

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

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2008

Time: 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Salt Lake County Government Center located at 2001 South State Street, Room S3009

Co-Chair Conducting Meeting: Rita Lund

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

PRATT Board Members Attending:

Milton Braselton

Steve Lester

Lynne Olson

Robin Carbaugh

Rita Lund

Helen Peters

Rick Johnston

George Ramjoué

Suzanne Weaver

Others in attendance: Lex Hemphill, Hugh Boyle, Steve Gilbert, and Dan Bergenthal.

PRATT Board Members Excused: Julie Peck-Dabling, Kim Paulding, Juan Arce-Larreta, and Ken Jones

Volunteers Hours reported: 121

2. Approval of April and May Minutes

Minutes were approved with the correction of the spelling of the Negley Flinn Foundation.

3. Project Reports

Walt Gilmore was excused. Rick Johnston reported that representatives from Salt Lake City, Utah Transit Authority, Fehr & Peers, and PRATT had met to discuss the interface between transit, trail, Rocky Mt Power, SoSLC, and SLC's interests for using the Sugar House rail corridor between Highland Drive and the Jordan River Parkway. Rick and Robin said that PRATT members reiterated that we are want South Salt Lake, UTA and Salt Lake City to include the trail in the feasibility study and environmental study for the corridor that will begin later this year. George added that there needs to be some sort of pedestrian facility in that transit corridor for safety and emergency reasons. For now, the Parley's Trail Environmental Study is on hold, waiting for UTA and the cities to catch up. Milton reminded the Board that UTA didn't have any plans for the corridor when they acquired it from Union Pacific. He also mentioned that the recent Transit Corridor Alternatives Analysis by Fehr & Peers showed an overwhelming public preference for single-track trolley use in the corridor.

There was no update for Phase 3, Parley's Nature Preserve to Tanner Park or Phase 4a, the Sugar House Park Segment.

Steve Gilbert of ArcSitio gave an update on Phase 4b, the Draw at Sugar House. Steve said the easement for the Draw was still not settled. A meeting is scheduled for July 1st to negotiate for acquisition of the Woodbury property.

Steve said the designers are considering including seating as part of the concept for the lily bulb. Patricia Johanson has suggested that the east petal of the Segó lily, which will be part of the Sugar House Park retention berm, could be planted in an undulating pattern of rows of crop plants to simulate the markings of the flower petal. The south petal will be a steel structure, coated with shotcrete, contoured as a bus shelter. There may be seating on the west side of the 13th East bridges, by the sculptures that represent the Witches in Echo Canyon. The sculpture will be lit with soft accent lights, and the passageway will also be lit.

Hugh Boyle of Baker Engineering said the structural design is 40-50% complete. The vision for the passage walls and petals has been revised, and design is 30-40% complete. Plans for the drainage

design are at 70%, and dam engineering plans are at 40%. The outstanding issues are the Mechem construction easement and the driveway for Parkview 2.

The two bridges will be the first phase to be built. They will be constructed off to the park side of the crossing. The City has asked to see preliminary plans for the bridges. There may be changes to the configuration of the street lanes, as a result of extensive development proposed for the Business District. The Trail engineers have asked to keep the lanes at 11' width from 21st South to the south end of the bridges to allow for the opening between the bridges over the Draw.

The consultants have to reach a certain level of planning by the end of October in order to comply with the requirements of Federal Transportation funding. If they can stay on schedule, construction will start in the spring.

Follow up questions concerned controlling graffiti, choices of plant materials for the lily petal, and lane widths.

Vice-Chair Reports:

Steve Lester, Vice-Chair for Volunteer Coordination, reported on the success of the Trails Day cleanup and the great response to PRATT's presence at the Venture Outdoors Festival. Steve will send thank-you notes to the volunteers. He circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteers to staff the booth at the 4th of July Street Festival in Sugar House.

4. The PRATT Board Retreat will take place on Wednesday, July 2, from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Salt Lake County Government Center, 2001 South State Street in Room S4017 (Park and Recreation Conference Room); south building on the fourth floor. Helen took orders for box lunch sandwiches from Apple Spice Junction. The cost is \$10, payable by cash or check to Helen by June 30. Helen will re-send the agenda and menu to Board members. The Board approved an expenditure of \$100 to print the Board notebook, including the Strategic plan adopted by the Board in 2004. Suzanne and Juan will prepare a draft annual budget for discussion at the retreat.

Helen Peters tendered her resignation as Secretary for PRATT.

Treasurer Suzanne Weaver said that there was \$20,908.55 in restricted funds in the PRATT savings account, and \$6023.50 in checking.

7. Other Business

Rita told the Board about grant deadlines that are approaching quickly. The Board discussed how we could respond to these opportunities and prepare for the next phase of project development.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

8. Next Meeting:

The next PRATT Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for July 16th.

The next PRATT Board Meeting will be held on July 23rd in Room S1002 of the Salt Lake County Government Center located at 2001 South State Street.