tom Godfrey stated that there is still concern related to water quality, structural design, injury prevention, and water disposal, and Slide the City has not fully met the requirements of the department for the event.

A substitute motion was made by Russ Booth to approve the request for variance for Slide the City with four conditions being met; water quality, structural design, injury prevention, and water disposal, along with requiring 25 staff members for slide monitoring, include adequate changing areas at the event, and meet all the mass gathering permit requirements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradshaw. After further discussion regarding the motions made, Kelly Christensen, Chair, asked for a roll call vote on the substitute motion.

Russ Booth	<u>Yes</u>	Joe Garcia	<u>Yes</u>
Councilman Bradshaw	<u>Yes</u>	Tom Godfrey	<u>No</u>
Scott Brown	<u>Yes</u>	Brooke Hashimoto	<u>No</u>
Kelly Christensen	<u>Yes</u>	Chris Hemmersmeier	<u>Excused</u>
Clare Coonan	<u>No</u>	Paula Julander	<u>Yes</u>
Judy Cullen	<u>Yes</u>	Dr. Harry Rosado	<u>Excused</u>
Mayor Robert Dahle	<u>Excused</u>	Dr. Jeffrey Ward	<u>No</u>
Dr. George Delavan	<u>No</u>		

The motion passed. Councilman Bradshaw requested that the Board be informed of the work between the department and Slide the City regarding the variance at the August Board meeting.

For more detailed information, please see the hardcopy of variance request information included in the Board of Health meeting file folder. To request a copy of the meeting transcript, please contact Salt Lake County Health Department Administrative Services Division.

Kelly Christensen adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:58 AM.