

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

Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2008

Time: 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Salt Lake County Government Center located at 2001 South State Street, Room S 1002; This room is in the South Building on the first floor on the west side of the building

Co-Chair Conducting Meeting: Co-Chair Juan Arce-Larreta

PRATT Board Members

Juan Arce-Larreta

Milton Braselton

Robin Carbaugh

Matt Dalton, Not in Attendance

Geoffrey Ellis

Josh Ewing, Not in Attendance

Karen Hale, Not in Attendance

Ken Jones

Rita Lund

Matt Sibul

Lynne Olson

Julie Peck-Dabling

Kim Paulding

Helen Peters

Suzanne Weaver

A G E N D A

1. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements and Recording of Volunteer Hours

Attendees:

Salt Lake County: Walt Gilmore

Salt Lake City: Hank Welch, Emy Storheim, Dan Bergenthal, Dell Cook

Sugarhouse Park Authority: Lex Hemphill

South Salt Lake: Michael Florence

UDOT: Catherine Higgins

Great Salt Lake RC&D: Jeff Williams

Sugar House Community Council: Rawlins Young and Emil Kmet

UTA: Jim Webb

Prospective PRATT Board Members: George Ramjoue, Rick Johnston and Steve Lester and Steve Aste

Trust for Public Lands: Barry Nash and Dale Snyder

Consultants: Todd Perkins, Perkins Engineering; Hugh Boyle, Tamara Keith and Jim Deschenes from Baker Engineering; Mardi Pearson, Fehr & Peers; ArtSitio, Steven Gilbert; and, Patricia Johanson

Lincoln Highway Association: Jerry Dunton

Others: Lani Eggertsen-Goff, PB Americas; Brett Besser

There were no announcements.

2. Approval of January and December Minutes

Helen presented the December 2007 and January 2008 Minutes for approval. After a motion and vote, the minutes for December 2007 and January 2008 were approved as written.

3. Report from Project Manager – Walt Gilmore

The report included:

Walt announced that we have contracts in place for all phases of the work that we are currently going to be funding for construction that will be completed by the end of 2009.

Phase 3: Parley's Nature Preserve to Tanner Park

Representatives from Lochner were not present. Walt indicated that even before we had a contract with Lochner, they had been working on several projects. Projects that have been completed include a ground survey, cultural survey, natural resources survey (completed by SWCA and reported out to PRATT in January 2008), wildlife survey, and the finalized plan for the conceptual alignment through Parley's Nature Park. The conceptual alignment has been presented to the Salt Lake City Mayor's Bicycle Advisory Committee, Sugar House Community Council and to Rick Graham from Salt Lake City Public Services. Lochner is in the process of completing the Categorical Exclusion for this segment of the PRATT Trail.

The contract with Lochner is now in place. Before the next PRATT Board meeting, Lochner will be working on the completion of the following activities: right of way report, begin planning of the public involvement meetings, coordinating with FHWA on the Categorical Exclusion (70% completed) coordinate utilities with PacifiCorp; and, complete the hydrology field review and existing conditions report.

Kim asked about outreach to the residents in the community surrounding the Parley's Historic Nature Park. Lynne indicated that that Lochner had proposed a public meeting with all Canyon Rim citizens that will be held shortly.

Phase 4b: Sugar House Park Segment

Vance Hanson with Stanley was not present. All the plans are completed. The Plans, Specifications and Engineering review with UDOT was completed last month. This contract is ready to go out to bid. The only project to be completed is a property exchange between Salt Lake City and Salt Lake County with UDOT. It is a square foot for square foot exchange so that the Trail can be accommodated near the maintenance sheds. It will be presented

to the Transportation Commission in March along with Salt Lake City Council and Salt Lake County Council for approval.

Phase 4a: The Draw at Sugar House

Walt introduced Hugh Boyle from Baker to make the presentation on this segment of the Trail. The Draw kick-off was on March 26th. Stanley has completed the environmental document for the Sugarhouse Park portion and so Baker can proceed with the final design. Patricia Johanson and Steve Gilbert from ArtSitio are working with all the local stakeholders on The Draw at Sugar House; Baker is in a support role to make sure the street and the utilities interface seamlessly with The Draw at Sugar House.

