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MEETING MINUTE SUMMARY
MOUNTAINOUS PLANNING DISTRICT PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, November 1, 2018 4:00 p.m.

****Meeting minutes approved on January 3, 2019****

Approximate meeting length: 1 hour
Number of public in attendance: 6
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	x	
TOD YOUNG	x	x	
LIBBY ELLIS			x
LINDA JOHNSON (VICE CHAIR)	x	x	
DON DESPAIN	x	x	
REID PERSING (CHAIR)	x	x	
CATHERINE KANTER			x
JAMES PALMER	x	x	
CHRISTIE HUTCHINGS			x
LAYNEE JONES			x

Planning Staff / DA	Public Mtg	Business Mtg
Wendy Gurr	x	x
Jake Young	x	x
Zach Shaw (DA)	x	x

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Hearings began at – 4:04 p.m.

- 1) Public Hearing on the Goals document for the Wasatch Canyons General Plan. **Planner:** Jake A. Young

Salt Lake County Jake Young provided an analysis of the Goals document for the Wasatch Canyons General Plan.

Commissioner Johnson motioned to open the public hearing, Commissioner Omer seconded that motion.

PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING OPENED

Speaker # 1: Citizen
Name: Christopher Jones

Address: 3798 East Sunnydale Lane

Comments: Mr. Jones said he has lived 35 years in Salt Lake County. Predictions for future snow pack look smaller and smaller and need to protect our watershed, with less development. The data on financial health of cities across the intermountain west are better when up against protected public lands. People of wealth like to move to the boundary. Cities do better financially.

Speaker # 2: Citizen

Name: Will McCarvill

Address: 3607 Golden Hills Avenue

Comments: Mr. McCarvill said he likes the plan and has a better feel and substance, than the old plan. Addresses many if not all issues faced. Concerned with carrying capacity and increase the needs. Goal 1 may conflict with goal 12. He has a problem with building capacity, glad things will be fixed and maintained. The canyons cannot continue to take abuse. What recreation will be restricted, and trails being built at capacity and degrading the environment.

Commissioner Johnson said go to Wasatch front regional council next week and make the comments, as they think they can deal with endless capacity. Since the population is growing, thoughts to keep the people from being in the forest and the Wasatch and better to protect the mountains on the other side of the valley. Mr. McCarvill said look at more generally and what do people expect for hiking, the numbers will be increasing. The forest service developed standards, there is an expectation of the quality of experience. The shuttle system in Zion, this is a people valve and is limited by the shuttles going in, will face this problem wherever you go. Manage and limit the resource. Central Wasatch has passed the point of loving it to death. What is the sources of funding. Welcomes again all the real issues in the Wasatch.

Commissioner Despain said he shares the concern and isn't quite sure how this planning commission interfaces with their goals. Has same goals and protection, but will bring a lot more people in, address parking, trails and toilets and be more involved. Mr. McCarvill said where do we garner the resources to do what we want to do, should be a goal as coming up with funding resources.

Speaker # 3: Salt Lake City

Name: Carly Castle

Address: 1530 South West Temple

Comments: Ms. Castle said they have submitted comments and seen them in the packet, nothing additional to add.

Speaker # 4: Citizen

Name: Ed Marshall

Address: 6451 East Millcreek Canyon Road

Comments: Mr. Marshall asked about goal 6. More than 80% of the land is owned by the government, except for the ski resorts and must be distinguished on public lands. The new general plan will be effective and strongest when called for more funding. The application to public goals are inconsistent. Strategies 1, 4, and 5 calls for 2, 3, and 6 don't. Apply these sections accordingly. Salt Lake County shouldn't impose regulations on small businesses and requires public funding and action.

Section 19, Strategy 5 – applies to all canyons and broadband in one canyon and apply equally to all the canyons. If the county can't put it in, the canyons should be able to.

Goal 2, Strategy 2 – creation on Wasatch Canyons. The county created two new bodies, this commission and Central Wasatch commission why bring in another body. Should stay within a local district and see the county impose. He would like to compliment staff.

Commissioner Johnson motioned to close the public hearing, Commissioner Despain seconded that motion.

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting began at – 4:31 p.m.

- 1) Staff and consultant discussion with Commission on the Goals document and public feedback on goals. **Staff:** Jake A. Young

Mr. Young said there was a Roadless open house last week at Salt Lake County. State led effort by the public lands and governor's office. Initiating a recommendation for Utah to have different rules from the roadless. Governor's office wanted Utah to look at that. Process is looking at recommendations from the counties and then the recommendations go in to the plan. Input from the public and overarching recommendation was not to change the roadless recommendations. Mayor McAdam's office sent a letter to the public lands group, that Salt Lake County is not recommending changes to the roadless rule. Governor's office will put together a state-wide rule, if approved, environmental statement process begins. Two more opportunities for public input. Commissioner Persing asked how you see an issue like this linking in. Mr. Young said didn't have any conflicts with the general plan. When this happens and more opportunity, expect the general plan to be done and use that. Commissioner Young said emphasis is a false impression eliminating the roadless rules enhances the ability to manage forest fires. Commissioner Persing said he has heard and that could be one reason.

Commissioner Omer excused herself at 4:50pm.

Mr. Young advised would like to make updates and input into goals document. Determine which input and goals and areas to update, repetition of strategies and goals, work towards the benefit of multiple goals, recreation district, goal two, strategy two, interlocal entity and not taxing authority. Air pollution and dirt, parking lots and traffic, funding sources and research, and methods of costs.

Updated goals and strategies, and bring one chapter at a time, Parleys first and review with steering committee and planning commission. Once feedback is received, will finish updating the other canyons.

Commissioner Persing asked if bodies go into the field. Mr. Shaw said don't need to record, just written minutes and notices. Mr. Young said two to three months before the general plan draft. Commissioner Young said set some objectives. Commissioner Palmer said might be better in the spring because of closures.

- 2) Approval of Minutes from the September 6, 2018 meeting.

Motion: To approve minutes from the September 6, 2018 meeting with one amendment.

Motion by: Commissioner Johnson

2nd by: Commissioner Young

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

- 3) Other Business Items (as needed)

No other business items to discuss.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time Adjourned – 5:04 p.m.