

**CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2017- 3:14 P.M.
COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2277 East Bengal Boulevard, Cottonwood Heights, Utah**

The December 18, 2017 CWC minutes were approved at the February 28, 2018 meeting because the approval of these minutes at the February 5, 2018 meeting did not have four “Aye” votes.

Present: Carlos Braceras, Mayor Ben McAdams, Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore, Mayor Jackie Biskupski, Chris McCandless, Jim Bradley

Staff: Carly Castle, Laura Briefer, Recorder-Paula Melgar, Legal Counsel-Shane Topham

A. OPENING

i. Commissioner Biskupski conducted the meeting as Chair of the CWC.

At approximately 3:14 p.m. Commissioner Biskupski apologized for her delay and called the meeting to order.

ii. The Commission considered approving the meeting minutes of Monday, July 17, 2017.

Motion by Jim Bradley
Second by Carlos Braceras
Motion passed unanimously.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

i. Comments to the CWC. Comments were taken on any item not scheduled for a public hearing, as well as on any other CWC business. Comments were limited to three minutes.

Mayor Tom Pollard from the Town of Alta reported that Item D on the agenda is to discuss whether to admit the Town of Alta as a member of the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC). The Town of Alta has participated in the process since the beginning and is one of the founding members. The Town was involved in Phases 1 and 2 and is a financial contributor. He reported that the Town of Alta is an incorporated municipality within the region described as the Central Wasatch Commission. For over 50 years, one of the guidelines of the Town of Alta has been stewardship of the environment. They also have a significant role in public safety and transportation issues that affect Little Cottonwood Canyon.

Mayor Pollard explained that Little Cottonwood Canyon Road is the only life blood to their town and it is critical to them that transportation improvements occur there. They put a large portion of their budget toward that effort. The Dispatch Center at the top of the Canyon coordinates with

all of the agencies involved in public safety in the Canyon. Because of their location and the fact that they are an incorporated municipality, putting the Town of Alta in the CWC makes sense. They have a lot of experience in the Canyon and can provide a local perspective. It will also give residents some comfort in the fact that they have input on issues that significantly impact their town.

Steve Van Maren, a citizen, thanked the Commission and staff for providing such a detailed packet of information. He was concerned about governance and stated that the roll call reflected in the minutes indicates the position of members prior to their election and includes additional Commissioners who arrived later in the meeting. That did not seem right to him. Later in the meeting, one of the appointed members was recorded as voting multiple times prior to notification by the legislative body that he was approved to be a Commissioner. The member was invited to sit with the group and his vote was recorded before he was ratified by the member cities. Further, today Mr. McCandless is being appointed by Mayor Dolan to represent Sandy City. He noted that the letter submitted was effectively Mayor Dolan's resignation from the Commission.

Mr. Chris McCandless had a similar question about whether he should be seated at the Dias or wait until his membership is ratified. Legal counsel advised him to sit with the group and that the appointment was made upon Mayor Dolan's resignation.

Jen Clancy identified herself as the Executive Director of Friends of Alta and was representing their small interest at the top of Little Cottonwood Canyon. They expressed support for the Alta area being included in the Central Wasatch Commission Study Area and for the Town of Alta to have representation on the Executive Board.

Chris Robinson identified himself as the Chair of the Summit County Council who has been involved with the Mountain Accord since its inception. He felt that Summit County had a lot to add to the CWC. Much of their geography was included in the project area, which included the area south of I-80 and west of US-40. Much of their critical water shed comes from the Wasatch Mountains and they serve as the back door to the Central Wasatch. Some of the Forest Service land in the proposed National Conservation and Recreation Area Act is being considered for the federal designation. If that were to occur, the Council asked that Mr. Robinson be the appointee.

C. NOTICE OF A PPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONER REPRESENTING SANDY CITY - Chris McCandless.

Commissioner Biskupski reported that Mayor Tom Dolan stepped down from his position on the Commission in November. He notified all parties that he was appointing Sandy City Council Member, Chris McCandless, to serve as Sandy's representative.

Jim Bradley moved that the Commission accept the appointment of Chris McCandless to represent Sandy City on the Central Wasatch Commission. The motion was seconded by Kelvyn Cullimore. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

i. Town of Alta.

