

PARLEY'S RAILS, TRAILS AND TUNNELS [PRATT] COALITION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2008

Time: 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Salt Lake County Government Center located at 2001 South State Street, Room S1002; This room is in the South Building on the first floor on the west side of the building

Co-Chair Conducting Meeting: Juan Arce-Larreta and Rita Lund

PRATT Board Members

Juan Arce-Larreta

Milton Braselton, Not in Attendance

Robin Carbaugh, Excused

Karen Hale, Not in Attendance

Rick Johnston

Ken Jones, Excused

Steve Lester

Rita Lund

George Ramjoue

Matt Sibul, Not in Attendance

Lynne Olson

Julie Peck-Dabbling

Kim Paulding

Helen Peters

Suzanne Weaver, Excused

February Volunteer Hours: 97 hours

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements and Recording of Volunteer Hours

Individuals other than PRATT Board members in attendance include:

Salt Lake City – Hank Welch, Mayor's Office

Sugar House Park Authority – Lex Hemphill

UDOT – Mark Parry, Region 2 and Sharon Briggs, Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator

Fehr & Peers – JP Goates, Mardi Pearson

ArcSitio Design – Steven Gilbert

Sugar House Community Council – Rawlins Young, Emil Kmet and Michael G. Kavanagh

H. W. Lochner – Layne Jones and Brian Bonell

Perkins Engineering – Todd Perkins

Trust for Public Lands – Barry Nash

Michael Baker – Tamara Keefe

Mecham Management – Russ Callister

Others: David Jensen and Yoshi Kono

Juan reminded all to record their volunteer hours on the attendance sign-in sheet.

There were no announcements.

2. Approval of February Minutes

The February Minutes were approved.

Julie Peck-Dabling indicated that there has been an update since the last PRATT Board meeting on State Trails funding. John Knudsen, Trails Coordinator for Utah State Parks, indicated to Julie via a telephone call that the funding for trails is as follows from the 2008 Legislative session:

Both funds are in the Natural Resources Budget
\$500,000 through House Bill 104
\$250,000 through Executive Appropriations process (Governor's Office)

Julie Peck-Dabling indicated that during the 2008 Legislative Session, Senator Holdaway, proved to be a strong trail supporter.

3. Report from Project Manager – Walt Gilmore

Walt was not in attendance, but reports by various consultant teams included:

Phase 3: Parley's Nature Preserve to Tanner Park

- Laynee Jones, Project Manager and Brian Bonell, Project Engineer from Lochner, announced the Parley's Creek Trail Open House for Canyon Rim residents on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Sons of Utah Pioneers headquarters located at 3301 Louise Avenue. Laynee encouraged all to take flyers to distribute them to interested individuals. Additionally, there will be an article in the Salt Lake Tribune announcing the event. Board member Kim Paulding helped deliver flyers door-to-door in the impacted neighborhood advertising the open house as well.

Laynee indicated that there has been two small adjustments to the design of the Trail through Parley's Nature Preserve. One design adjustment that was requested by UDOT involved moving the Trail alignment closer to the UP&L power station in order to have less impact their right-of-way. At this time, it is not possible to move the Trail closer to the UP&L power station without a major realignment of the Trail so it will not be completed. Additionally, Brian indicated he had met with Rocky Mountain Power representatives to discuss the weaving the Trail through the power poles. There was discussion among the Board members and the consultant team related to Salt Lake City's operation and maintenance plan for the Parley's Nature Preserve, ADA accessibility, percent of grade, and placement of retainer walls among other items.

Juan asked about bike and pedestrian signage of the Trail to help direct and control movement conflicts. Laynee indicated that they are still in the conceptual design phase and that signage will not be considered until a later phase. Rita asked if the consultants about the debris retention basin and suggested they be in touch with Neil Stack at Salt Lake County Public Works.

Laynee indicated that they will be working on the design for the next three to four months and then it will go out for advertising for bid for construction in September. The construction timeline schedule is vague at this time. Lochner indicated there may be some geotechnical work that needs to be done within the next month or two.

