

SALT LAKE COUNTY

2001 So. State Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84114



Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 6, 2025

1:00 PM

Room N2-800

**TRCC - Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and
Convention**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendance

- Chair Mayor Kristie Overson – Present
- Vice Chair Tawnee McCay – Present
- Board Member Kim Sorensen – Call-In
- Board Member Mayor Lorin Palmer – Present
- Board Member Mayor Monica Zoltanski – Call-In
- Board Member Miranda Barnard – Absent
- Board Member Mayor Robert Dahle – Absent
- Board Member Eric Barney – Absent
- Board Member Kerri Nakamura – Call-In

TRCC Staff

- Robin Chalhoub, SLCo Community Services, Director – Present
- Bobby Sampson, SLCo Community Services Associate Director – Present
- Christopher Otto, SLCo Community Services Division Director – Absent
- Erin Litvack, SLCo Deputy Mayor/Chief Administrative Officer – Absent
- Lori Okino, SLCo Community Services, Fiscal Administrator – Present
- Craig Wangsgard, SLCo Senior Civil Attorney, District Attorney's Office – Present
- Andrea Sorenson, SLCo Park Development Project Manager – Absent
- Brad Kendrick, SLCo Mayor's Financial Admin, Associate Budget Administrator – Present
- Darrin Casper, SLCo Deputy Mayor of Finance and Administration CFO – Absent
- Martin Jensen, SLCo Community Services – Call-In

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 September 20, 2024 TRCC Board Meeting Minutes 25-169

Attachments:

1. 092024 - TRCC Minutes

3.2 September 27, 2024 TRCC Board Meeting Minutes 25-170

Attachments:

1. 092724 - TRCC Minutes

3.3 October 11, 2024 TRCC Board Meeting Minutes 25-171

Attachments:

1. 101124 TRCC Minutes Final

3.4 October 18, 2024 TRCC Board Meeting Minutes 25-172

Attachments:

1. 101824 TRCC Minutes

3.5 November 22, 2024 TRCC Board Meeting Minutes 25-177

Attachments:

1. 112224 TRCC Minutes.docx

Minutes from September 20th, September 27th, October 11th, October 18th, and November 20th were approved without discussion.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Welcome TRCC Board Members

4.1 Welcome TRCC Board Members 25-161

Presenter: Mayor Kristie Overson.
(5 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments: None

4.2 Election of New Chairs 25-162

Presenter: TRCC Board
(10 Min.)

Discussion - Vote Needed

Attachments: None

- Mayor Kristie Overson was nominated and accepted the position of chair by acclamation.
- Council Member Tawnee McCay was nominated and accepted the position of Vice Chair by acclamation.

4.3 Update on Grants

25-163

Presenter: Robert Sampson, SLCo Assoc. Dept. Director of Community Services.

(15 Minutes.)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Project Status Summary

- An update on 12 previously awarded projects was provided, with progress varying from well underway to halted due to land use and easement issues.
- The first one, Rad Canyon BMX, is the facility at Bingham Creek Regional Park, which was funded \$303,144. This was a rebuild of the BMX track, and this project is well along. Lori Okino has issued several reimbursements for this project.
- Number two is Trails, Utah, Granger Peak, and Bonneville Shoreline Trail reroute with a \$30,000 award. This is the one project that probably will not go forward. The trail alignment as proposed wasn't consistent with the easement of land.
 - It was found that some residents have encroached on County property and the easement, so both of those items will have to be reconciled. They will not have more information until the 15th of the month.
 - This money, if not going toward the project, will be rolled back to the TRCC funds.
- The third one, Riverton City Phase 1 Concept Design, has been issued a contract. They have not received any reimbursements yet.
- The fourth is City of Taylorville, Summit Park, which has had a \$1.5 million contract issue. They were having a ribbon-cutting ceremony two weeks from today.
- The fifth is Cottonwood Heights Bywater Park Improvements, asking for \$412,000. This contract was signed and issued to the service area.
- The sixth is Sandy City, Sandy City Bicentennial Pickleball Courts and Playground for \$700,000. It will have its ribbon-cutting in the upcoming week. The contract has been signed and approved.
- The seventh, Trails Utah, their second grant, is the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Connector. Still waiting to receive the signed contract.
- The eighth, the City of Holiday, Auditorium Renovation and Design. This contract has been issued, and the project is almost complete.

- The ninth project is Tracy Aviary, the ECHO Learning Lab. A \$500,000 award. This contract has been issued, and they are well on their way. We've received some reimbursement applications from them.
- The tenth project, Riverton City's second project, was the city hall playground. They have started this project.
- The eleventh project is West Jordan City; this contract was just signed by them.
- The twelfth project is Millcreek Common Phase 2, with a \$1.5 million award. They have broken ground and started.

