

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

Date: Wednesday, July 23, 2008

Time: 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Place: Salt Lake County Government Center located at 2001 South State Street, Room S1002

Co-Chair(s) Conducting Meeting: Rita Lund and Juan Arce Larreta

PRATT Board Members Attending: Rick Johnston, Kim Paulding, Juan Arce Larreta, Rita Lund, Suzanne Weaver, Lynne Olson, George Ramjoué, Helen Peters. Ken Jones, Julie Peck Dabling and Matt Sibul were excused

Others Attending: Sharon Briggs, Michael G. Kavanagh, Lex Hemphill, Barry Nash, Walt Gilmore, Steve Gilbert, Marcy DeMillion, Elaine Brown.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved, and 82.5 hours of volunteer time were reported.

PRATT Coalition has a new address: PO Box 520308, SLC UT 85152-0308. In other Board business, members accepted Steve Aste's resignation and discussed extending other Board members' terms of office. Several applications are due in August, and Board members will share responsibility for submitting these. The Executive Committee will set a schedule for achieving the PRATT Coalition's goals for 2008-09.

Board members reviewed the Utah Nonprofits Association's Standards of Ethics. The Board approved a motion in which we affirmed that the PRATT Coalition is committed to meeting or making a good faith effort to meet those standards.

Project reports:

Phase 2-Parley's Historic Nature Park: Maintenance work will continue in areas of the park that were impacted during trail construction. The fence around the "sheep pen" area will stay up until new vegetation is established.

Phase 3- Parley's to Tanner Park: Walt Gilmore reported that the agency partners had signed off on the environmental study for Phase 3, and design work for walls and drainage is underway. UDOT will conduct a "plan in hand" review with the contractor in August. The project is on track to bid by the end of year. Walt has learned that because Parley's Trail is a high priority project, there is greater flexibility for use of federal funds. The trail alignment in Tanner Park has been changed to allow the trail to turn south between the ball field and tennis courts to connect to the street.

Phase 4b from 17th to 13th East past Sugar House Park:

Final contracts are nearly done. This phase is separate from the Draw, but bids for contractors will go out at same time. If sufficient funding is available, both will be built at the same time but by different contractors. Construction teams can share ingress/egress routes to minimize the impact on the park.

Phase 4a – The Draw at Sugar House: The timing of this phase is now dependent upon the acquisition of the property from the Woodbury Corporation. Meetings between Baker Engineering, ArcSitio Design and Patricia Johanson, and other consultants are continuing in anticipation of an agreement with the property owner. Improvements to the boardwalk and re-vegetation of Hidden Hollow’s wet meadow are part of the project. Walt said all the artistic elements and bicycle facilities meet federal standards. He will find out if the project could qualify for LEED points.

The County will hold a preservation easement on the land, and will have responsibility for maintenance. The County and SLC Engineering will need to come to an agreement about inspecting and maintaining the bridge structure over the Draw.

Phase V- Highland Drive to Jordan River Parkway: The Parley’s Trail environmental study by Perkins Engineering with Fehr & Peers is on hold while we wait for UTA, SLC and SSLC to finish their financial feasibility study for transit service in the rail corridor. We hope that PRATT be allowed to participate in that study. It won’t be completed before Sept or Oct. Bids and contracts will take six months more, so it is unlikely that Perkins will be able to restart the trail study before next July.

As of now, we do not have environmental clearance and preliminary design for this section of the trail. With clearance and additional funding, we can move forward with final design and apply for a use permit to be in the rail corridor

The SLC Council adopted a joint resolution with Mayor Ralph Becker for the locally-preferred alternative of a streetcar within the Sugar House transit corridor. Robin Carbaugh attended the Council meeting and spoke on behalf of PRATT. The Project Development team will continue to work with UTA and stay involved with the RfP for an environmental study.

Treasurer’s report: Suzanne Weaver said that our savings account balance is \$27,976.43, mostly in restricted funds. PRATT has \$5954.57 in checking.

The Board approved an operating budget of \$3,500 for 2008-09.

In order to stay within the capital budget for building Parley’s Trail, some amenities were cut from the original Trail master plan. The Fundraising committee may seek funds to restore these amenities in future phases of trail planning and construction.

Governmental Relations: Ken Jones will set up appointments to re-engage partners that we have contacted in the past.

Volunteer committee: Those who worked in the PRATT booth on the 4th of July reported a positive response to our project.

Outreach and PR: The Board discussed the importance of continuing to advocate for PRATT’s interests at every opportunity.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. The next Executive Committee meeting will be on August 13th. The next Board meeting will be on August 27th, 11:30am-1:00 pm at the County Government Center in Room S1002.