Phase 4a: Sugar House Park Segment

- A representative from Stanley Consultants was not in attendance to report on this Phase. Lex Hemphill from the Sugar House Park Authority reported that the only issue he was aware of was the need for signatures on the agreement between UDOT, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County and the Sugar House Park Authority. Once the agreement has been signed, the job can be advertised and have construction starting in June/July. Representatives from Stanley have been working with the two parties on small land exchanges along the fence alignment.

Phase 4b: The Draw at Sugar House

- Steve Gilbert from ArcSitio Design presented design concepts for "The Draw" and reported on the coordination efforts with Patricia Johanson, Woodbury Corporation, Redman, Mecham and other stakeholders such as Salt Lake County Public Works. Patricia spent about a week working on finalizing the design. Steve presented a three dimensional study model of The Draw for all to review that was made out of modeling clay. Steve read narrative of Patricia's E-mail to him regarding her design ideas that resulted from her visit to the site recently. Steve also presented some of her sketches that she produced upon her arrival home. Patricia is working as much as possible to recreate the original landscape of the area. For background reference, she has read cover to cover, William Clayton's Journal to get a sense of what the area was like in earlier times.

Steve mentioned that he will be meeting with Woodbury Corporation on Monday, March 31st to discuss using water from their chillers that are part of the heating and air conditioning system. The water would be used to support the wetland area in Hidden Hollow which will

attract additional wetland species and birds. In Steve's meeting with Jack Hammond and Dave Cassell with Architectural Nexus they indicated a willingness to work with Patricia's design to make sure it contributes to Woodbury's development. Patricia will be returning mid-April to continue with the design finalization.

Rita indicated a concern about the pavement treatment on the Segó Lily Plaza in Sugarhouse Park.

Rawlins Young reminded all that we need to remember that the Utah Territorial State Prison was sited in the current location of Sugar House along with the Mulberry Tree Silk Farm of Brigham Young at Fairmont Park. Lex Hemphill then reminded everyone of the monument in Sugarhouse Park celebrating the Utah Territorial State Prison.

Juan reported on the status of the right-of-way purchase from Woodbury Corporation. The appraisal has been completed by Salt Lake City Property Management and the land was valued at \$324,000. The appraisal will be presented to Woodbury Corporation on Monday, March 31st for their consideration. Russ Callister indicated that Craig Mecham has a right of way easement on the west end of the property for a waste container. Steve Gilbert spoke with Craig Mecham a couple of weeks about the right-of-way easement on his Park View Plaza II property.

Phase 5: Fairmont Park to the Jordan River Parkway (includes the crossing at Roper Yard)

- Todd Perkins from Perkins Engineering introduced Mardi Pearson from Fehr & Peers to report on public involvement regarding this Phase. Mardi reported that approximately 150 project newsletters had been distributed via E-mail and a link to the project website is on the PRATT website. Additionally, Fehr & Peers will participate in the Boys and Girls Club Fairmont Park Fest on April 4th from 4 – 8 p.m. by the skate park. They will have maps that show the proposed alignment of the Trail as well as provide comment cards to receive input from interested individuals. Presentations will also be made to the Sugar House Community Council on Wednesday, May 7th and a public open house is scheduled at the South Salt Lake Columbus Community Center for Thursday, June 5th from 5 – 7 p.m. which is to coincide with National Trails Day on Saturday, June 7th

Mardi also reported out for Maria Vyas the Environmental Planner on this project with Fehr & Peers. Mardi indicated that the status of the environmental study is ongoing and the wetlands, wildlife, hazardous

materials and threatened and endangered species sections are ready to be submitted to UDOT for review and approval.

Todd Perkins presented the proposed alignment of the 3.8 mile Trail that touches South Salt Lake and Salt Lake City and connects with West Valley City in this phase and what is proposed for the 21 roadway crossings. The alignment starts at 900 West near Workman Park with a pedestrian signal that is warranted at a minimum with a median refuge area. Traveling on the eastside of 900 West there is an issue with the alignment because UTA has a maintenance yard going in this area and it is unclear what is happening with the Trail alignment in this area. Todd reported he is meeting with UTA next week to gain more information to discuss how to proceed. Next is the crossing through the Roper Yard area as has previously been presented by Jim Webb from UTA in the previous PRATT board meeting. There is the possibility of needing to purchase some right of way behind the curb on the north side of Andy Avenue near the west side of 300 West where the Trail comes down.