- a. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2017-01 appointing an Additional Member Representing the Town of Alta.**

ii. Summit County.

- a. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2017-02 appointing an Additional Member Representing Summit County.**

The above two matters were discussed together. Mayor Cullimore felt it was wise to include Alta. He did, however, have reservations about the group getting overly large. He questioned whether studies should be conducted on the implications of admitting the two entities that have applied and determine if there are others interested in applying. It was his opinion that Alta has a stronger position than Summit County, but he was not sure that was a distinction they were ready to make.

Mr. McCandless' preference was to wait until the February meeting so that he can understand the issue better. Mayor McAdams was in favor of proceeding to accept the two additional stakeholders. Commissioner Cullimore questioned whether the desire of the Commission is to have broader discussion about future applicants. He wanted to make sure that the criteria upon which they are basing the acceptance of additional members is founded in policy and determine what they are trying to accomplish.

Laura Briefer commented on the sub-committee, the work they will do, and their role in the process. She explained that the Commission's Interlocal Agreement established an Advisory Committee. The desire was to attract a broad group of stakeholders and utilize their knowledge of the areas that could potentially be impacted by future actions. The intent is to provide an opportunity for the committee members to participate in a meaningful manner.

Mayor Cullimore moved that the Commission take under advisement the applications of Alta and Summit County and use it as a launching point to better define the criteria for accepting additional board members and take action in February. Chris McCandless seconded the motion.

Carlos Braceras made a friendly amendment to include language encouraging others to put forward a name to serve on the Commission by February and define a period during which entities may apply. Mayor Cullimore accepted the friendly amendment. Vote on motion: Carlos Braceras-Aye, Mayor Ben McAdams-Aye, Mayor Kelvyn Cullimore-Aye, Mayor Jackie Biskupski-Aye, Chris McCandless-Aye, Jim Bradley-Nay. The motion passed 5-to-1.

E. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2017-03 ADOPTING AMENDED BYLAWS AND PROCUREMENT POLICY.

Legal Counsel, Laura Briefer, gave a summary of the two new sections and reviewed Chapter 7-Procurement Policy. At their July 2017 meeting the Commission adopted bylaws and the State Procurement Policy. They also authorized the creation of the sub-committee comprised of staff from the various organizations that study procurement policies. The proposed additions were reviewed. The Commission's team of attorneys drafted the new procurement policy.

Carlos Braceras noted that the document does not mention Part 24 of the Utah Procurement Code, which addresses conduct and ethics. It was suggested that the policy recognize Part 24. It should also require that all CWC employees act as procurement professionals and be trained on the requirements of Part 24.

Carlos Braceras moved to approve the Bylaws and Procurement Policy, as amended, with the addition of Part 24 of the Procurement Code, which includes ethics, so that any CWC employee may act as a procurement professional, subject to Part 24. Chris McCandless seconded the motion with a correction to page 12 of the word "quiet". The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

F. REPORT ON ONGOING PROGRAMS.

i. Environmental Dashboard-Joan Degiorgio and Marian Rice.

A copy of the presentation is attached and incorporated to these minutes by this reference. Marian Rice presented the Dashboard Report and reported that it is a tool for decision makers and those interested in data in the Central Wasatch. This is the first step in the process, which is to develop a framework, create a data base, and prepare a written report. Ms. Rice introduced their team and reported that the 12-member Steering Committee is guiding the process.

Joan Degiorgio explained that the task of the Environmental Sub-Committee is to determine the condition of the environment with the focus being on five specific items. Water indicators were developed to measure water supply, water quality, and stream health. Data was made available for each indicator. The location of data gaps was also identified in terms of wildlife species and riparian areas. Ms. Rice described their next steps, one of which will be to move forward with the online dashboard.

Mayor McAdams thanked the team for their efforts and for developing the dashboard as a starting point to collect information.

Mayor Cullimore clarified that support for the dashboard will fall under the purview of the Commission going forward.

Ms. Rice explained that the Steering Committee has identified their preference for an online dashboard. It is updated and visible and will get much more traffic. They also received an offer

for donated time and resources, which would allow the online dashboard to be developed at a much lower cost.

Mr. McCandless asked why both the final report and the online dashboard could not be done at the same time. Ms. Degiorgio stated that both could be done but were not for budgetary reasons. The written report could be completed with the existing contract. There would, however, be an additional cost for the online dashboard.

