

**PARLEY'S RAILS TRAILS AND TUNNELS COALITION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**MINUTES**

Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2007

Time: 11:30 – 12:45 p. m.

Place: Salt Lake County Complex, 2001 South State Street, Room S3009

Board Members Attending: Julie Peck-Dabling, Suzanne Weaver, Lynne Olson, Geoff Ellis, Rita Lund, Milton Braselton, Matt Dalton, Matt Sibul, Ken Jones, Karen Hale, and Juan C. Arce-Larreta (11).

Board Members Excused: Kim Paulding, Helen Peters

Salt Lake County: Walt Gilmore; Tham Soekotjo, Intern

UDOT: Mark Perry

Consultants: Brian Bonell, Laynee Jones from H. W. Lochner; Jim Deschenes from Baker Corporation

Others: Barry Nash, The Trust for Public Land, Utah State Office; Michael G. Kavanaugh

Excused: Rep. Roz McGee and Dawn Brockett

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chairs Juan Arce-Larreta and Rita Lund welcomed all in attendance.

2. Approval of July Minutes – Juan Arce-Larreta

Minutes Approved.

3. Report on Parley's Bridge Installation; Phase III and other Trail Updates – Walt Gilmore

Walt Gilmore reported that the new bridge over I-215 is finished. Asphalt paving is being poured on the Trail. There will be a section of concrete pavement between the bridge and the Trail that will be poured the first week of September. The early date for re-seeding is September 15<sup>th</sup>, but Walt has asked the contractor to delay until October.

Matt asked about the graffiti on the west side and on the wall, and was told it will be cleaned-off before the ribbon cutting. Juan asked Walt to schedule a field trip with COP Construction after the concrete is poured.

The Trail will be tied into the old Lincoln Highway temporarily, until the next trail segment is constructed. Walt will install signage to explain why the asphalt trail ends at the switchback and dirt path. The signs will explain the phasing and schedule, and warn road bikers that the whole trail is not paved. The trail is just dirt now, but Walt said

they could put crusher fines on it to improve it. There is a possibility that the Lincoln Highway switchback could become the permanent trail alignment.

Ken will send a message to the local bicycle groups and organizations to alert them to the trail conditions. Laynee Jones from H. W. Lochner will write the message and make the signs using the PRATT logo. She will make it a .pdf file for E-mail circulation, and Lynne will post it on the PRATT website.

Other signage could include a historic sign about the Lincoln Highway. Lynne will help Laynee to contact Craig Fuller from the State Historical Society. Also, there should be some warning of potential dog/bike interaction.

Update on Phase 3:

Brian Bonell and Laynee Jones from H. W. Lochner presented maps that illustrate two possible alignments for the next Trail section. Both go to Tanner Park parking lot and then put people onto Heritage Way. Walt said the planners are proceeding cautiously to select a route that conforms to AASHTO standards and not overly expensive. He said the County prefers Alternative B.

Laynee indicated that a historical survey needs to be completed shortly to include a survey of wetlands, historical structures and landscapes, mapping of the springs. Rita was asked to identify the tar pits in the Parley's Nature Park. All in attendance reviewed the maps and discussed the grades (6% to 11%) of the landscape as it relates to AASHTO standards and UDOT requirements, natural features and other landscape considerations and other that would impact the trail alignment and usage. There was a discussion about bridging over areas that are too steep to meet AASHTO and UDOT standards.

Walt will meet with Rick Graham to discuss the Parley's Nature Park Management Plan and how the Parley's Trail is an important stakeholder in the preparation of the document. The interface between trail users, naturalists, off-leash dogs and their owners as well as others needs to be thought through carefully.

Brian provided a map of the alignment from Tanner Park to Sugar House for discussion. There was a discussion about a possible bike lane on Stratford Avenue; the Lochner Team will work with Dan Bergenthal, a Salt Lake City Traffic Engineer on this option. A number of options were discussed about the possible alignment. The H. W. Lochner Team will explore possibilities based upon the input from the PRATT Board and other interested parties. There is a preference not to have the Trail be on the Salt Lake County Club property. Milton indicated that most people who visited the PRATT booth at the Sugar House Arts Festival on July 4<sup>th</sup> indicated they want the trail on the north side of I-80.