At the traffic signal at 300 West and R. C. Willey, a pedestrian signal will be installed with a push button operation. There is a building on 300 West that the Trail will need to jog around because of the narrow area of the corridor; the design is not ideal. There will be an at-grade crossing of the TRAX line by the Parley's Trail at this location.

Then going east on Haven Avenue, a bike lane will be striped and pedestrians will use the existing sidewalk because of the conflict with the power poles. Next, the Trail goes to the west side of West Temple to the Sugar House rail corridor. Again, Todd will be meeting with UTA to resolve the issues in this area relating to licensing agreements between Salt Lake County and UTA. Currently, UTA is asking for 35 feet for future rail use; there is a 66 foot right of way that narrows to 50 feet in some areas along the rail corridor. Work is being done to map the easements and how the Trail will fit in the corridor. After that, discussions will need to occur with UTA to work out how the future rail and the necessary crossings and the Trail will exist together.

In the Fairmont Park area, there is only 35 feet of right of way in the UTA corridor. In this area, the Trail will have to be on the roadway (Sugarfont Avenue) where there are bike lanes currently. At Highland Drive, the crossing will be at the traffic signal on Wilmington Avenue.

Aerographics is going to fly the corridor in order to produce a more detailed aerial so that the design process can begin within the next week or two. Todd will also be seeking approvals from South Salt

Lake, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, UTA, and UDOT relating to the Trail alignment.

Rights of Way

Julie Peck Dabling reported on a meeting she and Walt had with Carlos Braceras and Randy Park regarding their acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding prepared by Salt Lake County identifying all Right-of-Way NA Line breaks and Trail alignments from the mouth of Parley's Canyon to the Jordan River. Overall, the meeting was positive related to the acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding. Julie indicated that she disclosed on behalf of PRATT that we are seeking a federal appropriation in the amount of \$13M for trail building efforts submitted through Representative Matheson and Senators Hatch and Bennett.

8. Vice Chair Reports (3 minutes each)

- Robin Carbaugh, Rick Johnston and George Ramjouw – Co-Vice Chairs for Project Coordination

We will be moving from having East and West Side Project Coordinators to Co-Vice Chairs for Project Coordination to provide for greater flexibility and better coordination including cross training. A motion was made to change the designation to Co-Vice Chairs for Project Coordination, but a quorum was not present for the vote.

Juan indicated that we need to check with South Salt Lake to receive input on the Trail as currently planned. He and Lynne reminded attendees that South Salt Lake had passed a statement of intent to reject the Parley's Trail. The driving force behind the passage of this resolution or statement of intent was constituents of the then current City Council members. Juan represented that there were two main reasons for the rejection of the PRATT Trail: (1) that there have been many impacts on South Salt Lake especially around transportation that has not been part of the vision for their city such as I-15 and I-80; and, (2) they do not want to have an increase in crime in their area as a result of trail users as well as the noise resulting from the operation of light rail.

With the change of city council members as well as a mayor, attitudes in South Salt Lake toward the Trail effort have been positive. Michael Florence has been attending the PRATT Board meetings to help with the interface with South Salt Lake. George asked PRATT to consider approaching South Salt Lake about including the PRATT Trail as part of their trail network. Rick Johnston indicated that Robin Carbaugh has been working with representatives from South Salt Lake to have the Parley's Trail adopted as a part of their community vision for trails. It was discussed that South Salt

Lake prefers to have the Millcreek corridor as the trail to be developed in South Salt Lake.

- Ken Jones - Vice-Chair for Government Relations

Ken was not present to report on Government Relations issues. See Julie Peck Dabbling's report on the meeting with UDOT above as well as the congressional delegation appropriation application.

- Lynne Olson - Vice-Chair for Outreach & Public Relations

Lynne indicated that we joined the Utah Nonprofits Association this past month. They offer a number of trainings and outreach opportunities that individual PRATT board members as well as PRATT collectively need to take advantage of that will help us make new contacts and continue to be successful.