4.4 Division Overviews for Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Clark Planetarium TRCC Funding

25-164

Presenter: Robin Chalhoub, SLCo Dept. Director of Community Services.
(30 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments:

1. Community Service Dept. TRCC Presentation 6.6.25

- Arts and Culture operates five exceptional venues and provides community engagement through various programs.
- Clark Planetarium focuses on inspiring and engaging curious minds through exhibits and programs.
- Parks and Recreation manages a vast array of amenities and programs, including adaptive recreation, youth and adult sports, and the My County Rec Pass.
- Robin reported and presented on the success of the My County Rec Pass, a free recreation pass for residents aged 0 to 18.
- Robin reported and presented on Phase Two of the TRCC Support Program to provide a broader context for the county divisions that receive TRCC funding, so the board has better context on how they come up with decisions for budget requests.
- TRCC is committed to improving the lives of Salt Lake County residents by providing recreation, education, and entertainment across the valley.
- The team comes from the Community Services department and has four divisions: Arts and Culture, run by Matt Castillo, Clark Planetarium with Duke Johnson, the County library with Joey McNamee, and Parks and Rec with Chris Otto.
- Three of the four divisions receive TRCC funds.
- The county library is in a special fund and is not eligible for TRCC funds.

- TRCC fund is used for operational and capital funding for the three divisions within the county, including things like the equipment funds for Salt Palace in Mountain America.
- On the long-range plan, you'll have these itemized subsidies and the equipment funds identified.
- Every year in the budget process, the divisions put forth new requests, and bring them forward to the SLCo Mayor, and we bring them forward to you at the board, and then they go to the Council.
- These requests are based on several strategic plans for each division.
- Robin then reviewed the My County Rec Pass initiative, launched last year, and reported that it saw significant success with 81,000 youth passes distributed and positive community feedback.
- The TRCC staff includes five-year capital improvement plans based on some facility assessments and our understanding of how to maintain the buildings in the long term.
- Robin reviewed the 3 divisions, starting with Arts and Culture (AC).
 - She explained that AC is committed to fostering deep community connections through shared arts and culture experiences in our spaces and places.
 - These are our venues, stages, and event services that support clients, performers, and patrons. We have community engagement where we host events and programs, and resources to support community members who aren't normally coming into our areas to try to invite them into our spaces and support emerging artists, organizations, and individual artists throughout the SLCo.
 - The ZAP program is housed within Arts and Culture.
 - We operate five exceptional venues with nine performance spaces and multiple rehearsal halls. This includes Abravanel Hall, Capitol Theater, Eccles Theater, Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center, and Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center in Taylorsville.
 - We provide operations and maintenance to UMOCA
 - The sixth venue in the southwest planning area, the Larry H. and Gail Miller Family Arts Center, is underway, and currently, architects are designing this beautiful building, and we're excited to have it added to the amenities.
 - There is also the ticketing service, ArtTix, with very robust patron services that support all of this programming.
 - When somebody buys a ticket, we capture that zip code, so we can see where we have engaged users. This demonstrates how we provide a regional resource to our community.

- There were over 800,000 individual tickets sold and over \$60 million in ticket value, and this shows community engagement.
- We're always assessing and trying to understand how we can improve that experience regarding welcoming, safety, and the quality of experiences.
- The Clark Planetarium started as the Hanson in 1965 and then moved to the Gateway in 2003. It has free entrance but does have ticketed movie and dome shows.
 - It's nationally recognized, and last year was on USA Today it was voted in the top 10 planetariums in the nation.
 - They create their exhibits, which they sell nationally and have quite a bit of success with people. They even travel here to see the exhibits to buy them for their planetariums.
 - They're open 10 hours a day, Sunday through Thursday, 14 hours on Friday and Saturday.
 - They also have dome shows, IMAX presentations, summer camps, and star parties.
 - They visit every school across the entire state to do science programming, as well as doing continuing ed for science teachers.
 - They're redoing their cash wrap, and their cashier is in space in their store.
 - They will likely have future requests coming in due to the number of patrons they serve, and need to do various upgrades, such as the IMAX system, projector upgrade, an overall theater refresh, and exhibits refresh.
- Parks and Recreation: Improving Lives Through People, Parks and Play, and includes parks, trails, and open space, as well as a recreation section, a planning section, a community engagement section, administration and fiscal, and then golf.
 - They have 4,000 open space acres, 350 miles, plus miles of trails, 42 regional parks, 34 neighborhood parks, 21 rec centers, aquatic or ice centers, 19 pools, 10 of which are indoor, 9 outdoor, 6 golf courses, 4 ice sheets, 4 licensed child care programs, 1 historic working farm and nearly 5,000 employees.
 - We have several accessible programs for youth and adults that include adult sports, junior golf, youth sports, the My County Rec Pass, outdoor recreation, summer camps, trails, and open space.
 - In these many areas, there is a tremendous amount of capital maintenance, including HVAC systems, a lot of boilers, and a lot of aging systems.
 - The board should expect to see more requests in the fall, and they anticipate an increase in costs associated with all areas, including the maintenance, personnel overhead, and expanding community needs as our community keeps growing, and the population is out into the western area.

