Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission
Public Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 4, 2018 4:00 P.M.

Location
SALT LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
2001 SOUTH STATE STREET, ROOM N1-110
NORTH BUILDING, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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BUSINESS MEETING

1) Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2018
2) Approval of minutes from the December 7, 2017 meeting.
3) Wasatch Canyons General Plan Update – Jake Young (recurring)
4) Annual Planning Commissioner Training – Zach Shaw
5) Other Business Items (as needed)

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MEETING MINUTE SUMMARY
MOUNTAINOUS PLANNING DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, December 7, 2017 4:00 p.m.

Approximate meeting length: 2 hours
Number of public in attendance: 3
Summary Prepared by: Wendy Gurr
Meeting Conducted by: Commissioner Young

ATTENDANCE

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*NOTE: Staff Reports referenced in this document can be found on the State and County websites, or from Salt Lake County Planning & Development Services.

BUSINESS MEETING
Meeting began at – 4:02 p.m.

1) Approval of Minutes from the November 2, 2017 meeting.
   
   Motion: To approve minutes from the November 2, 2017 meeting as presented.
   
   Motion by: Commissioner Ellis
   2nd by: Commissioner Cohen
   Vote: Commissioners voted unanimous in favor

2) Wasatch Canyons General Plan Update (Results of public survey) – Max Johnson (recurring)
   Mr. Johnson advised Consultant Krissy Gilmore and Jake Young will be providing updates moving forward. Mr. Young, the planning program manager with regional development, provided information with regards to his handouts.

Ms. Gilmore said they can change the word wilderness in the summary and not use it as the defined term.

Commissioners had a brief discussion regarding wilderness and the meaning.
Ms. Gilmore said they track addresses on the survey, but not email addresses. Ms. Gilmore said they can export and get a summary for the responses per area.

Mr. Young asked in the vision statement, what would they like to see. Commissioner Omer asked what public access means. Commissioner Young asked who will use this general plan. Mr. Young said state code to have a general plan and is for everyone and will guide direction for ordinances, residents, land owners, and agencies. Should have projects in it. Mr. Johnson said the county’s involvement is funding support.

Ms. Gilmore said she is taking notes and will do another draft and will present the full draft to the planning commission at the next meeting.

Commissioner Despain departed at 5:34 pm
Commissioner Omer departed at 5:38 pm

Commissioner Kanter asked what the next step would be. Mr. Young said commission would be reviewing the vision statement document. Ms. Gilmore said she will meet with staff and send a revised document by Christmas to be reviewed at the January 4th meeting.

Commissioner Kanter departed at 5:49 pm

3) Other Business Items (as needed)

Mr. Johnson advised four positions open. One vacant hoping to fill with an owner or canyon resident. Commissioner Cohen and Commissioner Omer are up for reappointment and staff will forward their names to the Mayor’s office with anticipation to be on the agenda next week for reappointment. One position designated as Sandy City and that city has been sent notification with 60 days to provide three names to the Mayor’s office. The Mayor will review and submit one name for appointment. Not sure, maybe another month and hoping by February to have someone. Election of chairs will take place in January. Commissioner Johnson asked if Sandy City has an extension on time if they get a new mayor. Commissioner Kanter asked if that was a new seat or a Sandy seat. Mr. Johnson said this is one of the designated four city seats, and there is one other vacancy to be filled with county appointments.

Commissioner Persing thanked Commissioner Young as chair and planning commissioner. Commissioner Cohen said there was a requirement to supply a report on this commission and Wilf Sommerkorn provided the report and did an excellent job.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time Adjourned – 6:02 p.m.
BACKGROUND

WHAT IS THE GENERAL PLAN?
The General Plan will be a long-term strategic plan with a guiding vision, policies, strategies, and ordinances for management and collaboration; and will shape decisions related to new development, redevelopment, County programs, projects, budgets, and services. It identifies a vision for the future of the Canyons and provides goals and prioritized actions that ensure critical decisions are aligned with what’s important to the community.

PROJECT SCOPE
Most of the planning area is within the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest and is managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service (Forest Service). The County has direct planning and zoning jurisdiction over the private lands in the planning area. The scope of the General Plan broadly considers all lands, agency land management plans, and resources within the planning area, and the County’s partners in recreation, transportation and environmental quality across jurisdictional boundaries.

INTRODUCTION

The Wasatch Canyons Vision document defines how the Wasatch Canyons (Parley’s Canyon, Mill Creek Canyon, Big Cottonwood Canyon, Little Cottonwood Canyon, and the foothills) should look into the future. It considers how the greater community will access them, how millions of people will play in them, how to balance the need for private property uses and environmental preservation, and how management of the landscape will evolve to preserve the Canyons for future generations. Protecting the qualities that collectively encompass the Canyons and celebrating the area’s natural significance have been essential to the visioning effort.

Visioning is a critical step in every planning process, creating a foundation for more effective community engagement and planning. Visioning ensures that County residents and leaders values and goals are accurately reflected in the plan’s elements, policies, and frameworks. Visioning also provides the framework foundations for the next phases of the planning process. The vision creates the structure and initial agreements necessary to discuss the tough issues that will be further addressed in the General Plan Update process. The Vision document will be updated and expanded over the course of the planning process to eventually serve as a chapter of the General Plan.

The vision is organized into five planning themes: Land Use, Environment, Recreation, Transportation, and Economy.
A VISION FOR THE WASATCH CANYONS

The vision developed through a series of community conversations and ideas from prior planning projects and represents the aspirational outlook for the future the Wasatch Canyons. Building on public feedback, discussions with stakeholders, and County staff, this vision document will help guide the creation of the Wasatch Canyons General Plan. For a summary of all visioning activities and events, visit slco.org/wasatch-canyons.

