

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

### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Members Attending: Ken Jones, George Ramjoué, Rick Johnston, Milton Braselton, Juan Arce Larreta, Robin Carbaugh, Suzanne Weaver, Steve Lester, and Lynne Olson.

Others Attending: Scott Kisling, Michael Florence, Perrin Love, Steven Gilbert, Hugh Boyle, Lex Hemphill, Sharon Briggs, and Dan Bergenthal.

Juan Arce-Larreta conducted the meeting.

#### Approval of minutes:

Steve Lester moved and Robin Carbaugh seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the PRATT Board's Nov. 2008 and January 2009 meetings.

#### Annual Meeting:

Board Elections: Officers and Board members:

Board members re-elected Juan Arce Larreta, Ken Jones, and Suzanne Weaver to continue on the Board. Michael Florence, Perrin Love, and Scott Kisling were elected as new members to the Board. All will serve two-year terms. There are now 12 members on the Board of Directors.

Chair-person Juan Arce Larreta thanked Rita Lund for her service as Co-chair for the past two years. Rita has resigned from that position but will continue to serve on the Board. Helen Peters resigned last June from her position as Secretary. Lynne Olson has resigned as Vice-chair for Outreach but will continue on the Board. Members were asked to volunteer to fill vacant positions on the Executive Committee as Vice-chair for Fundraising, Vice-chair for Public Relations & Outreach, and Secretary.

Juan thanked retiring Board members Milton Braselton, Robin Carbaugh, Kim Paulding, Helen Peters, Karen Hale, and Julie Peck Dabling for their service.

#### Project Updates:

Consultants hope to have the bid documents out by the end of March. Groundbreaking may take place as soon as April or May. The final plan must be finished before the project can be presented to the SLC Development Review Team. The partners will execute an Interlocal Agreement for access and maintenance easements.

The Sugar House Park section is ready to bid, but lacks enough funding to proceed. Savings due to reduced construction costs or savings on other phases may make up for that shortage.

The primary impediment to progress on The Draw at Sugar House is the completion of the contracts for acquisition and easements for construction. Any more delays may cause us to lose the opportunity to

benefit from this period of reduced costs for engineering and construction. The project may have to move forward with a modified design that avoids the necessity of dealing with the owners of the Parkview II property.

There is funding to complete the environmental study for Phase V, Fairmont to the Jordan River. However, we do not have funding for construction. PRATT will meet with Public Utilities to discuss collaborating with them as they construct a new water line in the UTA right-of-way. South Salt Lake, SLC and UTA are about to begin a study of transit in the corridor. Michael Florence said the South Salt Lake City Council passed a resolution last month in support of the effort.

In February, PRATT met with a Salt Lake County Council subcommittee and with the South Salt Lake Planning Commission. Michael said the trail is in their general plan, to be adopted in April. There will be some coordination needed to ensure that the transit service is on a single track, and how the rail/trail project will cross 7<sup>th</sup> East and State Street.

Volunteer Activities: On Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, PRATT had a table at the national day of service event. PRATT will participate in the Fairmont Fest, National Trails Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Arts Festival, and Venture Outdoors.

Brandon Dalton will help with updating our website. PRATT will explore possibilities of contracting with an intern to help with Board organization duties.

PRATT's membership with UNA is up for renewal. Ken Jones moved, Steve seconded a motion to renew our membership, which was approved. Steve will check out IRS status. PRATT has filed a 990 form with the IRS. The insurance needs to be renewed.

Juan reported on bills before the Legislature this session that may affect PRATT. PRATT will submit requests for funding through the federal Reauthorization Bill and from State Trails and Pathways. We will seek private funding to cover this year's organizational expenses. PRATT applied for Stimulus Package funding through several sources, and has learned that the County has received funding for the PRATT Trail. SLC has CIP funding for use to design the Rail/trail segment of Parley's Trail.

George expanded on the steps to preparing a Parley's Trail Improvement Program. He said we may need to hire a consultant to bring order to plans for the remainder of the trail. They will discuss project segments and termini, mapping, financial plans, and other details of updating the Master Plan.

George also proposed organizing an association of trail organizations, to get representatives together to discuss problems and challenges, with the objective of meeting with the Governor to give a report that reflects the interests and activities of all trail organizations that are working in the state. Robin suggested an annual meeting with the Governor to give him a progress report.

The meeting adjourned at 1:26. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM in Room S1002.

Task List:

Walt and Juan will follow up with Emy Storheim and Dan Bergenthal on Interlocal agreements and DRT schedule, for both the Parleys Park trail segment and the Draw. There may be some agreement with UDOT of the access is via the freeway right-of-way.

Walt, Ken, Juan and Steve will meet with Craig again and try to persuade him that it is in his best interest to cooperate with the partners for building the trail.

Rick, George and Juan will contact Public Utilities and set up a meeting to discuss trail building along the waterline in the UTA corridor. Learn how imminent their plans are.

Dan, Michael Florence and Walt will contact Marie Vyas, of Fehr and Peers, to meet and discuss PRATT's role in the three-way transit study.

Steve will prepare a PowerPoint presentation for outreach to community councils.

Steve is working on a database of volunteers for PRATT's activities.

Scott will provide information about contact KCPW to get our message out. Robin can help with that. Lynne can provide some outreach resource information.

Lynne will check out the availability of interns, and poll the Board about authorizing a monthly stipend.

Lynne will renew our UNA membership.

Steve will check out the 501c3 situation before June.

Suzanne has charge of the IRS 990 report.

Suzanne will pay the fee to renew our insurance.

Lynne will send out a task list after each Board meeting.

Lynne will check on the deadline for State Trails and Pathways funding. *Applications are due (or postmarked) by May 1st of each year.*

... Check the UDOT list for Enhancement funding awards.

Rick and Walt will follow up with Dan about using the City's CIP funding for design of the SH Spur corridor.