

MEETING MINUTE SUMMARY

MOUNTAINOUS PLANNING DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, April 5, 2018 4:00 p.m.

****Meeting minutes approved on May 3, 2018****

Approximate meeting length: 1 hour 20 minutes

Number of public in attendance: 9

Summary Prepared by: Wendy Gurr

Meeting Conducted by: Commissioner Persing

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

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners	Public Mtg	Business Mtg	Absent
NEIL COHEN		x	
NICOLE OMER		x	
TOD YOUNG		x	
LIBBY ELLIS			x
LINDA JOHNSON (VICE CHAIR)		x	
DON DESPAIN		x	
REID PERSING (CHAIR)		x	
CATHERINE KANTER			x
JAMES PALMER		x	
CHRISTIE HUTCHINGS		x	

Planning Staff / DA	Public Mtg	Business Mtg
Wendy Gurr		x
Max Johnson		
Jim Nakamura		
Jake Young		x
Chris Preston (DA)		x

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting began at – 4:03 p.m.

- 1) Approval of Minutes from the March 1, 2018 meeting.

Motion: To approve minutes from the March 1, 2018 meeting as presented.

Motion by: Commissioner Cohen

2nd by: Commissioner Johnson

Vote: Commissioners voted unanimous in favor (of commissioners present)

Commissioner Persing recused himself from item number 2, as the firm he is employed by has a financial interest.

- 2) Little Cottonwood Canyon UDOT Environmental Impact Statement – John Thomas, UDOT.

John Thomas, UDOT project manager for EIS, provided an update to begin basic stakeholder understandings. On March 9th, a notice of intent issued to develop and provide conceptual sketches

which will be refined over the next nine months with alternatives. In two years, this process will be completed with a record of decision. Provided a PowerPoint presentation with an agenda.

*Commissioner Omer arrived at 4:14 pm
Commissioner Palmer arrived at 4:17 pm*

Commissioner Omer asked about the cost of a Gondola. Mr. Thomas estimated the cost to be \$130 to \$150 million.

3) Wasatch Canyons General Plan Update and work session – Jake Young (recurring)

Krissy Gilmore with Logan Simpson provided an explanation of the work document. Commissioner Omer said the next step would be to schedule work sessions. Ms. Gilmore said the plan is to have two open houses in mid-May and would like public input. Jim Carter with Logan Simpson said the purpose of the presented draft document was to take and organize the thoughts and information gathered and to identify missed information before it becomes the topic of public. Ms. Gilmore talked about planning trailhead outreach. Commissioner Young asked for an opportunity to set up a third open house in Sandy-Draper area. Commissioner Omer asked how people will be notified of the events. Ms. Gilmore said they have several hundred people on their invite list and will send it out to the cities. Commissioner Despain said his concern is jurisdictional overlap and authorities. They don't know what the CWC is going to do. The understanding was that CWC was to talk amongst themselves. It was constructed with no jurisdictional control.

Commissioner Johnson said she isn't happy with the way they are going about the plan and should be doing more informing and outreach and public hearings from this group and bigger planning group. People will feel this was hidden and didn't care. Mr. Carter said he was thinking this is the next step and wanted to get input from this planning commission. The planning commission involvement now is to find out what they think and compile information from the input received so far and take the plan to constituent groups, but he wanted to have this meeting to go through any concerns very thoroughly. Mr. Young said they have met with the cities and community councils.

Commissioner Persing asked where they see this headed. Ms. Gilmore said not prioritizing goals, but strategies. Commissioner Persing said he has a personal goal that the plan become broad. Mr. Young said the plan will be general and specific plans per canyon could be customized. Mr. Carter said what else is the county's role, in terms of priority if UDOT decides to do projects in Little Cottonwood, maybe the county might piggyback UDOTs ideas. Mr. Young said this isn't a document just for the planning commission, but many departments within the county are interested. Mr. Carter said item three talks about participating in planning. It isn't strictly jurisdictional.

Commissioner Cohen asked if this plan is the tail wagging the dog, looking, for example, at the goals 18-20 in this plan, specifically 19. What if we as a planning commission said no tolls, is that accepted? Commissioner Johnson said the little things we get to do is not just stop and gives justification for continuing. The natural resources are a sore spot with her, and this must be right and general. Mr. Carter said this plan is largely a policy plan - to support whatever is determined to be for good transit in the canyons or what they'd like to spend some money on. Mr. Young said they invited UDOT here so they're involved. Commissioner Despain said this is a mechanism to address issues now and why couldn't this body favor that. Mr. Young said they don't use all of them, but they are options and they are trying to work together. Commissioner Cohen said the goals are general. He doesn't know if they want to call them goals or problems. The canyons have popular summer use, but it's a problem all year long.

4) Other Business Items (as needed)

No other business items to discuss.

Commissioner Johnson motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Young seconded that motion.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time Adjourned – 5:24 p.m.