PROCESS TO CREATE THE VISION

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<th>REVISED* VISION STATEMENTS FROM PRIOR PLANNING EFFORTS</th>
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*REVISED BASED ON PRELIMINARY PUBLIC INPUT AND STEERING COMMITTEE REVIEW

**MOUNTAINOUS PLANNING DISTRICT

WE ARE HERE!

Vision: The five vision statements describe the desired future of the Wasatch Canyons based on shared values. The vision themes also guide the direction of the General Plan.

Principles: The principles under each of the vision elaborate on the future setting, character, opportunities, and agency actions for the Wasatch Canyons in the next 15-20 years.
LAND USE

Vision: Strive for mutually beneficial partnerships among jurisdictions, government agencies, and stakeholders through collaboration and coordination to provide for water resource protection, recreation opportunities, wildlife, approved private property uses, and quality open spaces.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:
1. [Partnerships] Maintain consistent and effective collaboration and coordination among jurisdictions, government agencies, and stakeholders, while acknowledging that stakeholders include canyon residents, businesses, and visitors.
2. [Community] Support quality planning and zoning that encourages social and community relationships, healthy lifestyles, and public safety.
3. [Private Property] Provide for continuation and improvement of existing permitted uses.
4. [Regulatory Tools] Maintain zoning that allows development in appropriate areas and preserve lands for watershed, recreation, scenic value, and wildlife.
5. [Environment] Collaborate with public and private entities to support clean watersheds, healthy forests, and resilient landscapes.
6. [Aesthetics] Encourage the enhancement of the aesthetic beauty of the man-made environment and the protection of the scenic natural environment.
ENVIRONMENT

Vision: Serve as stewards to support healthy forests, connected ecosystems, habitats, and waterways for current and future generations. Promote programs that improve watersheds, air quality, vegetation, wildlife ecosystems, and scenic quality.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:
1. [System] Protect and steward open lands and natural resources (air, water, wildlife, fisheries, climate, trail systems, wetlands, dark skies, soundscape, soils, open space, native vegetation).
3. [Water] Protect, maintain, and improve watershed health, water supply, and water quality.
4. [Air] Protect and improve air quality for protection of public health, environmental health, and scenic visibility.
5. [Native Species] Maintain healthy populations of native species and support early detection and rapid response to eliminate invasive species and noxious weeds.
6. [Wildlife] Preserve sensitive habitats and migration areas for wildlife.
7. [Property] Respect existing private property uses and promote their stewardship of the environment.
8. [Wildfire] Support wildfire safety and defensible space.
RECREATION

Vision: Continue to support high-quality recreation opportunities for a diverse public and sustainable facility maintenance.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:
1. [Responsible] Support programs that promote responsible recreation and personal responsibility for public safety and protection of the Canyon’s natural resources.
2. [Accessible] Enhance and preserve access to public lands.
3. [Diversity] Maintain a spectrum of diverse recreation opportunities for participants at all levels, abilities, and interests.
4. [Sustainable] Recognize the need to accommodate different user groups in ways that minimizes user conflict and landscape damage.
5. [Facility] Provide support through grants and or other funding revenues for recreation facility maintenance, trailheads, and restrooms.
6. [Year-Round] Consider year-round needs in recreation planning and facility maintenance.
TRANSPORTATION

Vision: Support and prioritize projects for transit, bicycles, pedestrians, and vehicles to reduce congestion, improve air quality, enhance safety, and facilitate connectivity to the regional transportation system.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:
1. [Collaboration] Collaborate in long-term transportation planning with UDOT, UTA, USFS, Salt Lake City Public Utilities, local jurisdictions (Salt Lake and Summit counties) and other involved agencies.
2. [Choice] Create convenient, safe, timely, sustainable, and efficient options for transportation by a variety of modes that satisfy multiple needs.
3. [Character] Promote context appropriate transportation modes and projects that are appropriate for the each canyon’s unique context.
4. [Accessibility] Provide well-maintained and accessible transportation infrastructure including roads, parking facilities, pathways, and walkways.
5. [Transit Stops] Create canyon ADA-compliant transit stops with restroom facilities, and bus pullouts for user comfort and aesthetics.
ECONOMY

Vision: Sustain the Wasatch Canyons as a world-class recreation destination that provides significant economic benefit to the region. Enable businesses to continue providing goods and services without compromising the environment.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:
1. [Context Appropriate] Attract and retain canyon businesses that are economically and environmentally sustainable.
2. [Tourism] Recognize that tourism is a fundamental component of the Utah economy and is dependent on healthy and vast natural and scenic resources.
3. [Stewardship] Encourage businesses to be environmental stewards through practices and education outreach to customers and visitors.
4. [Branding] Promote signage and branding that highlights the history and heritage of the Canyons, and promotes appreciation and stewardship.
MOVING FORWARD

The Vision embodies the expectations and the potential of the Wasatch, and directs how the future built and natural environment is planned and designed. The next step is to establish the plan’s policies and projects based on the foundation provided in this document. Each canyon and the foothills will have their own chapter within the General Plan where details on the policies and projects will be fleshed out. A thoughtful, deliberate combination of large and small projects, fresh programs, and new partnerships will lead to an implementable planning strategy.

Now is the Time!

Now is the time to put your mark on the Wasatch Canyons General Plan! As the process moves forward, it is important that the community continues to be involved. Make sure that your thoughts and ideas are heard. Jump into online discussions, slco.org/wasatch-canyons, join your friends and neighbors at public meetings, and share opinions in surveys and at open houses. Look out for “Opportunities and Choices” public events this spring!

We value your opinions and look to include your ideas in the future of the Wasatch Canyons.