

SALT LAKE COUNTY

*2001 So. State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84114*



Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 16, 2022

1:00 PM

RM N2-800

TRCC - Tourism Recreation Cultural and Convention

1. Call to Order

Chair Mayor Kristie Overson

Vice Chair Councilmember Tawnee McCay

Board Member Colby Hill

Board Member Kim Sorensen

Board Member Mayor Lorin Palmer

Board Member Mayor Monica Zoltanski

Board Member Mayor Robert Dahle

Board Chair Mayor Overson called the meeting to order.

2. Public Comment

Travis Valentino, West Jordan shared his love for skating with the TRCC Board. He explained the significance of the skate park in West Valley City. He said he has been attending and cleaning the West Valley Skate Park everyday for the last four years. He also became an ambassador with Skate Park Respect. He shared the benefits of an open skate park help create a community for kids. He asked the TRCC Board to approve the lighting project for the skate park. It will help make the skate park safer and reduce trash/vandalism. It will most importantly keep kids off the street.

Allan Tolepei, Lehi City, Director of Operations for the Polynesian Pickleball Club. He shared the mission of the club is to increase the wellness of the Polynesian community. The club formed to help raise money for lights so families could gather. He has been thanked by members for creating a space where families can be together and play a sport. He shared pickleball is the fastest growing sport and is bringing his community together. He landed from Samoa yesterday where he was leading a pickleball tournament and was told about this meeting. He would appreciate the funding for lights so communities can gather into the evening.

Jack Parker, Millcreek worked with Skate Park Respect and helped start a 501c3 Utah Skate Park Advocacy Group. The group takes data from around skate parks. The community is growing with the Olympic program. He explained that with the lights there will be a bigger tourism draw. He also explained a mental health component is attached with the lights. People who work a 9-5 are able to use the skate park, but if traditional hours are not worked then they are unable to use the parks because of the dark. He also explained a lot of elite level athletes live in RVs and travel from community to community to skate. He told the Board there is more need for skaters to attend the parks in night. He touched on the fact that there is a wealth of different people who use the skate parks.

Zander Parker shared with the Board that he would like the skate park to have lights, so kids don't get hurt. When it is dark, there are shadows that make it hard to see. He also shared that kids would have a lot more time to skate and it wouldn't be dangerous.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 September 2, 2022 TRCC Board Minutes

[22-0883](#)

Attachments: [TRCC Board Minutes September 2, 2022](#)

Vice Chair McCay made a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Mayor Dahle seconded. Unanimous support.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 2023 TRCC Support Program Application Presentations

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1:10 PM Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Service Area

1:20 PM Salt Lake City / Utah Museum of Contemporary Art

1:30 PM West Valley City Parks & Recreation

1:40 PM South Jordan City

1:50 PM Tracy Aviary

2:00 PM Utah Cultural Celebration Center

2:10 PM City of Bluffdale

1:10 PM Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Service Area

Ben Hill, Executive Director of Cottonwood Heights Parks & Recreation Service Area shared their TRCC application is to enhance playgrounds. He explained it is a corporation between their entity and the city. He shared a PowerPoint and explained the history of the service area. It was created by the Salt Lake County Board of County Commissioners in 1967. He continued that residents have approved and paid for multiple bonds and the service area is still highly supported. The application references Bywater Park, Antczak Park, and Mill Hollow Park. The parks are aged past their life expectancy and need to be fully removed and replaced. He referenced the County's East Planning Area is already at a shortfall for parks as outlined in the Master Plan. He overviewed the community benefits park provide. The requested project replaces three playgrounds at three different parks. In addition, a proposed swing set will be added to an additional park. The total request is \$429,981.30 and the project is shovel ready.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about prioritization of parks since there is different ownership.

Hill explained the priority list is included in the request, and as long as the city's park is included they will continue to contribute to the other projects.

Board Member Kim Sorensen asked if the wood chips would be used again.

Hill explained that it would because of costs. He also explained another park is being looked at to be an all-accessible park.

1:20 PM Salt Lake City / Utah Museum of Contemporary Art

Executive Director Laura Allred Hurtado, UMOCA Board Member Holly Yocum, and Board President Rich Waljie shared a presentation on the UMOCA Master Plan.

Allred stated the UMOCA has served the community for ninety years and is one of the few art places that is offered free of cost. She overviewed attendance at the museum and where the outreach team visits.

Yocum shared her history with the board and its master plan. She overviewed different studies that identified where the museum could move and different expansion options. Approximately two years ago the director approached her with the idea that they should

make their current building the museum's home and create a master plan that will address aging infrastructure.

