

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTES

**Date:** January 12, 2015; 2:30-5:30 pm

**Location:** Park City, Treasure Mountain Inn

**Attendees:**

Mayor McAdams, Cathy Kahlow for Dave Whittekiend, Carl Fisher, Ivan Marrero, Andy Beerman, Steve Capson, Mike Wilson, Mike Allegra, Nathan Rafferty, Nathan Lee, Laynee Jones, Mayor Pollard (via phone), Linda Gehrke (via phone), others in audience

### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

#### Welcome & Updates

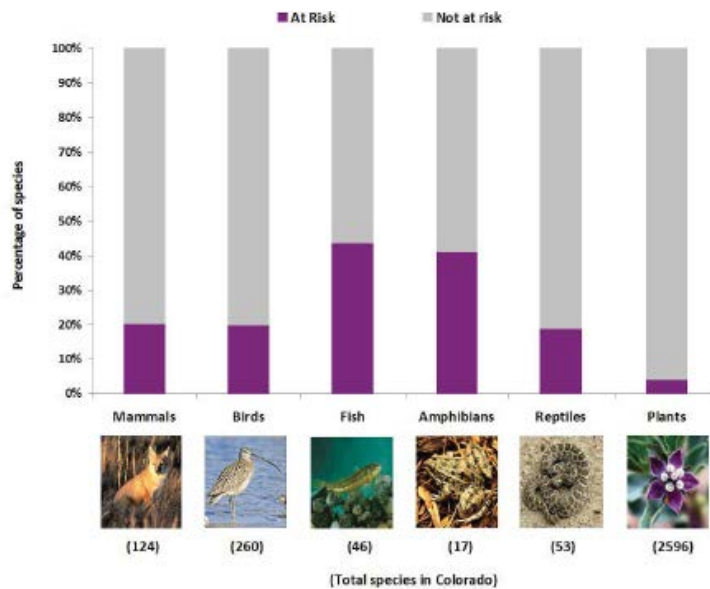
- Mayor McAdams welcomed new Wasatch County representative Mike Kolher and thanked Steve Capson for serving on Executive Board
- **ILA Update**
  - ILA partners should plan on contributing for the next 3 years, the amounts are shown on the attached budget
  - Andy Beerman suggested that the Mountain Accord budget and the ILA reflect budget dedicated to educational trips. The ILA and charter should outline criteria for how budget is allocated to this travel. The Executive Board agreed and Laynee Jones will take action.

#### Phase I Outcomes & Next Steps

- **NEPA**
  - The project team is meeting with federal agencies to develop a NEPA approach.
  - Proposed actions for an Environmental Impact Statement include improved transit and potentially fixed-guideway from Salt Lake to Park City (in Little Cottonwood corridor), land trades and preservation.
  - A separate study will evaluate improved transit in Parleys, including improvements at Kimball Junction.
- **Cottonwoods Negotiations Task Force**
  - The group will reach near consensus in the next few weeks and will report findings
- **Federal Designation Task Force**
  - Dave Whittekiend (USFS) suggested we invite Brad Barber to lead the task force and Brad has accepted. Brad Barber is the Mountain Accord Recreation Group Co Chair. Joan DeGiorgio will also participate as the Mountain Accord Environment Co Chair.

- The proposal and bill language for federal designations needs to be completed sooner rather than later (next few months)
- A timeline was requested - since the meeting, the following timeline was developed:
  - Present recommendation to Executive Board in April 2015 meeting
  - Written proposal/ bill language by end of June 2015
- **Environmental Monitoring**
  - Ann Ober reported that a sub group is working on a proposal for an environmental scorecard based on a Nature Conservancy model in Colorado (see a snippet of the report below)
 

<http://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/colorado/newsroom/conservation-in-colorado-biodiversity-report-released.xml>
  - Ann is developing a scope and budget for the Executive Board, and a presentation will be made at an upcoming Executive Board meeting



- **Trails**
  - Key component of the Blueprint is to connect Wasatch Front and Back with a flagship trail network
  - Cathy Kahlow reported on a sub group that is working on next steps
  - It would be beneficial to include next steps in the charter amendment to be approved at March Executive Board meeting
  - Since the meeting, Trails Utah offered to put together a strategic implementation plan and Laynee Jones is recommending entering a contract
- **Economic Study**
  - Jeff Heilman conducted an economic roundtable to identify industry opinions on a connection between the cottonwood canyons and Park City

- Jeff Heilman will prepare a report for the Executive Board
- A list of questions to be answered with the detailed Economic Study was developed
- Mike Allegra and other suggested we conduct more roundtables on a variety of topics in the future, especially during public input phase
- Be looking for a Phase II economic scope of work

### Public Engagement

- ***Since the meeting the start of the public comment period was changed to February 4!***
- Each Executive Board Agencies agency should plan a public meeting or other outreach activity during the public comment phase, the consulting team will provide materials
  - A 300-400 word quote or summary description is suggested when emailing out the final blueprint – Jeff Heilman will prepare
- Draft Media plan highlights (see attached)
  - Outreach to national media was suggested
  - Outreach to Utah Policy Forum was suggested
- Highlights Executive Board Comments on Public Document Maps
  - The document should reflect “proposed” blueprint (it is not final)
  - Clarify that rail on Parley’s from airport/downtown SLC to Park City is a long term option
  - Show how the 7200 South alignment would connect to commuter rail
  - What do the dotted lines on 7200 S and 9400 S indicate
  - indicate uncertainly associated with Little Cottonwood to Park City connections, and 224 and 248
  - Nathan Rafferty we emphasize why it is important to have a sustainable economy? The tourism industry creates over 7 billion in economic activity per year, which reduces tax burden by \$1000 per month
  - The transportation table is too confusing

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