

**Parley's Rails, Trails, and Tunnels (PRATT) Coalition
Board of Directors Meeting**

Minutes (draft)

November 26, 2008 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Salt Lake County Govt. Center, 2001 South State St., Rm S1002

Board Members Attending:

Ken Jones, Helen Peters, Milton Braselton, Rita Lund, Suzanne Weaver, Rick Johnston, George Ramjoué, Lynne Olson, Matt Sibul, Juan Arce Larreta (10).

Excused: Robin Carbaugh, Steve Lester.

Others Attending: Steve Gilbert, Hugh Boyle, Dell R. Cook, Dan Bergenthal, Sharen Hauri, Rick Graham, Brian Bonell, Mike Florence, Kyle Hastings, Brandon Dalton, Pat Sanders, Mary Hastings.

Project Updates:

Walt reported on progress with Phases V, IV, and III.

Phase V: Highland Drive to the Jordan River Parkway. Work has begun on the UTA TRAX bridge over Roper Yard, including that portion of Parley's Trail.

Phase IV-B: Walt said the City Council has approved the interlocal agreement between the City and County for funding for land acquisition/easements. Final design work is nearly complete.

Phase IV-A: The segment going past Sugar House Park is still on hold.

Phase III: Parley's to Tanner Park. As owner of the Parley's Historic Nature Park, Salt Lake City has made the determination that alternative D, with some important enhancements, is their preferred alignment for Parley's Trail. They will allow Mary's Spring to migrate under the Trail to enhance the size and quality of the wetlands under it. Another concession is that up above it is twelve feet wide, and it will narrow down to ten feet to make it a smaller footprint trail. The Trail avoids the cellar and the aqueduct and the spring. There will be some crossings on the trail and some signage that will require bicycles to yield to pedestrians and other park users. There will not initially be a fence between the pedestrians and bicycles. As people get used to the situation, it is hoped that they will use caution and adapt. The partners will still need to put together agreements and easements for the Parley's Park section. There may be some savings on the overall cost due to elimination of separating walls.

Board Business:

Juan thanked Kyle Hastings and Brandon Dalton for their work to produce the annual appeal letter and first issue of the PRATT newsletter. Ken Jones volunteered his firm to print and prepare the materials for mailing.

Strategic Plan for Parley's Trail:

George Ramjoué led a discussion about creating work plan for the rest of the trail. He advised analyzing each segment of the trail, identify who is needed, what it will take in terms of local participation, federal, state, and local funding; identify what we want to fund, and what it will cost. He proposed forming a team to design and prepare a systematic approach for setting priorities.

Board members favored creation of a data base that will help new Board members get up to speed, and will be available when the time is right to restart on a section that has been put on hold. This will also aid in fundraising, because we will be able to tell potential funders about the unique needs of each segment of trail, project by project. Some of the information is already available, but may need to be updated. This will also give us an opportunity to go in to our municipal partners with new information to orient them to the status of the trail project. George will give the Board an update each month.

The Board discussed procedural matters regarding the election of new Board members.

PRATT's status with the IRS: PRATT's pre-exemption phase is up in June 2009.

The Board appointed a nominating committee for the Board elections at the annual meeting next February.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.