Allred shared UMOCA is seeking \$1 million to upgrade their building and install a public art installation. They seek support for their interior to improve navigation. They learned from their strategic plan that there is a desire for more galleries in the community. The changes would move offices down to the basement so there would be more gallery space.

Waljie explained they approached the Utah Legislature last session and were granted \$1 million.

Allred stated they have been in the building for 43 years and want to continue their partnership with the county and serving the county community.

Board Member Mayor Dahle asked where the additional money is coming from for the project.

Yocum explained they are getting ready to launch their capital campaign and this is part of a multi level project.

Board Member Mayor Dahle asked about the fundraising piece and if they can't get it.

Allred stated there are ten parts to the project and different levels based on funding. She also shared that they have pledges from organizations that will give to the project.

Waljie stated there will be a capital campaign formed specifically around the money from this and the state and foundations.

Board Member Overson asked if the project is shovel ready.

Yocum explained that the state money will be used to hire the architect to do construction documents and they would be ready by the time the county money come in.

Allred stated that the project is continuing to be worked on and blueprints will be ready at the end of the year.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked how the museum is funded.

Allred shared it is a mix of public and private dollars.

Yocum explained it is a 501c3, is a ZAP recipient and is in a county owned building.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked who owns the collection.

Allred shared it is an exhibit space and works with artists to further promote their work.

Mayor Zoltanski clarified operating is separate than the capital expenses.

Board Member Mayor Dahle asked if they have a long-term lease with the county.

Allred answered that they have been in the space for 43 years.

1:30 PM West Valley City Parks & Recreation

Nancy Day, Parks and Recreation Director for West Valley City thanked everyone who came out to support the project and shared a presentation. She overviewed the city's population and its diverse community. She explained the city's support of the project from the administration, elected officials, and the public. The project is shovel ready. She shared a map of the park to show where the skate park and pickleball courts are located. The skate park sees high use and lighting will give positive outcomes to the community who uses it by offering cooler options during longer months, safety, and increased options for competitions. The pickleball courts consist of 12 high use courts and lighting will offer the same positive effects that will be seen at the skate park. The application is asking for 50% of the cost, and the city is committed to funding the rest.

Vice Chair McCay asked if there are other lit up pickleball courts in the city.

Day shared they do not.

Board Member Miranda Barnard asked about how much time lighting will extend use.

Day shared there is data in the packet, but it will differ by time of year. Lighting would extend the hours significantly.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski thanked the community for coming out to share their support. She shared that she sees in her city the benefits of the ease of access to these sports and how the community takes care of them. She asked Day to go over the lighting map and how the shadows cause safety problems.

Day shared she thinks that might be another location, but there is a parking lot that has some lighting. Skaters try to skate as long as they can using that light but it is not safe, because that isn't designed for the park. The new lighting will be designed so that it won't bleed out into the residential areas or create safety issues. She also noted that the \$184,000 for both places will serve a big group of people.

1:40 PM South Jordan City

Abigail Patonai, a strategy and budget analyst for South Jordan City, shared a presentation on the Mystic Springs Trail project. The city is asking for just over \$300,000 for phase one of the project. She gave background of the integration of regional and local master plans and the collaboration with cities and entities for the Jordan River area and overviewed a map of the city and where trails have been developed. She recognized that the Mystic project would

bring the nature preserve and educational piece to the public. The property just east of the project is protected and doesn't anticipate any infrastructure being built on it. Mystic will become a micro environment that mimics the macro environment protected by the feds. The city installed restrooms to the area a couple years ago, and they would like to incorporate ADA recommendations to the area. A second phase of the project will continue to develop the area for public use and create educational opportunities. The goals are to enhance experience, educate the public, and conserve the environment.

Chair Overson mentioned the packet has plans included.

Vice Chair McCay asked about the three parts of phase 1.

Patonai shared it is the installation of concrete paths, improved lighting, and planting of native seeds.

Board Member Mayor Dahle asked how big the area is.

Board Member Colby Hill stated it is about 30 acres.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about access from the Jordan River Parkway.

Board Member Hill said it is adjacent and accessible. He thanked Abby for presenting for South Jordan.

1:50 PM Tracy Aviary

Tim Brown, President and CEO of Tracy Aviary, shared a presentation of their funding request for Phase 2 of the Jordan River Nature Center. He stated they are working to build a nature-based community center in the poorest area of the county. He explained the project is shovel ready and they have significant match funds. The amenities included in phase 2 include walking trails, pavilion, amphitheater, open space, and native landscaping. These services will help audiences like Salt Lake County Aging Services and Granite School District. He said this would then be made available to partners like Wasatch Adaptive Sports and Jordan River Commission. He shared completing phase 2 will help them improve this part of the Jordan River Trail. The secured area will help increase safety and jumpstart service projects in the area. He compared how the positive activities in Liberty Park can be seen and the opportunity is available in this area.

