



SALT LAKE COUNTY

TRCC - Tourism Recreation Cultural and Convention

Meeting Minutes

2001 So. State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

2:00 PM

RM N2-800

1. Call to Order

Present: Board Chair Mayor Ron Bigelow
Board Member Mayor Robert Dahle
Board Member Miranda Barnard
Board Member Mayor D. Blair Camp
Board Member Colby Hill
Board Member Tawnee McCay
Board Member Mayor Kristie S. Overson
Board Member Mayor Mike Peterson

Absent: Board Member Representative Eric Hutchings

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Approval of the 6/3/21 TRCC Advisory Board Minutes

[21-1042](#)

Deputy District Attorney Craig Wangsgard noted a typo in the June 3, 2021, meeting minutes. He noted that on page 3, under “Meadowbrook golf course well replacement,” it should be “*no* other options for this project.”

A motion to approve the minutes with the amendment was made by Board Member Mayor Kristie Overson and seconded by Board Member Mayor Blair D. Camp. The motion passed unanimously.

Aye: Board Chair Mayor Bigelow
Board Member Mayor Dahle
Board Member Barnard
Board Member Mayor Camp
Board Member Hill
Board Member McCay
Board Member Mayor Overson
Board Member Mayor Peterson

Absent: Board Member Representative Hutchings

4.2 Open Public Meetings Training [21-1040](#)

Deputy District Attorney Craig Wangsgard presented a training to the Board members on the requirements of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

4.3 2021 TRCC Budget and COVID Cut Restoration [21-1041](#)

Salt Lake County Deputy Mayor and Chief Financial Officer, Darrin Casper, noted that this meeting is a sort of interim meeting for the Board to talk about a proposal that is affecting both this year and next. He noted that the TRCC fund, due to underspend this year, will be able to maintain its minimum reserve and also fully restore projects that were cut during COVID. He noted hopefully, the Board will be back to the normal schedule next year. Deputy Mayor Casper reviewed the ending balances for the 2021 projections and 2022 projections to illustrate that with the restoration of the projects that were cut, the TRCC fund is in good shape. He noted that in summary, the Mayor's Finance team is comfortable saying this fund has recovered enough. Lastly, he noted that the Revenue Committee still needs to review their projections.

Board Member Mayor Mike Peterson asked if the ARPA funds that the county receives will impact the TRCC fund.

Deputy Mayor Casper answered not yet, but it is possible. He noted the county is going through the process with those monies now and that his advice to the county policy makers will be to use those funds for urgent, one-time, or temporary purposes. He stated that arguably, some of these TRCC projects *could* apply under categories like: "revenue replacement," "deferred maintenance," and "programming made necessary by the negative effects of COVID-19."

Director of Community Services, Holly Yocom, noted that this meeting is for the project cuts that were made last year in 2020 because of the pandemic. She noted some projects have had changes. She noted that the funding for these projects did not increase with inflation. She noted the projects could always come back to ask for that extra funding. She also reminded the Board that projects are funded by reimbursement and the timing/schedule is unique to each project no matter the year they were afforded TRCC funds.

She began to review the external (to Salt Lake County) projects:

Draper City - All-Inclusive Playground: \$550,000

This request was made in 2019 for the 2020 budget. Director Yocom noted one change that has been made on this project was moving the location from "Salt Lake County" to "Draper

City.” Director Yocom recommended funding this project for \$550,000 for 2021.

Herriman City - Juniper Canyon Recreation Area Phase I: \$1.1M over 2 years

This request was originally made to be spread over 2020 and 2021. Director Yocom recommended funding this project at \$1.1 million 2021 and 2022.

Herriman City - Holiday Village Plaza Public Art: \$150,000

Director Yocom noted \$150,000 was cut from this project and she recommended restoring funding for this project at \$150,000 for 2021.

Kearns Township - David Gourley Park Pavilion and Restroom: \$517,608

Director Yocom noted \$517,608 was cut and she recommended restoring funding for this project at \$517,608 for 2021. She noted this project was approved by the TRCC Advisory Board and the County Council, but the funding will go to Salt Lake County Parks and Rec because the county oversees this park.

Millcreek City - Canyon Rim Park Playground: \$334,764

Director Yocom noted \$334,764 was cut and she recommended restoring funding for this project at \$334,764 for 2021.

Murray City - Murray Theater Renovation: \$1,757,472 for 2021 and 2022

Director Yocom noted this project has been delayed because of the efforts to open the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. She Recommended restoring funding at \$1,757,472 for 2021 and 2022. This project did receive \$125,000 for planning studies that were done. That amount was approved by the TRCC Board in June 2021.

