

**Central Wasatch Commission Meeting Minutes
Salt Lake City and County Building
451 South State Street, Salt Lake City, UT 84111
February 28, 2018**

The Central Wasatch Commission Board members met in open meeting on February 28, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Salt Lake City Council Chambers.

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Andy Beerman	Commissioner	Present
Jackie Biskupski	Vice Chair	Present
Carlos Braceras	Commissioner	Excused
Jim Bradley	Commissioner	Present
Ben McAdams	Commissioner	Present
Chris McCandless	Chair	Present
Mike Peterson	Commissioner	Present
Shane Topham	Legal Counsel	Present
Laura Briefer	SLC Public Utilities Director	Present
Carly Castle	SLC Special Projects Manager	Present
Michelle Kellogg	Park City Recorder	Present

A. Opening and Approval of December 18, 2017 and February 5, 2018 Minutes:

It was indicated the December 18 minutes would need to be re-approved since they did not receive four “Aye” votes from the board at the February 5th meeting.

Commissioner Bradley moved to approve the December 18, 2018 meeting minutes with the correction on Page Nine describing the working group, and indicated Robert Sampson’s title was Captain instead of Lieutenant as was written. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Commissioners Beerman, Bradley, McAdams, McCandless and Peterson

EXCUSED: Commissioners Biskupski and Braceras

Vice Chair Biskupski arrived at 9:05 a.m.

Commissioner Peterson moved to approve the February 5, 2018 meeting minutes. Commissioner McAdams seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Commissioners Beerman, Biskupski, Bradley, McAdams, McCandless and Peterson

EXCUSED: Commissioner Braceras

B. Public Comment:

Chair McCandless opened the meeting for those who wished to address the Commission.

Steve Van Maren stated there were some corrections to the December 18th minutes from the last meeting that weren't included with this approval. He indicated the meetings were supposed to rotate amongst the entities, but noted the next meeting would be here too. He also wondered why the appointment of a director wasn't on the agenda today. Chair McCandless stated the applications were being vetted and it would take a couple months for the selection. He also expressed appreciation to Van Maren for all his work on behalf of the commission.

Bart Reuling, Big Cottonwood Canyon Board Member, stated the CWC should not move forward with the conservation and recreation designation until the infrastructure was improved, and he specifically mentioned that the toilet facilities were lacking. In the Forest Service meeting for the Master Plan, it was indicated various entities would work together to come up with a solution, but they were still waiting. He noted the designation would only increase the use of the area and noted the population growth in the surrounding cities. He indicated there was a need for recreation areas close to population centers and hoped for more attention to toilets, trails, and transportation alternatives for this area. Chair McCandless stated a study was in the works for this area.

Carl Fisher, Save our Canyons, stated Saturday was the 40th anniversary of the Lone Peak Wilderness Designation, which was signed into law by President Carter in 1978. Fisher was working on a number of bills at the Legislature. He was concerned about HB135 and HB136. HB135 proposed taking away a City's ability to protect its water shed and HB136 was "moving the goal post" as it pertained to protecting wilderness areas, recreation lands, monuments, national parks, etc. He felt the areas were important and needed to be preserved. They filed an objection with the U.S. Forest Service for using helicopters over the forests and wilderness areas. There are many visitors to these areas and he felt the NCRA designation could help maintain and create trail plans. He also thought the Central Wasatch Mountains were under siege now and hoped the designations could be prioritized.

Vice Chair Biskupski asked if a joint letter should be sent from the affected entities to the Legislature expressing concern about HB135 and HB136. Chair McCandless stated that was possible and suggested a letter from the Commission could be drafted and sent as well. Commissioner Peterson stated a resolution was passed by Cottonwood Heights opposing those bills.

Vice Chair Biskupski moved to approve that CWC send a letter to the Legislature opposing HB135 and HB136. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Commissioners Beerman, Biskupski, Bradley, McAdams, McCandless and Peterson

EXCUSED: Commissioner Braceras

Chair McCandless closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

C. Public Hearing:

Chair McCandless opened the public hearing for those who wished to make comments about the tentative budget. No comments from public were given. Chair McCandless closed the public hearing.

D. 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget for the Central Wasatch Commission:

Commissioner Bradley moved to adopt Resolution 2018-03, adopting the final budget of the Central Wasatch Commission for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, subject to future amendment. Commissioner Beerman seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Commissioners Beerman, Biskupski, Bradley, McAdams, McCandless and Peterson

EXCUSED: Commissioner Braceras

Commissioner Bradley noted that now the Commission could pay its bills because there was money in the bank.

E. Discussion of Criteria and Process for Additional Members and Possible Consideration of a Resolution Adopting Additional Members Policy:

Shane Topham explained four founding members entered into the CWC. Additional members could be allowed per the Interlocal Agreement (ILA), including appointed members like Park City, Summit County, and UDOT. The process for adding members was set out in the agreement, but it was unclear if there should be a cap on the number

of members, as well as what would happen if appointed members became adopted members. There were two resolutions and both capped the membership at nine, but they differed in the makeup of board members. Resolution 2018-04a would eliminate the appointed position of a board member if the entity applied and became an adopted board member. Resolution 2018-04b would allow the appointed commissioner's tenure to be unaffected if the entity became an adopted member, which would result in having two board members from the same entity on the Commission.