Chair Overson expressed how she liked the overview picture that showed the whole project and seeing the vision.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about visitor numbers and size.

Brown shared that they had over 4,000 visitors to the small space that is already developed on site. As they expand, and a fence is put up, they anticipate over 10,000 visitors. Granite School District and community partners are interested in using the space once it is finished.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about acreage.

Brown shared it is approximately 12 acres.

Vice Chair McCay asked how long the fenced in area would be open.

Brown shared dawn to dusk and explained events could use it longer.

Vice Chair McCay asked about fees.

Brown shared their mission at Liberty Park is to make it accessible for everyone and free days don't necessarily reach the target audience. He said they use snap benefits and title one schools as ways to give free access and work to continue to make it accessible to all.

2:00 PM Utah Cultural Celebration Center

Jeff Olsen, Adam Flint, and Vanessa Olson presented a presentation on the project for the West Valley Performing Arts Center.

Jeff Olsen overviewed the history of West Valley Arts with its founding in 2004 when Utah Cultural Celebration Center was built. In 2019, after the Hale Center Theater left, they took over the space to do programming and theater. They wanted to provide a permanent home for arts programming in West Valley City. The project will install technological automation equipment that was all removed when Hale Center Theater left. He also explained with new technologies there will need to be changes made to the space to house the systems. Currently, they use manual systems, and are looking to put in electric systems for scenery changes. This will increase the safety for cast and crew. He overviewed the cost and explained a lot of the work would be done in house. The total project is \$361,120 and the city has pledged to fund half. He explained the impact of the project would increase opportunities for theater on the west side of the county and provide performance opportunities for residents.

Chair Mayor Overson asked about the prioritization of West Valley's projects.

Olsen shared that both projects are worthwhile and there is a huge need for the community for parks and recs. With that said he thinks both projects are very needed in the area.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about regional and tourism draw.

Olsen shared that they started in 2019 which was challenged by COVID. Since that time they run two full seasons which has grown from showing one per year. He shared they have grown from 10% audience during COVID to now reaching 65% filled.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about the season of the theater.

Olson shared it is year round and shows approximately 5 shows a year. She shared the growth in production and how the valley supports the theater.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about ticket sales.

Olson stated she does not have the numbers in front of her, but sales have tripled. They only have 2021 and 2022 to compare because of COVID. In that time, they have seen numbers double and triple. There has also been an increase in season ticket holders.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked if the project will help sustain the growth they are seeing.

Olsen said it would. It would help the community see enhanced performance and increase the options for staff working the events.

Olson explained that it will also offer the opportunity to share different types of shows because they wouldn't be limited by set pieces while keeping people safe.

Vice Chair McCay asked what space they used before getting the theater.

Olsen shared they used the Cultural Celebration Center for theater even though it was designed as a banquet hall. The amphitheater was used for community shows.

Chair Mayor Overson asked what happens to the building when they are not in season.

Olsen stated they let community groups use the space for comedy shows and productions. They also house and support local artists in the off season and during their production season.

Chair Mayor Overson asked if the space is used consistently.

Olsen shared it is.

2:10 PM City of Bluffdale

Mayor Natalie Hall and Jen Robison presented a PowerPoint on their application.

Robison expressed their thanks for the county facilities in their city and explained they have over 6 miles of the Jordan River Parkway Trail and will soon have a boat launch. In their community, parks and trails funding is a challenged. There is no parks department, the public works director manages that aspect. Mayor Hall is prioritizing bringing parks and recreation ideas to the city and a 20 acre park is currently under construction. They want to connect current trails to create access across the region. The city recognizes the connection of east to west. They will have to cross canals, major highways, and the train. Robison shared a map that shows the connections and how the different parks will be connected by the trail system. The city is requiring a new development to connect the trail as part of zoning. They

are also working with UDOT on 2700 w and Bangerter Highway. The funds will be used to hire a consultant to help them identify feasibility of the opportunities to go east to west and potential property acquisition.

Board Member Kim Sorensen asked what the ask was.

Robison stated it is \$30,000 because they want to be able to pay for it since it is a reimbursement program.

Board Member Mayor Dahle asked about using WFRC because that is what Holladay has used.

Robison explained they have worked with them on previous projects.

Mayor Hall explained they came to TRCC because of the regional park that has the largest splash pad and pickleball courts. It fits with the funding because they are bringing in people from all over.

Robison stated UDOT was not going to do the interchange for some time, but it has been moved up to next year.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about the schedule for the tunnel.

Mayor Hall explained that is further out.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked for clarification on the map.

Mayor Hall explained the \$30,000 would be used to study one area and if there are enough funds look at another area.

