

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

Date: Tuesday, October 23, 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)

Co-Chair Conducting Meeting: Geoffrey Ellis

PRATT Board Members in Attendance or Excused:

Juan Arce-Larreta

Matt Sibul

Milton Braselton, Excused

Lynne Olson

Robin Carbaugh

Kim Paulding

Julie Peck-Dabling, Excused

Helen Peters

Geoffrey Ellis

Suzanne Weaver

Karen Hale

Ken Jones

Rita Lund, Excused

MINUTES

1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements

Geoff welcomed all in attendance and asked individuals to each introduce themselves. Guests included Michael Florence from South Salt Lake; Lani Eggertsen-Goff from Parsons Brinkerhoff; Patricia Sanders from Brolly Arts; Sharon Briggs from UDOT; and, Lex Hemphill from Sugar House Park Authority.

PRATT:

Walt Gilmore from Salt Lake County, Project Manager

Søren Simonsen, PRATT Advisor

Steven Lester, PRATT Volunteer Coordinator

In her role as secretary, Helen made the following announcements:

PRATT is the recipient of the 2007 AIA Utah Chapter Distinguished Service Award that will be presented on November 9th at an AIA Awards dinner.

PRATT asked the Salt Lake County Council for a re-consideration of the ZAP Tier II Advisory Board recommendation of non-funding in the amount of \$10,000. The County Council voted to reverse the recommendation of the Tier II Advisory Board. PRATT will receive the \$10,000 if funds are available in the current ZAP funding cycle

2. Approval of Minutes

Board – Not Available until November for approval

3. Report from Project Manager – Walt Gilmore

Walt, in his role as Project Manager, reported out on the following:

Bridge at Parley's Crossing: COP Construction has completed the seeding. Additionally, they have placed erosion control blankets in locations to prevent further erosion. With the recent curb repair and use of sealant, it is anticipated that less erosion will occur. Walt hopes to close out the COP Construction contract shortly.

Signage in Parley's Historic Nature Park to Tanner Park: Consultants at H. W. Lochner suggested signage and provided a cost estimate. A motion was made by Robin Carbaugh and seconded by Kim Paulding to spend \$1,383.60 of the \$5,000 received from REI for the signage. The motion passed. Walt will work with Interstate Barricade to have the signage designed and installed.

Parley's Nature Park to Tanner Park: Walt indicated that the Co-op agreement is in place between H.W. Lochner, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City and UDOT. Walt anticipates an early notice to proceed on this project. There is design and environmental work to be completed and most likely the environmental work will be done in spring 2008. Lochner may wish to be on the December agenda to discuss their efforts with regard to the design and environmental work.

Sugar House Park: Walt indicated he had been working with Lex Hemphill, Chair of the Sugar House Park Authority Board, to work out details on the PRATT Trail portion through Sugar House Park. Currently, the environmental study has been completed by Stanley and has been approved and signed by the Federal Highway Administration.

At the present time, there is a need to re-work the irrigation along the fence line and replace any trees that are removed on a 1:2 ratio. A contractor will be selected by late fall to complete the work. Walt is in the process of working with the Salt Lake County Attorney's office and the Sugar House Park Authority on a Memorandum of Understanding for permission for the PRATT Trail to go through Sugar House Park.

1300 East to Hidden Hollow Nature Park: Stanley has been working with Jeff Woodbury to identify the property parcels [and accompanying descriptions] that will need to be purchased to accommodate the landing of The Draw at Sugar House. Jeff Woodbury is working currently with adjacent land owners on his future plans and that effort is impacting PRATT's schedule. At this

time, Walt indicated we are a few months behind in the execution of a contract and the exact design of The Draw at Sugar House.

Walt is anticipating meeting with Jack Hammond at Architectural Nexus this week to workout details. Jack has been putting Walt off until more details with Jeff Woodbury have been worked out.

Robin Carbaugh made a motion that was seconded by Lynne Olson to send a letter to Jeff Woodbury to discuss the need for resolution on The Draw at Sugar House so that the PRATT Trail can move forward. Robin asked that Jeff Woodbury be made aware of the urgency of this matter as funds from the Salt Lake County Open Space Fund were secured to purchase the property. The motion passed.

Søren also offered to set up a meeting in his role as a Salt Lake City Council member to get an update on the project. Søren will include Walt in any meeting that is scheduled.

Walt indicated that Salt Lake County is asking that Salt Lake City own the property that will be associated with The Draw at Sugar House. Walt will check with Rick Graham from Salt Lake City on the matter.

Roper Yard: Walt, Robin Carbaugh and Jim Webb, the Project Manager for the West Valley Light Rail, discussed the PRATT Trail alignment over Roper Yard. Basically, there are two options for the Trail at Roper Yard: Option [1] for the Trail to be a part of the UTA bridge that goes over, or flies over, Roper Yard. It should be noted that the Salt Lake County Council supports this option. Option [2] is to have the Trail on 2100 South. A Memorandum of Understanding is being drafted by UTA to be signed by Salt Lake County and UTA regarding the Trail alignment at Roper Yard. Mayor Corroon is submitting his comments to the Council on his preferred alignment; the Council will be taking a vote on the matter on November 6th. There will be a discussion in the work session of the Salt Lake County Council today at 1:00 p.m. for those interested in attending related to the Roper Yard crossing. Walt, Robin Carbaugh and Karen Hale will be attending on behalf of the PRATT.