Update on Phase 4; 1700 to Hidden Hollow:

The environmental study is nearing completion. A number of different stakeholder groups such as the Sugar House Park Authority have been valuable in the

identification of a preferred alignment. Walt indicated that there had been a land trade between the State of Utah and Salt Lake County that has been beneficial for both parties. The design of the trail is in process and construction documents are starting to be prepared.

Update on Phase 5; Roper Yard Crossing/UTA Corridor:

A NEPA Categorical Exclusion from the Granite Furniture property to the Provo/Jordan River Parkway including the Roper Yard Crossing is being completed. UTA is working with Walt. At this time the consultant contact is being prepared.

Lynne Olson indicated that Red Mountain Retail Group out of Santa Ana, California has purchased the Granite Furniture property. Eric Nelson, Director of Entitlements for Red Mountain, indicated that they will complete an adaptive re-use of the Granite Furniture property. Lynne indicated that she had recently attended a special meeting organized by Salt Lake City Planning Division where she reviewed the proposed new development. Richardson Design Partnership is the group that PRATT will need to meet with to discuss the Trail and make sure that Red Mountain's design does not impede the interaction between their buildings and the Trail. Lynne will make sure Walt and Red Mountain Retail Group as well as others meet to discuss possibilities including having the Trail continue to Highland Drive.

#### 4. Discussion of Parley's Bridge Ribbon Cutting Event

Karen Hale, Lynne Olson and Robin Carbaugh have been working on an event that celebrates the installation of the Parley's Bridge. Karen has contacted Rep. Matheson's, Sen. Bennett's and Governor's Office as well as Salt Lake County Council, Salt Lake County Mayor's Office as well as others to check availability. The Ribbon Cutting is set for Friday, September 21, 2007.

Karen suggested we need to complete a clean up of the area prior to the Ribbon Cutting.

Where do we want to stage the event; Grandeur Peak or at the bridge? Input welcome. Contact Karen Hale, Lynne Olson or Robin Carbaugh.

#### 5. Fundraising Report

Kim Paulding is excused. Juan Arce-Larreta indicated that Kim will submit an application to the Utah Arts Council for the Draw at Sugar House.

Annual Fundraising Appeal – The Fundraising Committee will report on their efforts at the next meeting.

## Financial Report – Suzanne Weaver

### Fund Balances

\$1,058.82 in Checking

\$9,479.50 in Savings. Note: Most money is earmarked for projects

Lynne Olson received a call from Bruce Olson at Ray, Quinney & Nebeker who reminded PRATT to file IRS Form 990 and complete an annual financial report.

Upcoming expenses: Printing of updated brochure and audit services.

Suzanne reminded all PRATT Board members and Trustees that we need to be constantly fundraising and making donations on a regular basis.

## 6. Outreach and PR Report

Lynne Olson indicated that there are a number of events that individuals might find of interest:

September 21, 2007 – Ribbon Cutting

September 22, 2007 – Legend of Hidden Hollow; music, dance, visual art, and poetry outdoors; admission is free; continuous programming 3-5 p.m. Performance at Hidden Hollow Natural Area located between 2100 South and Wilmington Avenue, Highland Drive and 1300 East, Entrance north of PETCO in Sugar House Commons). For more information contact Amy McDonald Sanyer at 801-673-2974 or [brollyarts.org](http://brollyarts.org)

Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts & Parks is hosting a public relations workshop for all ZAP fund recipients on Wednesday, September 29, 2007 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. at the Salt Lake County Complex. They will also be hosting workshops on the proper use of the ZAP Logo as well as distribute a Style Guide. Lynne will attend the workshops on behalf of PRATT. If you are interested in attending with Lynne, please contact her.

Construction Kick-Off Open House for 1-80, State Street to 1300 East – Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the South Salt Lake Columbus Center located at 2531 South 500 East

Westminster College Volunteer Coordination Center Open House is set for Thursday, September 13, 2007 from 11:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Shaw Student Center, Tanner Plaza. Westminster College is an important partner for PRATT.

## 7. Other Business

Juan Arce-Larreta indicated that PRATT needs a Special Events Coordinator

Juan also mentioned that reducing the size of the board might be necessary so that we have sufficient attendance to conduct business.

Lynne Olson thanked Jim for the pictures of the Parley's Bridge

8. Review Actions Items and Adjourn

Juan adjourned the meeting with no review of action items.

The next PRATT Board meeting will be on September 25, 2007 at 11:30 – 1:00 at the Salt Lake County Complex South Building Room S1002.