

1 **MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
2 **MEETING HELD MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 AT 3:30 P.M. VIA UBERCONFERENCE**

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4 **Present:** Chair Chris Robinson, Mayor Mike Peterson, Mike Reberg (representing
5 Mayor Wilson)
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7 **Staff:** Executive Director Ralph Becker (Ex Officio Member), Deputy Director Blake
8 Perez, Communications Director Lindsey Nielsen, Office Manager Kaye
9 Mickelson
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11 **Excused:** Mayor Erin Mendenhall
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13 **1. OPENING**
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15 CWC Executive Committee Chair, Chris Robinson called the meeting to order via UberConference
16 at approximately 3:50 p.m.
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18 **2. REVIEW AND DISCUSS DRAFT AGENDA: APRIL 6, 2020.**
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20 The following items were to be included on the April 6, 2020, agenda:
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- 22 • A resolution regarding funding of Phase 2 of the Environmental Dashboard.
- 23 • A tentative budget as to be presented to the Board for review following a March 25
24 meeting of the Finance Committee.
- 25 • The Mountain Transportation System (“MTS”) information will also be forthcoming.
- 26 • Discussion regarding short-term projects.
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28 Executive Director, Ralph Becker commented that the intent was to have the Board and the Finance
29 Committee approve the scope, attributes, and objectives for evaluating alternatives. By doing so, the
30 framework would be agreed upon before going on to the next step of evaluating the modes. It was
31 anticipated that 45 minutes to one hour would be allocated to that issue.
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33 Deputy Director, Blake Perez reported that meetings were scheduled with Mayors Peterson, Knopp,
34 and Beerman prior to the March 30 meeting. Prior to that date, the desire was to set up meetings with
35 Mayors Wilson, Mendenhall, and Silvestrini so that they are better prepared for the April 6 meeting.
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37 **3. CWC COMMITTEE UPDATE AND DISCUSSION.**
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39 Chair Robinson reported that the Mountain Transportation Committee chaired by Mayor Peterson
40 was held a few weeks prior. Not much had occurred since then. Chair Robinson and Mr. Becker
41 continued to work behind the scenes. For example, earlier in the day they had a conference call with
42 Natalie Gochnour, a member of the State Transportation Commission and the Olympic Bid
43 Committee. Ms. Gochnour stressed the importance of the work and shared some ideas. One was to
44 make it an issue of State-wide importance.
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46 Chair Robinson commented that mountain transportation appears to be on hold until they go through
47 the process described for the April 6 meeting. At that time, they will review the public comment
48 received and try to reach a consensus on the characteristics of a transportation system. The Land