Ms. Briefer explained that costs were provided by the Environmental Dashboard Team and included in the budget proposal. She noted that the cost of the online dashboard is \$60,000 above the current contract. There would also be ongoing costs to keep it updated.

ii. **Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Study-Laynee Jones.**

The above item was tabled to the February Meeting as Ms. Jones was not present.

iii. **Valley to Mountain Transit Alternatives Analysis Study-Caroline Rodriguez and Heidi Spoor.**

A copy of the presentation is attached and incorporated to these minutes by this reference. Heidi Spoor from HDR Engineering introduced herself and presented the details of the study. She stated that HDR is Summit County's consultant on the Valley to Mountain Alternatives Analysis. Today's presentation was funded from the original Mountain Accord. Ms. Spoor explained that Summit County, Park City, UDOT, UTA, Salt Lake City, and the Wasatch Front Regional Council teamed up to complete the project. The first phase focused on SR-224. The project intends to identify and compare the costs, benefits, and impacts of a range of transit alternatives. Ms. Spoor stressed that Summit County specifically indicated that they do not want to pursue roadway improvement alternatives. The goal was a transit project on SR-224, which was part of an effort to reduce the number of cars on SR-224 and lower the carbon footprint while maintaining the small-town feel.

Ms. Spoor reported that an Operations Study will be done on the existing Park City-Salt Lake Connect to determine how to align the existing bus service with the transit alternative on SR-224. In July 2017, Park City and Summit County introduced electric express bus service on SR-224, which has been very successful. The study builds on that momentum. Ms. Spoor described the FTA/AA process and stated that is no longer a requirement for communities to undergo an AA if they want to pursue FTA funds. It is a locally led flexible planning process and is the first step in determining the best transit improvements for a corridor. They will evaluate the benefits and costs of several alternative transit approaches and ultimately, Park City and Summit County will recommend a locally preferred alternative based on the study results.

Ms. Spoor indicated that the study team first defined the purpose of the Valley to Mountain Project. It was determined to be to enhance multi-modal transportation choices in the corridor, promote sustainability in the corridor and Park City as a whole, and promote system efficiencies within the SR-224 corridor and Park City. A workshop was held in the Summer of 2016 where the project partners brainstormed the goals of the project and established goals that could be tied

back to the project purpose. The goals can be measured as they embark on the alternatives analysis. Nine project goals were identified with one of the most important being to increase capacity on SR-224 during peak periods while avoiding excessing road widening.

Ms. Spoor commented that there is a parking problem in Park City. Summit County and Park City are looking at remote Park and Ride lots with the hope being to look at potential connections to the transit alternative on SR-224 and reduce the number of cars going into Old Town and address the parking needs there. The intent was also to provide a transit investment that meets the current needs and has the ability to expand for future growth. In the end, the hope was to preserve the right-of-way and create a transit way that can potentially expand. Ms. Spoor stated that the study is meant to further support local and regional transportation plans for the long-term express transit service strategy in the corridor. Park City completed a short-range transit development plan last summer that stressed a robust transit alternative on SR-224. Other plans also exist, and the project is building on that momentum. Ms. Spoor explained that the project partners also want to provide a safe and competitive transit alternative to automobiles on SR-224.

Ms. Spoor commented that the project is needed because there are existing system deficiencies. The project partners desire the project area comprise more livable communities that are supported by a multi-modal transportation system. In the summer of 2016, the project purpose and goals were developed, and the alternatives screened. During the first level of screening, Summit County and Park City were clear that they wanted to consider all of the alternatives. Ultimately, they came up with eight primary groups of technologies, which were described. The top two were identified as Electric Bus Rapid Transit and Light Rail Transit/Rapid Street Car. Aerial Transit screened well but the project partners determined that it probably wasn't the best fit to move people from Kimball Junction to Old Town Park City. They did, however, request that remain an option.

The three alignment options were identified as:

1. A center running transit alternative.
2. A side running transit alternative with directional lanes on each side of SR-224.
3. A side running alternative where both transit lanes would be on the west side of SR-224.

