

**Parley's Rails, Trails and Tunnels [PRATT] Coalition  
Meeting Agenda**

**Date:** Tuesday, September 25, 2007

**Time:** 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Salt Lake County Government Center located at 2001 South State Street, Room S3009 (South Building, Third Floor)

**PRATT Board Members**

Juan Arce-Larreta

Milton Braselton

Robin Carbaugh

Geoffrey Ellis

Karen Hale, Excused

Rita Lund

Matt Sibul

Lynne Olson

Julie Peck-Dabling

Kim Paulding, Excused

Helen Peters, Excused

Suzanne Weaver

Ken Jones

Others in Attendance:

Walt Gilmore, Project Manager, Salt Lake County Parks & Recreation

Laynee Jones and Brian Bonell, H.W. Lochner

Mark Parry, UDOT Region 2

Tham Soekotjo, Intern

Roz McGee, Leg Rep District 28

Michael G. Kavanagh, Sugar House Community Council

**MINUTES**

1. August PRATT Board meeting Minutes were approved.

**2. Reports**

a. Parley's Crossing Bridge opening was a success. Thanks to all those who worked on the PRATT Coalition since 2000 and before. Westward Ho! Now on to the Jordan River Parkway via the Draw at Sugar House and over Roper Yard.

b. Walt Gilmore reported on the following:

**Section:** The Bridge at Parley's Crossing  
Seeding is being completed and the erosion blankets are being put in place. The broken curb will be repaired to reduce erosion.

**Section: Parley's Historic Nature Park to Tanner Park (funds secured through construction)**

The contract with H. W. Lochner will be finalized within the month so that a Notice to Proceed can be issued. The contract includes an environmental assessment (categorical exclusion), preliminary design, plans, specs and cost construction estimate. It is hoped that construction will be accomplished Summer 2008.

**Section: 1700 East to Hidden Hollow (funds secured through construction)**

The consultant, Stanley, has indicated that the Federal Highway Administration has approved the environmental assessment document. Walt will be working with the Sugar House Park Authority now on the alignment through Sugar House Park at their upcoming board meeting scheduled for this Thursday. The consensus of the Sugar House Park Authority Board members is for the trail to meander through the Park so as to avoid damage to large trees. For those who can attend the Sugar House Park Authority meeting it starts at 7:00 p.m. and is held at the Sugar House Park Garden Center. Geoff, in his role as Vice Chair of the PRATT Eastside Project Management, will not be able to attend; Walt Gilmore and Vance from Stanley will be in attendance. Once the contract on the Draw at Sugar House is complete, Baker will become the prime consultant with Stanley as the sub.

**Report: The Draw at Sugar House (funds secured through construction)**

Patricia Johanson has a contract to review that is between her and PRATT. Patricia will be meeting with her attorney later this week to go over the contract details. Walt indicated that UDOT does not see any reason for her to post a bond or insurance, but PRATT will need to think about how they might provide for her liability while she is under contract. Ken Jones will follow-up with Patricia.

Walt reported that we will have two projects under construction at the same time; Parley's Historic Nature Park and The Draw at Sugar House.

**Report: The Draw at Sugar House - West Side of 1300 East**

Jack Hammond has requested a meeting with Walt to discuss Jeff Woodbury's plans. Thanks to Salt Lake County Open Space funds, we have about \$385,000 for purchase of land.

**Report: Roper Yard (funds secured for study only)**

Robin Carbaugh reported that we have been given two possible alternative PRATT Trail alignments by Jim Webb, the Project Manager at UTA. The first, and the preferred, is on the south side of Andy Avenue running on the south side of the TRAX line so you would have a trail, two rail lines and regular traffic lanes on the north side. The second option on Andy Avenue is for trail to move along the north side, but in this section we would be abutting the buildings presently in the corridor. It is questionable whether there is room for the Trail on the north side. There is one pinch point on the south side by a power substation. From 600 West traveling west, our preferred alignment for the PRATT Trail follows along with the south side of the TRAX; we would bridge over with a cantilever bridge by LRT and come down on the south side of the line at 900 West. The property owner at 900 West and SR 201 is a reluctant partner in the process. UTA

and Salt Lake County is looking at options to do a purchase and trade with the property owner to allow the PRATT Trail room.

The second option, which is not the preferred alignment, is the red line that goes to the north on 600 West and bridges over at 2100 South and then comes back south. One of the challenges of being on the south side is having to punch through the MSE wall to get to the north, then again to get back down to the south on the west of the tracks. We do not prefer to stay on the north side of the LRT because at 900 West, users would have to cross the LRT tracks to get down and back on the alignment to River.