The schedule for the next month is to move the design from concept to final design with ArcSitio; Terracon Corporation will have completed the geotechnical report and started final design for the 13th East roadway and bridge structure. The primary challenges are working with the property owners to the north and south of the Trail to make sure that the Trail integrates well with surrounding developments. Specifically, Parkview Plaza II building needs to maintain access to their disposal bins. Efforts are being made to work with Woodbury Corporation on their development on the north side of The Draw at Sugar House. The schedule will be 60% complete in June with the Plans Specification and Engineering submittal in August and advertised in October to meet Federal funding requirements.

Hugh reported on the dam issue. Salt Lake City operates the pond in Sugarhouse Park as a detention pond and the State of Utah considers 13th East a high hazard dam for the pond. There are problems with the dam that we will need to address as a part of this project. There is no overflow outlet function; we will be designing the overflow outlet function this as part of this project. The water will be taken underneath the Trail to the Parley's Creek.

When the transfer of the roadway from UDOT to Salt Lake City, it allowed for the opportunity to open up the roadway on 13th East to provide natural daylight into the pathway under the bridges. The preliminary concept has been presented to and approved by Salt Lake City. Salt Lake City has requested that more detail be submitted. Prior to the transfer of the roadway to Salt Lake City, UDOT completed a speed study and the speed will be changed from 45 mph to 35 mph.

Patricia Johanson made a presentation on her efforts to work with local stakeholders to make The Draw at Sugar House an environmental educational effort as well as a public work that functions as a piece of environmental art.

Rawlins Young from the Sugar House Community Council asked if transit users could access The Draw at Sugar House from bus stops by the Redman building and from 14th East. Rawlins indicated that the Sugar House Master

Plan provides for bicycle trails on both sides of 13th East, which should connect with the PRATT Trail. Currently, there is no sidewalk on 13th East in Sugar House Park.

Phase 5: Fairmont Park to the Jordan River Parkway (includes the crossing at Roper Yard)

Todd Perkins indicated that there was a kick-off meeting at UDOT on February 26th for this segment of the Trail. This segment is the area between 1100 East and the Jordan River Parkway, which has been divided into two areas: 300 West to 1100 East; and two alternatives for the segment between Workman Park at the Jordan River and 300 West. One of the alternative alignments will cross over the Roper Yard on the UTA westbound Light rail TRAX bridge structure. One alignment to be studied will cross over Roper Yard on a pedestrian structure near 2100 South.

Perkins is doing preliminary engineering (30% set of plans), public involvement and the Categorical Exclusion that is required by Federal funding. The UTA property is a 66-foot wide corridor and in some areas narrows to 50 feet and runs east/west at approximately 2200 South. UTA has expressed a need for 35 feet for future rail use and the Trail would have to be accommodated in the remaining width along with power poles.

UDOT indicated they wanted pedestrian bridge structures at 700 East and State Street; Baker will be working on the pedestrian bridge design. Perkins will be mapping the UTA right of way, establishing the survey for design purposes as well as identify the utilities, including power poles, which represent a conflict with the Trail. All this activity will result in cost estimates for future phasing of this particular segment.

Robin indicated that the Salt Lake City Mayor's Office has prepared a federal appropriation application for preliminary engineering for the Sugar House spur. Robin said PRATT should provide a letter of support for the application. Robin will work with Salt Lake City's Redevelopment Agency Director, D J Baxter, to learn how best to communicate with the Congressional delegation to support Salt Lake City's application for an earmark. A motion was made and it was approved to give Robin discretion on how to proceed as needed to support Salt Lake City's application.

4. UTA Presentation – Jim Webb, UTA Project Manager for the West Valley City Light Rail line

Jim reported out on the Roper Yard Parley's Trail status. The schedule is as follows:

Expected Network Time Program (NTP)1 for Construction Manager/General Contractor (Contractor – TBD) – Preconstruction 3/17
90% review submittal (Specs/plans except Roper/600 West – 4/10
90% submittal (Roper Yard/600 West – 5/6
Expected NTP2 Early Construction Package Start 5/31
100% submittal (specs/plans except Roper Yard/600 West – 6/19
100% submittal (Roper Yard/600 West) – 7/9

Jim provided West Valley Light Rail Transit Project overall map and engineering drawings that were prepared for UTA that show detail on Trail crossing the Union Pacific Railroad Roper Yard as of February 26, 2008. The engineering drawings showed the latest plans, typical sections and provided renderings of the Trail crossing Roper Yard. The deck material has been revised from a Fiber Reinforced Polymer cantilever to widened concrete deck over the Roper Yard Bridge due to constructability and cost effectiveness reasons.