Each would assume the six-mile long route that begins at the Kimball Junction Transit Center, which is located behind the Summit County Library. It would end at a New Transit Center at the intersection of Bonanza Drive and Munchkin Road off of SR-248 in Park City. Between the two end points will be four additional stops. They number of stops was limited since the intent was for it to be an express service that competes with automobiles.

Ms. Spoor indicated that the center running option would likely be separated from the general-purpose lanes. In their discussions with UDOT, snow plowing concerns were identified. The shoulders would remain in place. The side running option was the compromise alternative and legitimizes what exists by giving it its own dedicated bus way while keeping the shoulder and

center median in place. The third alignment consists of the transit only facility on the west side of SR-224. It would be separated by a median and a shoulder.

An Online Open House was held between October 31 and December 12. An Open House was held in Park City on December 5 where a presentation was given to the public where they were asked for input. So far it had been determined that Alternative #2 costs the least and has the fewest right-of-way and environmental impacts. Alternative #3 was the most expensive and will likely have the most impacts. The intent was to continue screening the alternatives. The Level 2 screening will then be prepared after which a meeting will be held in January with the project partners who will recommend a preferred alternative.

iv. Federal designation-Bill Simmons.

Bill Simmons updated the Commission on the briefing of Congressman Curtis that took place a few weeks earlier. Mayor Dolan reached out to Congresswoman Love and asked her to reintroduce the same legislation that Congressman Chaffetz introduced. She agreed to do that. Last year, Congressman Bishop expressed a desire to seek changes, which had not yet been publicly articulated. Congresswoman Love still intends to introduce it. In addition, Congressman Curtis is a very strong supporter of the Mountain Accord and the legislation. He anticipated that Congressman Stewart would also become a co-sponsor as he was last year. It was expected that the process will move forward early next year. The next step will be for a markup in the Federal Lands Sub-Committee of the Natural Resources Committee and then the full committee of which Congressman Bishop is the Chair.

G. DISCUSSION OF OFFICE SPACE NEEDS-Conducted by Laura Briefer.

i. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2017-04 Approving Assignment of Lease and Assumption Agreement for Office Space.

Laura Briefer reported that the Commission was provided with a possible resolution to approve entry into an Assignment of a Lease Agreement for office space that was previously held by Lanee Jones Consulting or an alternative. She explained that the Lease Agreement was entered into in June 2016 and expires May 31, 2019. The office space is located on Racquet Club Drive near the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon. The rent is \$2,060 per month and multiple tenant improvements were made while the Mountain Accord occupied the space. There is a conference room, office space for an Executive Director, and staff work areas. There are also areas for work groups to gather to discuss projects. The lease anticipates a future assignment to the Central Wasatch Commission. The sub-committee met and recommended they keep the space as it is ready for occupancy once an Executive Director is hired. During the Mountain Accord process, they struggled to find a suitable location to meet and discuss projects. It was suggested that they retain the space for the time being and assign the Lease Agreement to the Central Wasatch Commission.

Mayor Cullimore moved that the Commission adopt Resolution 2017-04 approving entry into an Assignment of Lease and Assumption Agreement. Chris McCandless seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

H. STAFFING DISCUSSION - Conducted by Laura Briefer.

i. Executive Director.

Ms. Briefer was present representing the sub-committee and stated that they were tasked with preparing a staffing and budget proposal. She referred to her transmittal to the Commission dated December 11, 2017. Staffing issues were discussed. Ms. Briefer explained that the CWC is a new organization formed under the Interlocal Act. As such, one of the primary staffing goals is for an Executive Director who would handle general administration and management of the organization and follow all appropriate statutory requirements and best practices for government entities. The second goal would be to conduct the substantive mission initiatives of the Central Wasatch Commission. The goal of the Executive Director would be to administer and manage the organization, move the CWC initiatives forward under the direction of the Commission, and have other potential staff report to the Executive Director. Ms. Briefer recommended that this be an employee of the Central Wasatch Commission and likely a full-time employee who is supported by an administrative support person to perform clerical tasks.

ii. Accounting/Finance Support.

Ms. Briefer stated that another function would involve Accounting and Financial Services. This position would also be accountable to the Board and the Executive Director. There should be a separation of duties and organizational structure. The function of the Accounting and Financial Services role would be to prepare a budget in coordination with the CWC and the Director and involve general accounting, payroll, arranging for audits, establishing internal controls, and other issues that are important to an entity.

iii. Recommendation on Legal Representation for CWC (written briefing).