Geoff Ellis asked who will provide the funds to pay for the bridge on either possible alignment. The Salt Lake County Council will enter into a discussion today at 1:00 p.m. about a Memorandum of Understanding with UTA to build the bridge, trade some County property that UTA needs to complete the West Valley TRAX line. If the Memorandum of Understanding is signed, the County and PRATT will be responsible for cost of connections on either end of the bridge.

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, UTA will put out a Request for Proposals, the contract will be vetted and then PRATT we need to be ready with funding by spring 2008.

Clarification: Option one, the southern route is a cantilevered bridge off the LRT bridge. Option two would also require a bridge over the Roper Yard, but not connected with the LRT bridge. Matt Sibul [disclosure, Matt works for UTA and is also a PRATT Board member], feels that there is a deflection issue with the bridge that would be cantilevered. The Salt Lake County Council will have the ultimate responsibility for the selection of the alignment. Mike Allegra from UTA has met with the County Mayor and Carlos Braceras from UDOT.

There was further discussion about the possible alignments and the 5 inch vertical and horizontal deflection issue on the bridge among the board members. Geoff Ellis made a motion that the Board approves a preference for the PRATT Trail to be on the original alignment presented. In other words, the original alignment with the suspension over Roper Yard along side the LRT bridge. Seconded by Milton Braselton. Motion passed.

Robin Carbaugh proposed an amendment to the motion that just passed. Robin's motion is that the PRATT Trail alignment be at the south side of Andy Avenue, traveling along the south side of the West Valley LRT to 900 West. Second to that, if that proves to be an impossible decision for the Salt Lake County Council, Mayor Corroon or UTA through their discussions, then we will work with the appropriate agencies to make the crossing from 600 West across the Roper Yard and then down to 900 West. Seconded by Juan Arce-Larreta. Motion passed.

The original motion with the amendment was voted upon. Motion passed.

**Report: 2700 and 1700 East section**

Walt has not worked on this project section recently. Should we be coordinating with UDOT due to construction? There is a parcel of land on east side of the 23<sup>rd</sup> East bridge that the County may want to acquire for future trail use. Do we want to set another meeting with the Governor and Wasatch Front Regional Council? We also need to keep John Njord and Carlos Braceras involved in the discussion with Governor Huntsman.

**Fundraising Report:**

Kim Paulding was not able to attend the Board meeting. Lynne reported out in her behalf. Kim asked that the Board members for the amount needed for the Roper Yard connection. The Board indicated that \$1.5M is needed for the Roper Yard connections. Cost estimates for the Draw at Sugar House will be coming around the first of the year. The cost estimates for the Draw at Sugar House will be important to track to make sure they include all the artistic elements that Patricia Johanson intends. If not, the artistic elements will be another fundraising opportunity.

Robin Carbaugh asked if Kim Paulding has a fundraising plan. Suzanne Weaver talked about the Parley Pratt statue at 2300 East and 2100 South. Suzanne thought the naming recognition on the Parley Pratt statue was a good idea for PRATT to review. We need to do an appeal that covers a wide area. Suzanne was anxious to get fundraising started. Kim should come to the next meeting with a plan to raise the \$1.5M that would be helpful for the Board to make decision. Who would be our top 10 donors? Do we do events? If we do a mailing, whom would we mail to? We need a plan according to several board members. Possibly Patricia Johanson has some ideas about donor recognition possibilities. The annual fund raising appeal will be discussed with Kim at the October Board meeting.

Michael G. Kavanagh conveyed thanks from the Negley Flynn Foundation. Negley was happy to help a community. Michael indicated that she would like to be asked again for funds for the PRATT Trail in an increased amount.

**Report: Outreach and Public Relations**

Press was great around the Parley's Bridge opening. Take new brochures to give to people, organizations and others interested. Signs have been made for the Parley's Historic Nature Park to warn trail users that the trail is not completed yet. Lynne passed out programs from the Parley's Bridge opening for those who were not able to attend. People who attended the Legends of Hidden Hollow commented that they had heard or attended the Parley's Bridge opening.

### **c. Annual Meeting**

October is usually the month when we have our Annual meeting; we will need to discuss the Annual meeting at our November 2007 meeting. Geoff Ellis will chair the nominating committee. We have the ability to have from 9 – 23 board members. Please think of people who would make good board members. George Ramjoue and Rick Johnston might be good choices if they are willing to serve. Robin Carbaugh indicated that Rick Johnston would like to serve.

Robin Carbaugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.