She reminded everyone to attend the Fairmont Fest on April 4th by the skate park from 4 – 7 p.m. that is sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club which was founded by the Kiwanis Club. Lynne is also looking for events in the communities along the Trail corridor to participate in, especially any events in South Salt Lake.

Everyone should submit the contact information for any individuals who want to be kept updated on the Parley's Trail efforts to Lynne so that she can add them to our E-mail and snail mail list.

Juan and Lynne attended a meeting with individuals from other counties regarding a new trail called the Wasatch Loop. The trail is a complex network of connecting trails that include the Provo River Parkway, The Jordan River Parkway, the Rail Trail in Summit County, The Bonneville Shoreline Trail and a few other connecting trails to be determined. Parley's Trail will be a part of the Wasatch Loop. Jim Price, the Trails Coordinator from Mountainland Association of Governments, is the contact person along with Carol Potter from the Mountain Trails Foundation in Park City.

Currently, there is an effort underway to request \$2B in federal funds so that it can be distributed to local trail building efforts. It should be noted that this effort has been ongoing for more than a decade. Lynne asked George if we can work with Wasatch Front Regional Council to get them to adopt and effort to approve the Wasatch Loop effort much like the Mountainland Association of Governments have recently. Juan and Lynne will continue attend the meetings on behalf of PRATT.

- _____ - Vice-Chair for Fundraising

Kim was not present so there was not a report on Fundraising. At last month's board meeting, Kim offered to help coordinate volunteers willing to write grants. Juan indicated that we need to develop a list of grants that people can apply for on behalf of PRATT. Additionally, we have a lot of narrative ready to "cut and paste" into grant applications for those willing to help. Juan reported that PRATT had received \$200 to support an intern from Great Salt Lake RC&D.

Michael Kavanagh indicated that the Negley Flynn Foundation is interested in being approached again for funding. In the past \$2,500 was received and restricted for Trail clean-up. Michael indicated that we should consider asking for \$5,000, but that he would check with the Negley Flynn Foundation to verify that amount. Lynne asked if Negley Flynn would consider releasing the restriction on the funds and allow the funds to be used as PRATT sees fit such as for a grant writer. Michael thought that would not be a problem, but he would check and encouraged PRATT to start preparing the grant application.

- Steve Lester – Vice-Chair for Volunteer Coordination

Steve will be creating a database to help identify volunteers for events and administrative help that match their interests and time capacity.

- Helen M. Peters – Secretary

Helen mentioned that the Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month. An Agenda will be sent to Executive Committee members via E-mail.

Helen committed to conducting a New Board Member Orientation shortly.

- Suzanne Weaver – Treasurer

Suzanne was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a copy of the revenue and expenses from December 18, 2007 to March 3, 2008 along with Savings from May 1, 2003 to March 18, 2008.

Current Balance in PRATT Checking: \$6,091.50

Current Balance in PRATT Savings: \$25,267.62, but most of this is restricted.

Thank you to the Williams Company for matching Lance Hobbs donation through their Employee Matching Gift program.

9. Other Business

FYI –

- Earth Day, Tuesday April 22nd
- National Trails Day, June 7th Theme: Join Us on the Trail
- Venture Outdoor Festival – Saturday, June 14th at Canyon Rim Park
- Sugar House Arts Festival – July 4th in downtown Sugar House
- Rita mentioned that the Millcreek Township is having monthly events such as movie night in the park. This would be an opportunity for PRATT to hand out flyers or talk to people about upcoming events.

10. Next Meeting:

The PRATT Board meetings have now been changed to the fourth Wednesday of each month. Here is the schedule for 2008:

Unless otherwise arranged, all meetings are held at the Salt Lake County Government Center located at 2001 South State Street; however, room locations change from time to time.

| Date | Room |
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| May 28 th | S1002 |
| June 25 th | S3009 |
| July 23 rd | S1002 |
| August 27 th | S1002 |
| September 24 th | S1002 |
| October 22 nd | S3009 |
| November 26 th | S1002 |
| December 24 th | S1002 (we will change the date closer to December) |