At 900 West UDOT recently expressed interest in UTA investigating an option that involves a grade-separated crossing at 900 West adjacent to SR-201. Jim reported that UTA is currently evaluating options on this issue and will propose a resolution soon.

Union Pacific Rail Road representatives will need to approve plans. At this time 60% plans have been submitted for review and UTA has received some comments back. 90% of the plans will be submitted around May 6, 2008 to Union Pacific, which will be basically at 100% submittal without comments.

The Interlocal Agreement that was signed in November 2007 will guide the parties (Salt Lake County, UDOT and UTA) on the planning for the Trail in this segment.

Approval of design exceptions must be approved by the Configuration Change Control Committee (CCC) of UTA. The UTA/County/Phase V Environmental Assessment Team will approach CCC in March/April meetings for Rail Trail horizontal clearance for the Trail to the light rail TRAX line over and adjacent to Roper Yard.

It should be noted that Existing funding will cover the environmental work, but not design and construction of Phase V. Fehr & Peers will be working on the public involvement portion of this segment of the Trail and they have set up a project website at <http://parleystrailphasev.webexone.com>.

Board member Matt Sibul asked about the UDOT requirement that the Trail be grade-separated crossing at 700 East and State Street, and asked if the rail line might also be elevated at those locations. Jim indicated that UDOT may require that both the Trail and the rail be elevated. Helen Peters asked for

public art be considered at the 700 East and State Street crossings. Additionally, she mentioned the work completed on the 700 East and Trail interface by Sharen Hauri's (from MBG&A The Grassli Group) urban design class at the U's College of Architecture + Planning that should be considered.

Helen asked about the 9' chain link fence alongside the trail and felt that it did not reflect the aesthetic values of PRATT. Jim Deschenes of Baker said Union Pacific would accept something more ornamental if that was our desire. Board member Milton Braselton said straightening the access road for railroad employees was a welcome improvement.

Robin thanked Jim for his work with PRATT on this phase of the project. Robin reported that the 700 East and State Street crossings are a challenge for the Trail as well as for UTA and UDOT. We need to explore these crossings with Mark Parry at UDOT and continue to think creatively.

5. Presentation by Baker on The Draw at Sugar House

This presentation was made as part of Walt Gilmore's report. See above.

6. Election of New Board Members

Geoff Ellis reported out in his role as the individual in charge of the 2008 PRATT Board Leadership Selection process. Geoff announced his new job obligations are forcing him to resign from the PRATT Board. Additionally, he indicated that Matt Dalton and Josh Ewing have conflicts that prohibit them from attending Board meetings, and they also need to resign. All three said they wished to continue to support the Trail, and will stay in touch. The Board expressed gratitude to the three non-renewing members for their service to PRATT over the years.

Over the past month, Geoff contacted all the Board members who had completed their Board terms: Rita Lund, Karen Hale and Lynne Olson. Each expressed a willingness to serve for a second term. He introduced three new candidates for Board positions: Rick Johnston, Steve Lester, and George Ramjoue, who were all elected to the Board by those Board members present.

7. Election of Executive Committee Officers

Rita Lund and Juan Arce-Larreta will continue as Co-chairs for one more year, as will Lynne as Vice Chair for Outreach; Robin Carbaugh as Vice Chair for Westside Project Coordination; Helen Peters as Secretary; and Suzanne Weaver as Treasurer. Geoff indicated that several Executive Committee positions were now vacant. Kim Paulding is stepping down as Vice Chair for Fundraising, and there was no candidate wishing to finish out her term. Karen Hale resigned as Vice Chair of Government Relations and Ken Jones was elected as the new Vice

Chair for Government Relations. Rick Johnston was elected as Vice Chair for Eastside Project Coordination; and, Steve Lester was elected as Vice Chair for Volunteer Coordination. George Ramjouw agreed to work with Robin and Rick on trail development issues as Co-Vice Chair for Project Coordination.