Chair McCandless opened the meeting for public comment.

Christopher Robinson, Summit County Council, indicated he was unclear if Summit County and Park City could jointly serve on the board with the adoption of this resolution. He also asked if there would be an ongoing financial commitment from the entities comprising the board, and noted Summit County had already contributed \$150,000. Topham stated beyond the ILA there were no required commitments. McCandless requested that ongoing contributions be discussed on the next agenda.

Chris Cawley wanted clarification on the appointment process. Topham stated the ILA set forth that additional members would come onboard by a vote by the commission. Then the governing bodies of the board members needed to vote unanimously to approve the additional members. The new member's governing body would then need to approve the ILA and enter into the ILA. Topham reviewed the requirements for new members.

Cawley confirmed that the action that would trigger the appointment process would be submitting an application. Chair McCandless noted Alta and Summit County had submitted applications, and asked if the Commission could vote today on admitting these entities to the Board. Topham stated the appointment was not on the agenda so it would be best to discuss that at the next meeting. Peterson thought there had been discussions that members pay an assessment. Topham stated there were discussions in the subcommittee that the members and some nonmembers had made financial contributions, but the ILA was not clear about ongoing contributions. He suggested discussing this further at a future meeting.

John Oblonken, resident of Millcreek, stated the Millcreek mayor would be interested in being on the commission. Since it's a new city with a new budget, he wondered what the financial obligations would be. Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor of Millcreek echoed John's comments.

Commissioner Beerman asked if, under Resolution 2018-04a, the Board appointed Summit County, would Park City be required to step down and apply to be an additional

member. Topham indicated that was correct. Commissioner Beerman noted Summit County and Park City were founding members of Mountain Accord and he wanted each to be represented, and asked if there could there be an Option C. Topham explained that under Option A, if Summit County or Park City was admitted as an additional member, then the Wasatch Back appointed position would be eliminated. Option B would allow the Wasatch Back to remain on the Board in conjunction with the new additional member of Summit County or Park City.

Chair McCandless asked Commissioner Beerman if there would be an impact if Summit County made application and Park City remained the Wasatch Back representative. Commissioner Beerman stated he would prefer to represent his entity if given the choice. Chair McCandless stated the CWC would be capped at nine under either version of the resolution. Commissioner Beerman indicated if the Board went with Option A, then Summit County and Park City would apply to be additional members at the same time.

Chris Robinson stated he had no desire to compete with Park City, and if it was an either/or decision, Summit County would withdraw its application. Under the current structure, there was an ILA between Summit County and Park City with regard to Wasatch Back representation on the Board.

Commissioner McAdams moved to adopt Resolution 2018-04b, adopting a policy for criteria and process for adding additional members to the CWC under Article V of the Central Wasatch Commission Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner Peterson seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Commissioners Beerman, Biskupski, Bradley, McAdams, McCandless and Peterson

EXCUSED: Commissioner Braceras

Commissioner McAdams was excused at 9:49 a.m. due to having another commitment.

F. Discussion of Lobbyist Scope of Work:

Laura Briefer stated during the last meeting, Bill Simmons was proposed to be the lobbyist representing the CWC in Washington, DC. She received a more detailed proposal, that included the meetings and process to which Simmons would be engaged. She noted the National Conservation and Recreation Area Act was a critical next step for CWC in order to move forward on many of the agreed programs with regard to transportation, economic development, and recreation. Chair McCandless supported

appointing Simmons as lobbyist. Briefer stated the proposal was for \$97,000 per year. Commissioner Peterson asked if there would be periodic reports to which Briefer responded in the affirmative.

Vice Chair Biskupski moved to accept the staff recommendation and to contract with Bill Simmons to represent CWC. Commissioner Beerman seconded the motion.

RESULT: APPROVED

AYES: Commissioners Beerman, Biskupski, Bradley, McCandless and Peterson

EXCUSED: Commissioners Braceras and McAdams

G. Next Meeting:

It was indicated the next meeting would be April 23, 2018, at 3:00 p.m. at Salt Lake County.

Chair McCandless requested that the Board adopt a policy to reimburse Cottonwood Heights, Salt Lake City, and Salt Lake County for expenses that were above and beyond, whether in cash or in kind, for the benefit of CWC. He mentioned that there had been discussion that these contributions could be considered a credit to future financial contributions. He requested that this be discussed further at the next meeting.

Chair McCandless stated that Shane Topham was now part of the CWC, so he shouldn't be on the subcommittee. He requested a new name be brought forward for consideration for the subcommittee.

Vice Chair Biskupski asked if meetings would be regularly held on Monday mornings. McCandless thought meeting times should be discussed at the next meeting. Commissioner Beerman stated the meetings should be at set times and locations so the public could rely on consistency.

Chair McCandless felt the Commission should have a retreat to discuss the direction the CWC is headed.

H. Other Business:

L. Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Michelle Kellogg, Park City Recorder