- They will be looking to have a geo bond in 2026 because the TRCC fund isn't large enough and sufficient to cover their large scope of needs within Parks and Rec.
- The GO bond will address some of these capital maintenance needs and fill in gaps within the valley.
- My County Rec Pass has led to increased visits to rec centers, pools, and ice rinks, with a significant number of new passes issued since its introduction.
 - As of this morning, they have given out almost 82,000 youth passes since the launch date on June 1st for Memorial Day weekend last year, 2024. My County Rec Pass is for all residents aged 0 to 18. It's a free recreation pass to SLCo rec centers, pools, and ice rinks.
 - Data has been a challenge to collect with full enrollment now because some were enrolled in family packages.
 - The new point of sale system that will be launched this fall will help in better understanding this type of data.
 - The slide to present the geographic distribution of rec facilities across SLCo was shown.
 - The pass has been well-received by the community, with positive feedback from participants and their families.
 - The program has shown positive outcomes in terms of health and wellness, with increased physical activity and social engagement among young people.
 - 72% of kids who filled out a survey said they had not had a pass before getting the free one.
 - We asked them the reason they didn't have a pass. 62% said it was because the cost was prohibitive.
 - Two surveys were conducted on quality of life to understand health and wellness, and so we can gauge if there was improvement from the pre-to-post results, from last summer to March of this year.
 - Participants would rate their overall health from one to five, worst to highest. We saw an increase of 12 percentage points from last summer into March, from 37% to 48%.
 - 71% stated that it made them healthier and active overall.
 - A board member asked if the survey was for families or individuals; they assumed the results came from parents.
 - Results have also come from IHC, or Intermountain Health Partners, which reached out to us.
 - Dr. Neil Davis says, "I'm so grateful for my County Rec Pass. It's enabled many of the families I care for to have a good option for physical activity for their children. In addition to physical activity, it has gotten these kids off screens and into the real world of play and social interactions, and I've seen a tangible difference it has made."

- There has also been an increased interest from the seniors.

4.5 Mid-Year Revenue Update

25-165

Presenter: Brad Kendrick, SLCo Financial Admin., Assoc. Budget Administrator.
(10 Minutes.)

Informational

Attachments:

1. 2025 June Adjusted LRP - 181 TRCC Fund

- For the long-range plan, Brad presented an overview of the financial health of the TRCC fund, noting a slight softening in revenues but overall stable and healthy.
- The 2025 budget showed a downward trend in tax revenues, offset by additional grants and spending.
- Overall, for the taxes, we are expecting a downward trend of about 800,000 altogether. Hopefully, that's just a little blip this year and it rebounds next year.
- They also received grants from the state.
- They also received a \$2 million grant from Udot for the Salt Lake Canal Trail, so that additional revenue is offset by additional spending.
- They also received a \$200,000 grant from Utah Outdoor Recreation, and that also went to the Salt Lake Canal Trail.
- They also received an almost \$578,000 grant for Parley's Trail, and that came from the Salt Lake Office of Regional Development.
- A significant project, the Big Cottonwood Heights playground replacement, was shifted from TRCC funding to the county's general obligation bond, providing a \$400,000 benefit to the TRCC fund. This will offset some of that loss in revenue for 2025.

4.6 TRCC Application Review and Board Next Steps

25-166

Presenter: Robin Chalhoub, SLCo Dept. Director of Community Services.
(10 Minutes)

Informational

Attachments: None

- This is a chance to review all the applications.
- Meetings will continue on October 3rd, October 10th, October 17th, and November 21st.

- There was discussion about changing the location of the meeting, but it was decided that this would cause more confusion.

4.7 Open Meeting Training

25-167

Presenter: Craig Wangsgard, SLCo Senior Civil Attorney, District Attorney's Office.

(10 Minutes.)

Informational

Attachments: None

- Craig provided training on the Open and Public Meetings Act, emphasizing the importance of conducting public business openly and the requirements for public notice and meeting minutes.
- The training covered the general rule that all meetings are open to the public unless legally closed, the need for written minutes and recordings, and the penalties for violations, which can be cured through remedial action.

5. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5.1 The next TRCC meeting will be held on Friday, August 22, 2025, 1:00 PM-3:00 PM, Room N2-800.

25-219

Presenter: Robin Chalhoub, SLCo Dept. Director of Community Services.

(Less than 5 Minutes.)

Informational

Attachments: None

- There's a gap from August 22nd to September 12th meeting.

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