1 Tenure Committee will likely meet remotely at the meeting scheduled for March 20 at 12:30 p.m. It
2 was reported that there is a challenge with Mayor Wilson’s schedule and she will not be able to chair
3 the meeting. Chair Robinson offered to conduct the meeting in her absence.
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5 A Transportation Meeting was also scheduled for March 30 at 3:30 p.m. The location had yet to be
6 determined. It was suggested that an in person meeting be held in the interim. Mayor Peterson offered
7 the Cottonwood Heights Community Room as potential meeting location.
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9 Chair Robinson reported that a meeting was scheduled with Representative John Curtis and others
10 for Thursday, March 19 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. Becker had discussions with John Knoblock who was
11 concerned about exposure and was ensured that there would be appropriate social distancing. He was
12 also given the option of calling in. Mr. Knoblock was concerned that the group may be imbalanced.
13 After performing a count, Mr. Becker determined that there will be eight people who are neutral, five
14 from the conservation community, and three who are involved in trails and mountain biking. There
15 could be one or two additional people on either side as well. Mr. Knoblock suggested Dave Fields
16 be invited to attend as well.
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18 Chair Robinson provided assurance that the meeting will be conducted in a fashion where those who
19 are fewer in numbers will have plenty of air time and there will be no domination. The Land Tenure
20 Committee Meeting was tentatively scheduled to take place in the Millcreek City Hall Chamber Area
21 that accommodates 70. It was reported that the Land Tenure Committee Meeting will not be noticed
22 as a public meeting. A determination needed to be made about whether to hold in-person or electronic
23 meetings.
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25 Mayor Peterson stated that there have been concerns about holding any public meetings. Cottonwood
26 Heights City has cancelled all public meetings with the exception of the required monthly City
27 Council Meeting. He was willing to attend due to the importance of the issue but he had mixed
28 feelings as to whether it should be held. The logistics of holding in-person meetings were discussed.
29 Mike Reberg suggested they meeting in the Millcreek City Council Chambers and form a circle to
30 allow for proper social distancing. The decision of the Executive Committee was to proceed with the
31 in-person meeting.
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33 Mr. Becker indicated that Mike Reberg will represent Mayor Wilson and was given direction to act
34 on her behalf. A draft of the Land Tenure Committee Meeting agenda would be distributed for
35 review. Mr. Becker stated that a meeting was held late last year and it was suggested that a few items
36 be focused on for the Legislation, however, the primary focus was the Land Tenure issue. The intent
37 was to layout potential options to address ownership, alignment of ownership, protection of lands,
38 and address the issues identified in the land exchanges. Other legislative issues could be addressed
39 as well.
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41 Chair Robinson suggested that representatives from the ski resorts be present to discuss their priorities
42 and potential land ownership changes. One of the baseline questions should be the importance of the
43 change in land ownership. He was optimistic that it will be a productive meeting and was hopeful
44 that some good will come of it.
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1 **4. 2020 CWC ANNUAL RETREAT – (CONFIRM DATES/PLACE) NOVEMBER 13-14,**
2 **2020, BEGINNING FRIDAY EVENING THE 13TH AND ALL DAY ON SATURDAY -**
3 **HOMESTEAD RESORT.**
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5 Office Manager, Kaye Mickelson reported that the retreat is scheduled for the evening of Friday,
6 November 13, and all day Saturday, November 14 at the Homestead Resort.
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8 **5. CWC TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT**
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10 Mr. Perez reported that the Transportation Summit was anticipated to take place in late September or
11 early October. The intent was to hold an event similar to Mountain Accord where all of the
12 stakeholders meet to discuss the process, what they have learned, and make a recommendation at the
13 conclusion of the 1 ½-day retreat to be forwarded to the CWC. The available dates at the Homestead
14 were October 2 and 3. Possible conflicts with the dates were identified. It was suggested that that
15 weekend be avoided. Those in attendance would include the Transportation Committee in addition
16 to a few others.
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18 Chair Robinson recommended the possibility of combining the Summit and the Retreat and have one
19 meeting. One day could be devoted to transportation and the second to other business. Ms. Mickelson
20 offered to look at an alternative venue and dates.
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22 Mr. Becker commented that the goal would be to forge a consensus about what the Mountain
23 Transportation Plan could or should be. The Retreat was for the Board to lay out a plan going forward
24 and review what has been done. His sense was that the transportation issue is contentious enough
25 and it will require all of the energy of those involved to get through. The result may also suggest
26 what the Commission will do in 2021 and beyond.
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28 Chair Robinson was in favor of separating the two and scheduling the Summit in late September and
29 holding the Retreat approximately six weeks later.
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31 **6. ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION (PERSONNEL ITEMS).**
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33 Chair Robinson stated that the first part of the Closed Session will include the involvement of
34 Mr. Becker with the rest of staff being excused. Mr. Becker would not be present for the final portion
35 of the meeting.
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37 **MOTION:** Mayor Peterson moved to go into Closed Session for to discuss personnel issues. Mike
38 Reberg seconded the motion. **There was no vote on the motion.**
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40 The recording was stopped with the Committee Members being provided with access to the budget
41 spreadsheet.
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43 The Executive Committee was in closed session from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED].
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45 **7. ADJOURNMENT.**
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47 The Central Wasatch Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately [REDACTED] p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Central*
2 *Wasatch Commission Executive Committee Meeting held Monday, March 16, 2020.*

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7 Minutes Secretary

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