In addition to the Executive Director, it was recommended that outside legal counsel be retained to work under the direction of the Commission. It was suggested that this be a contracted position with a firm that employs individuals with governmental expertise to ensure compliance with the Open and Public Meetings Act, GRAMA, and other rules and regulations that apply to governmental entities. Legal counsel may also be needed to evaluate project specific initiatives.

The final staffing function involved Technical Consulting. It was recognized that the Commission may want to contract with individuals or firms who offer specialized services and expertise relative to specific projects or programs. These may include intergovernmental relations, services related to federal legislation, transportation, or environmental issues, recreation, or economic issues. Technical consulting work will be overseen and managed by the Executive Director and the Central Wasatch Commission Board. With regard to the budget, the staffing recommendations were incorporated into various budget line items.

Mayor Cullimore's understanding was that the Executive Director will be the one employee of the CWC with the potential for an administrative employee to be hired at some point to provide

assistance. All other positions would be contracted. Ms. Briefer confirmed that that was the case.

Jim Bradley moved to proceed and initiate the hiring process for an Executive Director to be guided by the criteria set forth in writing in the motion sheet in the packet by reference, which addresses various processes and considerations that the committee should employ. Chris McCandless seconded the motion.

Ms. Briefer stated that the sub-committee is prepared to begin the hiring process. Mayor Cullimore expressed appreciation to the sub-committee for their work. The sub-committee members were identified as:

- Shane Topham, Legal Counsel for Cottonwood Heights;
- Carly Castle, Special Project Manager for Salt Lake City Public Utilities;
- Matt Dias, Park City Assistant City Manager;
- Rusty Vetter, Salt Lake City Attorney's Office;
- Jana Young, Summit County Director of Administration and Intergovernmental;
- Mary DeLoretto, Environmental Studies Manager with UTA;
- Kimberly Barnett, Salt Lake County Associate Deputy Mayor;
- Robert Sampson, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Captain; and
- Ned Hacker from the Wasatch Front Regional Council.

The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

I. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2017-05 APPOINTING A BUDGET OFFICER.

Mayor McAdams moved that the Commission adopt Resolution 2017-05 appointing Jim Bradley to serve as the Budget Officer. Mayor Cullimore seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

J. PRESENTATION OF THE 2017-2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET-Conducted by the Budget Officer.

i. Update on Payment of Invoices.

Mr. Bradley reported that \$104,860 worth of invoices had not been paid since the cessation of the Mountain Accord and before the formal birth of the CWC. Those doing work for the cause were in limbo in terms of specific authorization to move forward. He analyzed the work done and the requests for payment and it was his opinion that they should be paid for various reasons set forth in his letters provided to the Commission. On June 9, 2017, the State Auditor recognized the CWC as a legitimate organization, which was the date selected as the demarcation between who pays the invoices. Invoices dated prior to June 9, 2017, would be paid by the Mountain Accord with funds held by UTA. Invoices submitted after that date would be the responsibility of the CWC and totaled about \$22,000. It was stressed that invoices cannot be paid until a budget is adopted.

ii. Report on Monies Received.

Mr. Bradley reported that \$290,000 was received with \$100,000 coming from the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy. Salt Lake County submitted \$190,000 of which \$10,000 was reserved to be used to resolve the lawsuit being waged against the Mountain Accord. Invoices were sent to those that owe them money. Mr. Bradley reported that the Tentative Budget shows a projected income of \$1,860,000 for the fiscal year 2017-2018. The expenses were itemized and very broad.

Ms. Briefer reported that the \$1.8 million income is from the Interlocal Agreement among various entities including Cottonwood Heights, Draper, the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake Sandy, Park City, Sandy City, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Summit County, the Town of Alta, UDOT, and UTA. UTA's contribution was replaced by an in-kind contribution of increased bus service over the three-year life of the Interlocal Agreement. She explained that those monies were the remaining allocation for 2016 and 2017.

