

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

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Juan Arce-Larreta conducted the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions

PRATT Board Members Attending: Rita Lund, Ken Jones, George Ramjoué, Juan Arce-Larreta, Robin Carbaugh, Suzanne Weaver, Lynne Olson, Rick Johnston, Steve Lester, and Matt Sibul.

Excused: Milton Braselton and Helen Peters.

Others in attendance: Laynee Jones_HW Lochner; Lex Hemphill_Sugar House Park Authority; Walt Gilmore_Salt Lake County Parks Project Manager; Michael G. Kavanagh_SHCC; Anna Grace Bellis Sperry_SHCC; Dell R. Cook_SLC Engineering; Rick Graham, SLC Public Services; Dan Bergenthal_SLC Transportation Division; Steve Gilbert_ArcSitio; Mark Parry_UDOT Project Mgr; Kyle Hastings_U of U MBA Fellow; Carol Potter_Mountain Trails; Helene Lieberman_Weber Pathways; Brandon Dalton_University of Utah; and Mike Florence_South Salt Lake.

Minutes of the August and September Board meetings were approved.

Project Reports:

Ph3, Parley's to Tanner: Laynee Jones of HW Lochner said that they were refining the design for sections where the alignment is certain. They have been able to reduce some of the walls. They are still working on the Questar issue where there are high-pressure gas lines, and may need to revise the design to avoid excavating over those gas lines. She said they have an erosion control plan to mitigate the disturbance that occurred during the geo-tech investigation. On Nov. 24 they hope to have their first set of Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E). On Dec. 8, they will have a meeting to review those with UDOT and the County. That will put the partners on schedule to advertise in January, and start construction next season. **Update: Due to the uncertainty in alignment, the new date for plan submittal is Dec 24th and the new PS&E review meeting date is Jan12.**

Ph4a, Sugar House Trail segment: Walt said the final design is complete on the trail from 17th to 13th. The bid documents will be finalized by January, 2009 to coincide with the 13th East Crossing package. They are going to combine the projects; Ph4a will be bid as a bid alternate to Ph4b, the 1300 East crossing, in an effort to get the best price to fit within the budget. Contract documents for the land trade are in the County Attorney's office. Walt said we are \$500,000 short of the amount required for sending Ph 4a out to bid.

Phase 4b, The 13th East Crossing: Walt said the City and County are working on descriptions and agreements for the acquisition of the property for the Draw at Sugar House. Walt hopes to have a closing date for the purchase by the next PRATT Board meeting. The consultants for PH4b, Baker Engineering and ArcSitio, are preparing the final PSE plans. Steve Gilbert of ArcSitio described changes to the design for the bulb feature in Sugar House Park. Juan asked about the effect of skateboarding on the structures. Steve said that neither skateboards nor graffiti wouldn't hurt the Segó lily plaza because of the materials and techniques they will use. All the irrigation documents and plans for the crossing will be completed on Nov 21st, and the PS&E meeting is scheduled for Dec. 10. The project will be advertised Jan. 9th or 10th and awarded in mid-February. Construction should begin in March, with a completion date around November.

Phase V, UTA Corridor and Roper Rail Yard Crossing:

Walt has decided against issuing a stop work order on Trail planning because the financial feasibility study for Transit use is out for bid, and a consultant should be selected soon. Todd Perkins, the Trail consultant for Phase V, will coordinate with the consultant for the feasibility study, so this is a good reason to move forward. Todd and Mark Parry of UDOT met with UTA to discuss a design for the trail from 3rd W to 5th-6th West, and for the trail section from the bridge to 900 West. Construction of this trail segment is not funded. Old rails and ties are being

removed for salvage in the SH UTA corridor. Walt said UTA is building track already in WVC. Juan asked if UTA could budget to control goatheads in that corridor.

Discussion regarding meeting with Mayors Corroon and Becker and Governor Huntsman:

George Ramjoué referred to the September meeting at which the Board talked about asking for a meeting with the Governor to discuss general issues regarding trails, regionally or even statewide. The discussion would involve Mayors Becker and Corroon and representatives from PRATT. Rita Lund said Mayor Corroon is going to host the next meeting with the Governor, and the topic will be environmental issues including alternative transportation and trails. Carol Potter with Mountain Trails in Park City and Helene Leiberman, from Weber Pathways in Ogden came to offer their support for this idea to get trails organizations together to discuss and relay ideas to the Governor. Carol presented information about Wasatch Loop. Mountainlands Association of Government produced a map of the 130-miles trail system. Carol described it as a huge economic development idea, calling it the "Credit Card trail". Carol and Helene will help identify other advocates to include in a statewide trails coalition. George will keep circulating information about this.

Board Business: The Board approved a motion to excuse Kim Paulding and Karen Hale from the Board. Juan encouraged those in attendance to recruit new Board and Advisory Board members.

Motion and discussion regarding alignment through Parley's Park:

Ken Jones presented a motion that PRATT will support the alignment at the location of C2 as presented at last meeting, an alignment south of the design that was initially prepared and north of the existing roadway at that location, and encourage SLC and County to reach consensus on that alignment, perhaps with minor modifications. Steve Lester seconded the motion.

Discussion: Ken said that since the PRATT meeting in September, concerns had arisen over the trail alignment close to the Interstate. He said he now thinks that Alternative alignments B2 or C2 would provide a better trail experience, and are more likely to be used by a greater number of people.

Board members compared the various alternatives, considering health impacts, costs, impacts on historic sites and vegetation, and conflicts with other park users. There was discussion of the merits of choosing a particular alignment, since the City is engaging in master planning process, and the City's consultants will consider the Trail alignment as a component of the city's overall plan for the park. The Board considered its position as an advocate for the trail, and their discussion as part of the public input process. Rick Graham, Director of SLC Public Services, said the City is comfortable with the trail project moving forward prior to completion of the City's Management Plan because there has already been a lot of public input. The City values that property, and intends to maintain the natural landscape and protect the cultural, historical and environmental character of the park. The Board approved the motion to support the C2 alignment and convey our reasons to the City and County.

Board Business, continued:

The Board approved a motion to bring Kyle Hastings, a Board Fellow, onto the PRATT board as an ad hoc member.

Robin Carbaugh presented and the Board approved the motion that, for the purposes of fulfilling the mission of the PRATT organization, the Board, from time to time, may permit the extension and continuation of service of sitting Board members to serve beyond their time limit. "for the purposes of fulfilling the mission of the PRATT organization, the Board, from time to time, may permit the extension and continuation of service of sitting Board members to serve beyond their time limit.

The Board approved a motion to set as our fundraising priority a goal to raise enough money to cover the shortfall for the Sugar House Park section, Phase 4a, between 1700 East and 1300 East. Juan asked George if he would postpone the discussion on goals for various phases of the project. This item will appear on the November agenda.

The Board approved a motion to donate up to \$1000 to buy seed for the re-vegetation area in PHNP.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.