Robison stated Rose Creek is the priority.

4.2 Overview of Previous TRCC Projects

[22-0885](#)

Presenter: Robin Chalhoub, SLCo Director of Community Services

Director Chalhoub explained Midvale RDA shared follow up information and that will be passed along to the board. She then shared a presentation on TRCC Funding History and what resources will be available to the board. Throughout the years, the TRCC Process has changed. Two decades ago, projects were just submitted. Then Cultural Facility Support Program was added which was then combined with Parks and Rec and Tourism into one application process in 2018. 2019 projects were pulled back and reissued after the pandemic. The information will have a lot of different aspects to it because distribution is impacted by how decisions were made and how the process changed over time. Community Services Staff has put together data with the year, planning area, project, recommended amount, and applicant address. The application process that was introduced when the process was blended has a lot of great data, but previously a lot of the information is fragmented. The spreadsheet will hopefully offer guidance along with the ZAP Bonds 1-3 map that were issued around the county.

Director Chalhoub stated the CFO will attend October 7 and give an overview of the fund.

5. Other Committee Business

Chair Overson asked the board if they would be able to attend because of the League of Cities and Town conference.

Vice Chair McCay offered to keep it at 1:00pm because the conference ends at 12:00.

Chair Overson asked the board if they could meet two weeks from today at 1:00pm.

The board agreed.

Director Chalhoub stated Deputy Mayor Casper will present on the TRCC fund based on sales tax revenue committee and forecasts. The availability of funding will be provided and Community Services will present how they will use their allocation of TRCC funding.

Board Member Mayor Dahle asked if there is a target date for the board's recommendations.

Brad Kendrick explained it can be pushed to the first part of that next week and asked if they could have it ready October 7th or the week following.

Chair Mayor Overson asked everyone to come with a priority list and prepared to that meeting so they can figure out a decision on the 7th. She emphasized how challenging it will be because all the projects are great.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about the number

Director Chalhoub stated it starts at \$3 million and may go up, but doesn't want to give false promises.

Brad Kendrick said they will be looking at that number in the next couple weeks.

Board Member Mayor Dahle asked if they can get that number when it is available to start making decisions.

Chair Mayor Overson overviewed what the board has done in the past. She explained past boards had spread funding over a couple of years which ties up funding for other years. There are several ways to do it, and they won't be able to fund them all.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski asked about limitation of spreading projects over time.

Chair Mayor Overson said she doesn't think the board has gone over three years.

Lori Okino explained that there has only been one that is five years. All others have been two to three years.

Board Member Mayor Dahle asked if it is appropriate to commit future boards to an amount.

Chair Mayor Overson stated they can, but it will tie up future money.

Board Member Mayor Dahle suggested it should be for exceptional circumstances not just something they do.

Director Chalhoub stated it is up to the board to determine that for big projects.

Board Member Mayor Dahle stated he would need to know if projects could still do their plan if money was split up.

Director Chalhoub stated UMOCA had already stated they could split it up, and staff could reach out to applicants.

Board Member Barnard asked if staff could pass on other questions.

Director Chalhoub stated they could reach out to the applicant and share them with the board.

Vice Chair McCay asked if they can set a meeting for October 3rd or 4th so they can review numbers prior to the October 7th meeting.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski agreed and asked if they can speed up getting the financials.

Brad Kendrick explained they are waiting for the revenue committee and can share once they have definitive numbers. He said they don't have to wait until the Friday meeting.

Board Member Colby Hill asked if they can see what the county projects are.

Vice Chair McCay stated then they can see where the top is going and if there is opportunity for pushback.

Board Member Mayor Dahle stated he also liked the pre meeting so they can have time to reach out to applicants to see if they have flexibility.

Chair Mayor Overson asked staff when they are available.

Vice Chair McCay asked about the 3rd or the 4th so they can have numbers.

Board Member Mayor Dahle suggested a lunch meeting.

Director Chalhoub stated she will also share what Community Services is doing at the presentation with Deputy Mayor Casper.

Chair Mayor Overson asked if there would be updated numbers next week.

Brad Kendrick stated there wouldn't be updated numbers.

Chair Mayor Overson asked the board if they could meet in the first week of October.

The board agreed to meet October 3 from 1:00-3:00 to start discussing funding.

Director Chalhoub asked the board to send any questions to staff.

Chair Mayor Overson acknowledged the presentations had gone well.

Vice Chair McCay mentioned the board should celebrate after the 7th.

Board Member Mayor Zoltanski emphasized how many ideas she has for her city after learning what other entities are doing.

6. Adjournment

Vice Chair McCay made a motion. **Board Member Mayor Dahle** seconded.