8. Legislative Report

Julie Peck Dabling reported that HB 104 (Sponsor: K. Holdaway) and Senate Bill 03 (Sponsor: M. Waddoups) entitled Urban Trails Appropriation passed on March 4, 2008 and it appropriates \$500,000 one time monies from the General Fund to the Department of Natural Resources for the Utah Trails and Pathways Fund. As for the LeRay McCallister Critical Land Conservation Fund, it was funded with some one-time money as well as an ongoing appropriation totaling just under \$2.5M.

9. Vice Chair Reports (3 minutes each)

- Robin Carbaugh - Vice-Chair for Westside Project Coordination
Robin asked about applying for a trade mark for the PRATT logo. Her idea was that to make sure any messaging about the Trail is consistent with our mission and message. Robin made a motion to explore the action and it was passed with a second. Lynne will send artwork to Ken that he will need to consider for the trade mark.
- _____ - Vice-Chair for Eastside Project Coordination
Geoff is resigning due to employment obligations. He indicated that Walt's report covered any report he was planning on making about the Eastside portion of the Trail.
- _____ - Vice-Chair for Government Relations
Karen Hale has resigned in her role as Vice-Chair for Government Relations because of her new appointment in the Becker Administration. However, Karen wishes to remain a member of the Board.

Lynne Olson reminded the Board to continue to maintain strong relationships with Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, and State decision makers. Walt reported that he has set a March 6th meeting with Carlos Barceras, UDOT Deputy Director, in order to report on Trail progress.

Mayor Becker has appointed Hank Welch is our new liaison with Mayor Becker's office in Salt Lake City. At a recent meeting with him, Karen Hale had suggested that PRATT ask to meet with Transportation Commission member Meg Holbrook. Also, there was a suggestion that the Mayor's problem-solving initiative, SLC Solutions, might be a forum for resolving issues with the Trail connection between 2700 East and 1700 East.

- Lynne Olson - Vice-Chair for Outreach & Public Relations
Lynne reported that an article about progress on the Trail had appeared in the Salt Lake City District Seven newsletter from Councilmember Søren Simonson, which was distributed in utility bills in February. Lynne reminded us that it is time to begin to plan for the year's volunteer projects along the Trail. Helen moved that the Board create a new Board position, Vice-chair for Volunteer Coordination. The motion was seconded and passed. Steve Lester will be the first Vice-Chair for Volunteer Coordination.
- _____ - Vice-Chair for Fundraising
Kim Paulding has resigned as Vice-Chair of Fundraising, but wishes to remain a member of the Board. Kim indicated that if anyone is willing to help write grants, they should contact her and she will get information to her. Three individuals expressed interests: Dale Snyder from Trust for Public Lands, Lani Kai Eggertsen-Goff from PB Americas, Inc., Brett Besser and Jim Deschenes. Helen indicated that she will forward information to Kim from a call she received from Patagonia. Kim mentioned that in the past we have submitted grant applications to a number of local foundations and corporations and have secured match money that was needed for federal and state grants.
- Helen M. Peters – Secretary
Helen will prepare an updated roster with the new Board members' contact information and distribute it via E-mail.
- Suzanne Weaver – Treasurer
Suzanne reported that there was \$35,233.62 in the PRATT savings account with most of the funds being restricted including a recent \$6,000 deposit from the Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts & Parks Tier II program. The checking account balance at Beehive Credit Union is \$5,641.50 as of January 31, 2008. She said PRATT received \$1,695 in individual contributions Juan acknowledged the donation from Great Salt Lake RC&D, noting that it was intended to help with hiring an intern for PRATT.

10. Other Business

No other business was proposed or discussed.

11. Next Meeting:

The PRATT Board meetings have now been changed to the fourth Wednesday of each month. Here is the schedule for 2008:

Unless otherwise arranged, all meetings are held at the Salt Lake County Government Center located at 2001 South State Street; however, room locations change from time to time.

Date	Room
March 26 th	S1002
April 23 rd	S1002
May 28 th	S1002
June 25 th	S3009
July 23 rd	S1002
August 27 th	S1002
September 24 th	S1002
October 22 nd	S3009
November 26 th	S1002
December 24 th	S1002 (we will change the date closer to December)

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.