Pioneer Theater - First Stage Theatre Program: \$46,147 for 2021 and \$100,000 for 2022

Director Yocom noted this request was for operations. She also stated that Pioneer Theater reached out and asked if they could use some of the funding for a temporary staff person. The county told them they would need to look into if that was doable. She noted that they may not need the 2021 funding if they don’t have the program running, but they could work with the county to get it back for another year.

Riverton City - Dog Park Phase II: \$165,717

Director Yocom recommended funding all of this project in 2021 rather than over 2 years. The Riverton City Council did not match the funds because they didn’t think the project would receive the funds from TRCC. Director Yocom noted she advised funding this project but also returning to the Riverton City Council to ask for matching funds.

Riverton City - Tracy Aviary - Riverton Nature Center: \$25,000

Director Yocom recommended restoring funding at \$25,000 for 2021.

Salt Lake City - Smith's Ballpark: \$900,000

Director Yocom recommended restoring funding at \$900,000 for 2021.

Salt Lake Climbers Alliance - Climbing Area Stewardship: \$50,000

Director Yocom recommended restoring funding at \$50,000 for 2021.

Salt Lake Ranger District - Lower Big Cottonwood Climbing Conservation: \$52,500 (15:20)

Director Yocom noted the total budget for this project was \$150,000, which was to be split over two years. She recommended funding at \$52,500 for 2021 and 2022.

Salt Lake Valley Trail Society - Trail Maintenance: \$45,200

Director Yocom noted the request is a lower dollar amount, spread over three years. She recommended restoring funding at \$45,200 for 2021 and 2022, and \$45,199 for 2023.

Midas Creek Trail

Director Yocom noted this project was able to be funded out of Regional Choice Funds. It appeared as \$0 on this list for the Board to consider.

Columbus Park and Playground: \$325,000

Director Yocom noted this request was originally \$325,000. The project is now complete and they'd like reimbursement now. If the Board (or Council eventually) does not want to reimburse, there is a phase II of that project that they've asked for \$200,000 for. This project was funded in 2020. When they lost TRCC funding because of COVID they were able to come up with those funds elsewhere. Director Yocom stated if the Board decided to reimburse, it would be paid out in 2021.

Taylorville Park: \$1.7M

Director Yocom noted the total for this project is \$1.7 million. Originally, funding was to be spread out over three years beginning in 2020. She recommended funding at \$566,667 for 2021 and 2022 and \$566,666 for 2023.

Central Wasatch

Director Yocom noted this project was able to be funded out of Regional Choice Funds. It appeared as \$0 on this list for the Board to consider.

West Jordan Urban Fishery:

Director Yocom noted this project has been completed. It was originally funded in 2018. They would like to be reimbursed for \$500,000 over two years for funds already spent if possible.

She stated if the Board decided to reimburse, it would be paid out at \$250,000 in 2021 and 2022.

West Jordan Cultural Arts Facility: \$2M

Director Yocom noted this project has been worked on for a few years and the funding would occur over three years. She stated the project asked for an inflation addition of \$1.9 million. She stated at this point, the recommendation is to move forward with the original \$2 million.

West Valley City - Veterans Memorial Hall and Park: \$2.5M

Director Yocom noted this project will be funded over a few years. She noted that the Salt Lake County Council had declared they wanted 75 percent of the funds raised before they would contribute.

Director Yocom then reviewed the Salt Lake County restore requests:

Parks and Recreation - ADA Transition Plan Phase III: \$78,403

Fairmont - Resurface Lap Lane Pool: \$222,580

Sugar House Park - Slurry Seal Roadway: \$155,140

JL Sorenson Rec Center - Pool Repair: \$40,000

Arts and Culture - Equipment Replacement: \$44,112

Director Yocom noted these funds were cut in 2020 and 2021 and she's asking for restoration for both years.

Arts and Culture (IT) - Equipment Replacement: \$211,555

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Equestrian Park: \$75,749

Parks and Rec - Equipment Replacement: \$542,633

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Recreation - Equipment Replacement \$1,152,861

Director Yocom noted these funds were cut in 2020 and 2021 and she's asking for restoration for both years.

Bonneville Shoreline Trail (Acquire Land): \$245,313

Director Yocom noted this property is still something the county would like to acquire.

Open Space Restoration: \$1,250,000 (22:30)

Director Yocom noted these funds were cut in 2020 and 2021 and she's asking for restoration for both years.

Board Member Mayor Peterson asked what part of the Bonneville Shoreline was hoped to be acquired. Director Yocom stated she couldn't disclose that in an open meeting.

Board Member Mayor Peterson asked what the process was for application for the \$1.2M for open space.

Director Yocom noted there is a list of open space across the county that the county wants to acquire but they can't afford any of them currently. The \$1.2 would replenish that fund balance.

Board Member Tawnee McCay asked how the number for recreation equipment restoration was arrived at.