4. Vice Chair Reports (3 minutes each)

- Robin Carbaugh - Vice-Chair for Westside Project Coordination
Robin indicated that there are three two areas of focus and one project on the Westside:
 1. Sugar House Spur
 2. South Salt Lake section
 3. Roper Yard

Report: Sugar House Spur

There has been a Sugar House Transit Alternatives Study that began in January 2007. The purpose of the analysis has been to evaluate transit alternatives for the area between 1700 South and I-80, and from TRAX to 1300 East. UTA has determined a trolley type service in the historic railroad corridor is the locally preferred transit alternative identified for further study. Lynne Olson has been representing PRATT on the Committee. At this time there are resolutions before Salt Lake City and South Salt Lake to accept the study so that the environmental assessments and preliminary engineering can begin. Funding for construction has not been identified.

Report: South Salt Lake section.

Michael Florence has been assigned to participate the PRATT Coalition from South Salt Lake. Robin will set up a meeting and update Michael on the project.

Report: Roper Yard

See Walt's report earlier in the Minutes.

- Geoff Ellis - Vice-Chair for Eastside Project Coordination
The areas of focus for the Eastside include: extension of the trail through Parley's Historic Nature Park to Tanner Park; trail through Sugar House Park; and, the Draw at Sugar House
- Karen Hale - Vice-Chair for Government Relations
Karen indicated that we need to start early with some legislative initiatives to fund trails through the Utah Trails and Pathways Program as well as for open space funding through the LeRay McAllister Fund. Karen will put together a plan and present it at the next PRATT meeting.
- Lynne Olson - Vice-Chair for Outreach & Public Relations
Lynne asked for direction on how to best approach outreach to various groups that are interested or might be interested in the PRATT Trail. After discussion, it was recommended that a letter enclosing our new brochure be sent out to as many contacts as possible at Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City and other cities as well as all the Chambers in Salt Lake County telling them about the status of our efforts related to design and construction.

Steve Lester offered to place brochures in bike shops and other locations that are appropriate such as REI and Salt Lake County as well as City libraries. As the Parley's Trail will be featured at the UDOT Engineer's Conference, we should have plenty of brochures there as well. Lynne will work with Matt Swapp from UDOT Local Governments on the UDOT Engineering Conference details.

- Kim Paulding - Vice-Chair for Fundraising

After discussion, it was determined that an annual appeal letter be drafted for review. The annual appeal letter should go out by December 1st so financial support can be received by the end of the year for tax purposes. The annual appeal will hopefully bring in money that is not restricted and can be used for operational needs such as mailings, etc.

- Helen M. Peters – Secretary
Helen presented several administrative matters to be handled:
 - Determination and notification of board members term expiration dates – Helen passed out a Board Roster with current contact information for each board member along with the year their board term will expire.
 - Proposal to hold Annual Meeting in February – There was a consensus that February would work as a good month to hold our Annual Meeting. Geoff Ellis will Chair the Nominating Committee.
 - Removal of Paul Abate and Drew Whitlock from the board. Helen made a motion to remove Paul Abate and Drew Whitlock from the board as they have never attended more than the initial meeting where they were placed on the board. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - Proposal to allow/not allow voting by phone, e-mail, proxy, etc. Helen will have more information on this issue for discussion at the November meeting.

- Suzanne Weaver – Treasurer
Suzanne reported that we have \$4,974.07 in checking and \$54,520 in savings, but most of that money in savings is restricted.

5. Other Business

Ken Jones asked what the status of the right of way issues between 1700 East and 2300 East. Walt indicated that he needs to set up a meeting with Karen Hale and Mayor Corroon. Additionally, a meeting needs to be set up with Mark, Randy, Carlos Braceras and John Njord.

Søren asked if everyone was aware that 1300 East has been turned over from UDOT to Salt Lake City. Walt indicated he will contact John Naser and talk about what this means for The Draw at Sugar House.

Søren is working with a state legislative member to see if Class C road funds can be used for pedestrian facilities in such areas as 1300 East and North Temple.

There was an announcement that candidate for Salt Lake City mayor, Ralph Becker will be holding a press conference on the PRATT Trail corridor at 1:45 p.m. today to discuss his support of the Sugar House Transit Alternatives Analysis and the PRATT Trail. Please attend if you can. Robin Carbaugh will be in attendance.

6. Next Meeting:

Date: Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: Salt Lake County Government Center located at 2001 South State Street,
Room S1002 (South Building, First Floor)

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2007

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: TBA

At the December 2007 meeting you will receive the dates for the 2008 PRATT
Board Meetings