



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
Regional Growth Committee
 January 21, 2021

A meeting was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021, via Zoom connection, due to the safety restrictions put in place by the Utah Governor's Office, in response to continuing COVID-19 concerns. The following were present:

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT		OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Tyler Vincent, Member (Brigham City)		Natalie Gochnour, Member Utah Transportation Commission	
Jeff Scott, Alternate (Box Elder County)		Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate Utah Transportation Commission	
Len Arave, Member (North Salt Lake)	yes	Beth Holbrook, Member Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	yes
Rick Earnshaw, Alternate (Woods Cross)		Carlton Christensen, Alternate Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	
Joy Petro, Member (Layton)	yes	Erin Mendenhall, Member Utah Air Quality Board	
John Pohlman, Alternate (Fruit Heights)		Ari Bruening, Member Envision Utah	
Robert McConnell, Member (Morgan County)	yes	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	yes
Matt Wilson, Alternate (Morgan County)		NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT	
Jenny Wilson, Member (Salt Lake County)	yes	Ben Huot, Member Utah Department of Transportation	
Ron Bigelow, Alternate (West Valley City)	yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan) Chair	yes	Laura Hanson, Member Utah Transit Authority	yes
Richard Snelgrove, Member (Salt Lake County)		Kerry Doane, Alternate Utah Transit Authority	yes
Troy Walker, Member (Draper)	yes	Bryce Bird, Staff Representative Utah Air Quality Board	
Steven Shields, Alternate (Herriman)	yes	Ivan Marrero, Member FHWA-Utah Division	
Dan Peay, Alternate (Magna)		Kelly Lund, Alternate FHWA-Utah Division	yes
Cherie Wood, Alternate (South Salt Lake)		Gary Uresk Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes
Kurt Bradburn, Alternate (Sandy)		Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	yes
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	yes	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	yes
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)		WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	
Mark Allen, Member (Washington Terrace)	yes	Ibi Guevara, Utah Urban Lands Institute	
Norm Searle, Alternate (Riverdale)	yes	Evan Curtis, GOMB	
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy) Vice Chair	yes	Jacey Skinner, Utah Transportation Coalition	yes
Jim Harvey, Alternate (Weber County)		Reid Ewing, University of Utah	yes

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:	
Bill Cobabe, Victoria Ashby, Roger Borgenicht,	Ted Knowlton, Andrea Pearson, Nikki Navio, Katie Gerard,
Wendy Thomas, Jay Aguilar, Ryan Perry,	Jory Johner, Megan Townsend, Lauren Victor,
Michael Parker, Christopher Chesnut, Eileen Barron	Andrew Gruber, Julie Bjornstad, Hugh Van Wagenen,
	Matthew Silski, Rosie Hernandez, Christy Dahlberg,
	Ned Hacker, Nicole Mendelsohn, Bert Granberg

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:42]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey called the meeting to order at 9:46am. Roll call introductions were made. New members of RGC were welcomed.

ACTION: Approve Minutes from the October 8, 2020 meeting [00:02:30]

Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Mayor Len Arave made a motion and Councilmember Kendall Thomas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment [00:04:47]

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting for public comments. There were none.

3. Wasatch Choice Update [00:05:30]

a. Fall 2020 Wasatch Choice workshop outcomes

Nikki Navio and Ted Knowlton, both with WFRC, gave a review of the Wasatch Choice workshops that were held remotely in the fall of 2020. The workshops explored transportation projects and the interrelated land use and economic development elements of the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision. The workshops also discussed impacts of COVID-19 on our communities and recent changes to state law that affect requirements for general plans and the way transportation investments are prioritized.

b. Newly-released Wasatch Choice resources [00:16:10]

Eileen Barron, with UDOT's Planning and Investment team, highlighted the Public Engagement Guidebook, one of the resources created to assist local governments with the challenges associated with addressing growth within communities, as well as the added challenge of COVID-19. To respond to these challenges the Wasatch Choice Partners, including WFRC, have been developing resources for local governments as General Plans, zoning, and transportation investments are put into place.

c. Assessing current community-level actions [00:29:03]

Mayor Ramsey and Andrew Gruber, WFRC, provided an overview of the efforts that communities have been implementing to address the state's continuing rapid growth, within the context of COVID-19. Communities are addressing both the Wasatch Choice framework and the new state requirements from Senate Bill 34 (2019, housing affordability). **[00:39:49]** Ted Knowlton, WFRC introduced Victoria Ashby, with ULCT, who provided more information regarding these housing affordability efforts.

4. UTA's Draft Five-Year Service Plan [01:09:50]

UTA Trustee Beth Holbrook introduced UTA's draft Five-Year Service plan. Laura Hanson, and Kerry Doane presented the plan, which includes a number of service change concepts that are already included in the Regional Transportation Plans and Utah's Unified Transportation Plans. The plan does not include projects that are not yet funded, but does begin to lay the foundation for future capital projects that are identified in the Regional and State plans. Trustee Holbrook stated that UTA would welcome input on this draft plan. It will be updated every two years, and will be incorporated into the next updates of the Regional and Utah's Unified Transportation Plans.

5. Other Business [01:35:22]

Mayor Ramsey reminded the group that the next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on Thursday, March 18, 2021, and highlighted upcoming events.

6. Overview of Utah Open and Public Meetings Act [01:36:02].

With no further business, Mayor Ramsey stated that since Utah State law requires that elected officials serving on committees such as those of the Wasatch Front Regional Council receive training regarding the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, an 8-minute video would now be shown in order to comply with this requirement. **ACTON: [01:36:51]** Mayor Ramsey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting upon completion of the training video. Mayor Troy Walker made a motion to adjourn, and Mayor Joy Petro seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Adjournment [01:45:36]

The video concluded, and the meeting adjourned at 11:32am.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org