Ms. Briefer stated that the sub-committee had a great deal of discussion about the general philosophy of the budget. They wanted to be conservative but also allow for flexibility. The expenses were divided into broad categories. One was personnel costs, which reflect the Executive Director and any staff that work directly for the CWC. There are also operations and maintenance costs related to running the organization as well as charges and services that include legal, finance, and accounting services. The majority of the budget would involve carrying forward projects identified in the Mountain Accord. Ms. Briefer reported that currently the Central Wasatch Commission is not involved in building or maintaining capital projects, but it is fulfilling many of the programs and projects that were present in the Accord.

Mayor Cullimore noted that the budget was circulated to members of the Commission for review prior to this meeting. The proposed document reflects input from all Commission Members.

iii. Consideration of RESOLUTION 2017-06 Adopting Tentative Budget for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year, Scheduling a Public Hearing and Providing for Public Notice.

Jim Bradley moved to approve the Tentative Budget for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 and made available for public inspection. Notice will be published reporting

the time and place of the public hearing. The public hearing was to at the next meeting scheduled for February 5, 2018 at the Salt Lake City Public Safety Building located at 475 South 300 East. The motion was seconded by Carlos Braceras. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Legal Counsel, Shane Topham, recommended that Mr. Bradley restate his motion to specify the resolution number.

Mr. Bradley asked to readdress Resolution #2017-06 to reflect the resolution number. The resolution adopts the Tentative Budget for the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. McCandless. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

K. DISCUSSION OF STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL APPLICATION PROCESS - Conducted by Kimi Barnett.

Kimi Barnett from Salt Lake County reported on the creation of the Stakeholder Council. She reported that the inclusion community members and organizations involved in the work of the CWC felt strongly that it be included in the Interlocal Agreement that created the CWC. She stated that they would soon request formal approval of an application for a new process. She asked that the Commission consider specific criteria for the application process. The goal was to create a clear and transparent method for the selection of members to the Council. The proposed application form was presented. Ms. Barnett recommended that criteria be set on which to base a decision about who is chosen to serve. The hope was to get the Stakeholder Council established in the near future. In response to a question raised about the number of positions, Ms. Barnett explained that the Interlocal Agreement specifies 28 to 35 stakeholders.

Mr. Braceras asked if the Executive Director will support the Council. Ms. Barnett confirmed that that was the case and stated that the sub-committee feels strongly that the Executive Director be the point person for the Stakeholder Council.

Mayor Biskupski asked about timing. Ms. Barnett explained that it could be included as part of the action items presented at the next meeting for approval. She asked that feedback be provided to her within the next month.

Mayor Cullimore suggested that applicants be asked to attach a formal resume or curriculum vitae to better identify their skillsets and interests.

In response to a question raised by Mayor Biskupski, Ms. Barnett stated that 30 days would be enough time for her review prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Bradley referenced the Budget Report and stated that UTA has been holding funds from which invoices were paid prior to June 29. Mary DeLoretto asked that the funds be transferred to the CWC and that funds be reserved for rent payments until they have a functioning checking account. Mayor Biskupski asked that that decision be postponed since there is a budget issue that needs to be resolved first.

Mayor McAdams moved to propose a Resolution of Appreciation be adopted to acknowledge the service of Mayors Dolan and Cullimore. Mayor Biskupski seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

Mr. Braceras introduced Project Manager, John Thomas, who is conducting the NEFA work for the Little Cottonwood Canyon Project. Mr. Thomas reported that on October 13, 2017 the Utah Transportation Commission approved funds for UDOT to initiate the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Little Cottonwood Canyon. Since then, they have hired a consulting team to begin the process of developing a scope of work. Input was received from various community and environmental groups and businesses who are aware of the direction of the Mountain Accord and issues in the Canyon. They plan to continue to build on those collaborations. UTA, the Forest Service, and Salt Lake City Public Utilities will be cooperating agencies that will have a great deal of involvement in the day-to-day direction of the EIS. They were happy to see the environmental dashboard come to fruition and plan to continue to build on it. Over the next few months, updates will be provided to the CWC and by October they will be considering alternatives. In February, they will go into more detail about an approved scope of work.

Mr. Braceras asked that this be included as a standing agenda item for the CWC going forward.

L. NEXT MEETING

i. February 5, 2017-Salt Lake City (Meeting to Include Budget Hearing).

The next Central Wasatch Commission Meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., at the Salt Lake City Public Safety Building, located at 475 South 300 East, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

M. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no Other Business.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Braceras moved to adjourn. Mayor McAdams seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.