Director Yocom stated it was based on what the county buys annually every year and that it was necessary to restore this funding because equipment is aging and prices for it continue to rise and the county doesn't want to not be able to make purchases in the future.

Board Member Miranda Barnard asked for more detail about the Urban Fishery request.

Director Yocom noted it was originally funded in 2018. The project was bringing in a lot of matching funds and they completed the project, that's why they would like the reimbursement now.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow asked Director Yocom what "small changes" exactly were made.

Director Yocom noted it wasn't dollar amounts that changed, but that projects were being finished and projects are now asking for reimbursement. She also noted one project changed its location.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow advised that the Board first consider the restoration for projects on the list that have not started and there's no change in scope. He noted the Board had approved these projects before. He suggested dealing with West Jordan's inflation request and Draper City's park relocation, and the reimbursement requests separately.

A motion to restore funding to the projects whose funds had been put on hold due to COVID and were not dealing with any changes to the request was made by Board Member Mayor Peterson and seconded by Board Member Mayor Overson. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow asked for a motion on the projects that are asking for reimbursement.

Director Yocom noted that these projects, South Salt Lake Columbus Park and Playground and the West Jordan Urban Fishery were completed *not* with TRCC funds but other funds and now the projects want to be reimbursed with TRCC dollars.

Board Member Mayor Peterson noted that the Board had previously voted to use TRCC funds on these projects before they were completed.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow noted this type of reimbursement would be setting a precedent but it had been a strange year.

A motion to reimburse these two projects was made by Board Member Mayor Camp and seconded by Board Member Mayor Peterson. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow asked for a motion on the project that had a change in location, which was the Draper City All-Inclusive Playground.

Rhett Ogden explained that Draper City is excited about the playground and that the location change was due to the fact that Draper Park is one of the busiest parks in the city, it's 18 years old, and on the schedule to be replaced. It made more sense to build the new all-inclusive playground there. He noted Draper City is putting money in for the project too and will pay to maintain it.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow stated that he is a proponent of all-inclusive parks. He shared that he believes it's important for these to be owned by cities and he strongly supports the request.

Board Member Barnard stated she also finds this project meaningful and strongly supports the request.

Board Member McCay asked if originally the project was located west of I-15.

Director Yocom answered it was not. It was originally in a county park close to I-15 on the east side.

Board Member McCay stated she believed the original location was more centrally located across the valley. She preferred that location.

Board Member Mayor Peterson noted that Draper City Park will be a regional park and is well-suited as such to have this playground. He supports the project.

Board Chair Bigelow noted the importance of these types of parks and encouraged future applications for them.

Board Member Mayor Overson asked if the request was for \$600,000. Director Yocom answered that was the request but the Board decided to do \$500,000.

Parks and Recreation Director, Martin Jensen, noted that ADA designs are going to be standard in new parks in the county.

A motion to restore funding for the project, with the location change, was made by Board Member Mayor Peterson and seconded by Board Member Barnard. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow asked for a motion on the project asking for additional funds due to inflation.

Director Yocom read a letter from the project manager explaining why they requested the additional funding. The request changed from \$2M to \$3.9M.

Board Member Mayor Peterson asked if inflation would not be considered for the other proposals.

Director Yocom answered that was correct. She noted this is not a recommendation from staff but that she received the letter the night before and decided to share it with the Board. The project managers understand it may not be possible and that they can come back next year to ask for additional inflation increases.

Board Member Mayor Peterson noted that this letter is out of process and recommended not approving the additional request.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow agreed and noted the County Council can disagree with their recommendations if they choose to.

Director Yocom noted the letter was shared with the County Mayor and would be shared with

the County Council.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow suggested not taking action on this. He noted the original request was again approved by this Board. Director Yocom noted that the project's total budget was \$12M and they will receive the \$2M over two years.

There was no motion made on the project.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow gave an update on the West Valley City Veterans Memorial Hall.

Director Yocom stated the County Council has legislative intent that over the next 3 years, the project must collect 75 percent of the funding before County dollars are contributed.

Board Chair Mayor Bigelow noted that this project will likely come back to the Board with revisions to the project. He shared his thoughts on what might happen with this project in various circumstances. He believes some fundraising will occur but maybe not enough to qualify for County dollars.

Board Member Mayor Peterson noted that all projects should be treated equally when it comes to how COVID affected their progress.

Director Yocom thanked her team, other County staff, and the Board Members for all of their hard work in making sure they could bring these projects back.

5. Other Committee Business

Board Coordinator, Brad Kendrick, noted the next meeting will be in mid-October.

6. Adjournment

TRCC Board Members

Mayor Bigelow - Chair

Mayor Peterson – Vice Chair

Miranda Bernard

Mayor Camp

Mayor Dahle

Colby Hill

Eric Hutchings

Tawnee McCay

Mayor Overson

