

Jordan River Watershed Council Meeting Minutes



Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – 10:00-11:30am
Salt Lake County Government Center, North Building Room N3-930

Attendees:

Deejay Allen – Riverton City
Laura Ault – Forestry, Fire and State Lands
Doug Bateman – Salt Lake City
Lynn Berni – Salt Lake County Watershed Planning & Restoration
Gary Bowen – Emigration Canyon Township
Jared Bunch – Forsgren
Nicholas Dankers – Tree Utah
Gene Drake --Salt Lake City Conservation District
Teresa Gray – Salt Lake County Health Department
Chris Haight – Salt Lake County Watershed Planning & Restoration Program
Dallas Henline – Magna Water
Tim Heyrend – City of West Jordan
Julie Howe – Stantec
Keith Ludwig – Midvale City
Eric McCulley – River Restoration
Elliot Mott
Karen Nichols – HDR
Pat Shea – University of Utah
Tyler Shelley – Sandy City
Soren Simonsen – Jordan River Commission
Bob Thompson – Salt Lake County Watershed Planning & Restoration Program
Brian Tonetti – Jordan River Commission / Seven Canyons Trust

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Presentations:

Uncovering Lost Urban Waters

Presented by:

Soren Simonsen, Jordan River Commission (JRC)
Brian Tonetti, Seven Canyons Trust & JRC

Jordan River Commission Update:

- Want to highlight things being worked on focusing on the theme of lost urban waters
- Last month, the JRC hosted a tour to three sites: The Natural History Museum / University of Utah, Phase 3 of the Jordan River Murray Taylorsville Restoration site (JRMT), and the Jordan Valley Water Conservation Gardens.
- DWQ working on rule change to take effect next year regarding LID's
- Upcoming Golden Spoke event will celebrate 100+ miles of contiguous trail, including the Jordan River Trail completion.

- Get into the River Festival will be a month-long with festive outdoor activities with a focus on water, restoration and conservation work. There will be three paddle trips on the river, a marathon, century bike ride and a 50-mile walk along the trail. As well as a field trip to the water treatment plant to discuss how the phosphorus in the water is being addressed

Seven Canyons Trust Update:

- Benefits of daylighting creeks include improved water quality, flood mitigation, economic development, and recreation opportunities.
- Three Creek Confluence Design Project
 - Red Butte, Emigration and Parleys come together at 13th south and the Jordan River.
 - It has been 4 years since the vision of the project, 1.2 million dollars has been secured for the implementation of the project, design has a delta to slow down water before entering the river, multiple fishing areas, a bridge to cross the river and a take in and take out.
- My Canyon Creek web sites
 - Series of 7 web sites, one for each creek along the Wasatch front, an example would be mycitycreek.com.
 - Crowd sourced information will be used for each site, anyone can submit a story, photos or videos. There will be interactive trail maps including waterway data. You can also search each web site for certain criteria, like birds.

III. Roundtable

Salt Lake County Watershed Planning & Restoration Program

- Working on Scope of Work for phase 4 of the Jordan River Murray Taylorsville Project (JRMT)
- We have outreach events planned for most of the summer including school visits and the Water Quality Fair at Hogle Zoo (expecting up to 3,000 4th graders)
- Installed self service photo stations at our projects, can now harvest pictures with site specific hashtags and put them into a time lapse format.
- Watershed Symposium will be November 14th and 15th
- Data Collection is still occurring at all our sites and everyone is welcome to our data
- Three new stream gauges being installed at lower Parleys Creek in Hidden Hollow, Lower Emigration on Westminster campus, and the Jordan River just north of the Little Cottonwood confluence
- Projects in design phase: 1700 South and Phase 4 of the JRMT
- Working with Forest Fire and State Lands in Corner Canyon to complete a revegetation project that will lead to a restoration project
- Consultant pool should be going out to RFP in the next few weeks

Salt Lake Conservation District

- Helping in West Jordan with building a greenhouse with Schmidt's farms
- Helping with the clean up of west side creeks
- Ag in the classroom is continuing in Herriman

River Restoration

- Working on the Taylorsville project scholar and residency program
- Helping Seven Canyons Creek on the Millcreek Confluence on the Jordan River
- Big Bend implementation to start later this year and will start with an urban fishery

Pat Shea, University of Utah

- Will be working with a videographer to create a 20-minute video (for 4th graders) discussing and explaining the Wasatch's water cycle

Forestry, Fire and State Lands

- Starting water trail project with Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Department
- July 1st Bank stabilization funding will become available, there will \$50,000 dollars and it will need a one to one match
- Lots of projects going on along the river, please make sure to get all the permits needed.

Elliot Mott

- Outdoor adventure and have been rowing the river many times
- Jordan River grievance was originally with goat heads and I realized that there was an emphasis on the bike path but not on the water trail
- Between 2015 and 2017 we have done 61 rows attracting 340 people kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and canoeing on the river

Emigration Canyon Township

- May 19th Fire Wise at the canyon fire house
- Issues with Salt Lake City creating trail plans up the canyon without talking to residents in the canyon
- Getting a state grant to fund a study about pollution in Emigration Creek. Residents don't believe its their septic systems but rather the bikes and recreationists that have no public restrooms in the canyon and are using the creek as one during summer.

Salt Lake County Health Department

- Earth day celebrations were done at the department and we opened that garden beds around the building to the community for community gardening
- Have seen a large increase in abandoned tires
- 4th annual Climate Symposium was last month, went very well, and was well attended.
- We have a 24-hour spill line (801) 580-6681 and also and email helpwater@slco.org, please call if you see any spills or someone dumping and please take pictures
- Lots of transient camps being cleaned up right now if anyone see any of them please call us
- Emigration Canyon is having work group meetings to address issues in the canyon and the TMDL's are being updated by the DWQ causing more work to occur
- Use our 24-hour spill line (801) 580-6681 or email helpwater@slco.org regarding spills, dumping, and/or homeless camps. Also please take pictures.

Sandy City

- Channel restoration around Dry Creek starting phase two construction and just finished pre-con
- Got grant money for LID projects and will be reconstructing our public works facility that burned down

Next Meeting:

Tuesday August 14, 2018 10:00am – 11:30am

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