



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
Regional Growth Committee
 March 18, 2021

A meeting was held on Thursday, March 18, 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	YES
Joy Petro, Member (Layton)	YES	Erin Mendenhall, Member Utah Air Quality Board	YES
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)	YES	Kerry Doane, Alternate Utah Transit Authority	
Troy Walker, Member (Draper)		Bryce Bird, Staff Representative Utah Air Quality Board	YES
Steven Shields, Alternate (Herriman)		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	
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)		WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	
Mark Allen, Member (Washington Terrace)		Ibi Guevara, Utah Urban Lands Institute	YES
Norm Searle, Alternate (Riverdale)	YES	Evan Curtis, GOMB	YES
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy) Vice Chair	YES	Jacey Skinner, Utah Transportation Coalition	YES
Jim Harvey, Alternate (Weber County)	YES	Reid Ewing, University of Utah	YES

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:	
Daniel Dugan, Shule Bishop, Kris Nilsen, Michael Maloy,	WFRC: Ted Knowlton, Andrew Gruber, Hugh Van Wagenen,
Linda Johnson, Bret Millburn, Jay Aguilar, Russell Weeks,	Rosie Hernandez, Christy Dahlberg, Megan Townsend,
Gary Brower, Travis Olsen, Wendy Thomas, Tami Moody	Ned Hacker, Nicole Mendelsohn, Bert Granberg, Jory Johner
	Lauren Victor, Ben Wuthrich, Andrea Pearson

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:45]

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

ACTION: Approve Minutes from the January 21, 2021 meeting [00:06:03]

Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Jim Harvey made a motion to accept the January 21 minutes and Mayor Norm Searle seconded. Affirmative motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment [00:05:15]

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

3. Legislative outcomes, recent progress, and paths forward for the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision [00:07:03]

[00:09:23] Ted Knowlton, WFRC, gave a brief overview of the Wasatch Choice Regional Vision and four of the key strategies that are incorporated into the Vision, the shared framework that assists with coordinating long-term local planning with regional infrastructure planning. The strategies for discussion are:

- a. Transportation choices
- b. Housing choices
- c. Open space
- d. Linking economic development with transportation and housing

[00:14:51] Andrew Gruber, WFRC, summarized the legislative outcomes as related to the four strategies.

- a. Provide Transportation choices
HB433, transit improvement, investment in active transportation
- b. Support Housing options
\$50M state funds, leveraging \$730M in private funding and loans
SB164 Utah Housing Affordability Amendments
HB82
- c. Preserve Open space
\$103.5M one-time funding for new and existing state parks
- d. Link Economic Development with Transportation and Housing Decisions (Coordinated planning)
SB217 Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zones
HB368 State Planning Agencies Amendments
HB348 Economic Opportunity Commission
SB34 housing + transportation elements (2019)

[00:23:56] Ted Knowlton, WFRC, provided information on the recent progress and path forward for the Wasatch Front region. Mr. Knowlton discussed with the group a poll (results included below), using questions that have been posed to cities in the region, regarding how they are being proactive to coordinate planning and meet the demands of the growing population. The poll questions and results are included at the end of this document. **[00:37:00]** Mayor Bob Dandoy, Roy City, shared his thoughts regarding the success of the implementation of Roy's General Plan, and how the progress (over the past three years) has improved and revitalized the area. **[00:47:00]** Megan Townsend, WFRC, presented resources, which can be found here: <https://wfr.org/vision-plans/wc-newresources/> that have been developed by the staffs of the Wasatch Choice Partners (WFRC, UDOT, UTA, and SL County).

4. Transportation and Land Use Connection 2021 program awards [00:53:45]

Megan Townsend, WFRC, announced the Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) program 2021 awards. This year, the program, which provides technical assistance to local communities to help them achieve their goals and plan for growth, will fund 16 new projects for a total amount of \$1,639,000. This includes four communities that have not participated in the TLC program before now. The TLC goals consist of the following:

- Maximize the value of investment in public infrastructure.
- Enhance access to opportunities.
- Increase travel options to optimize mobility.
- Create communities with opportunities to live, work, and play.

[00:55:10] Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson, **[01:00:10]** Salt Lake City Mayor Erin Mendenhall and **[01:05:40]** Layton City Mayor Joy Petro provided comments on projects in their communities and the benefits as each area plans for and incorporates growth.

5. Other Business [01:11:50]

Mayor Ramsey reminded the group that the next meeting of the Regional Growth Committee will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2021, and highlighted upcoming events.

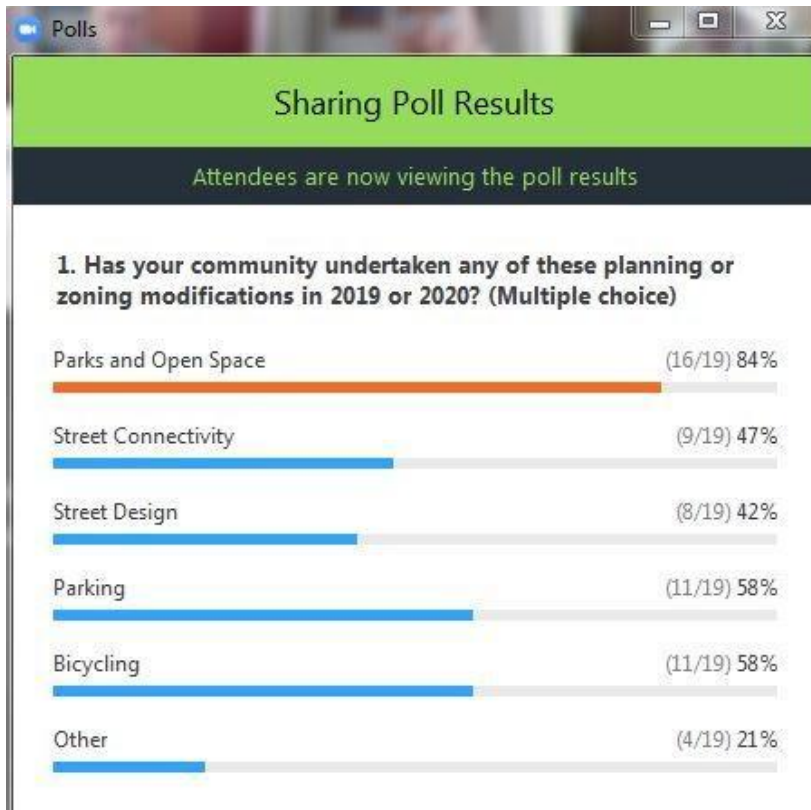
6. Adjournment [01:12:27]

Mayor Ramsey called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jim Harvey made the motion, Mayor Erin Mendenhall seconded. The affirmative vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

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

Results of poll taken during item 3:

1. Has your community undertaken any of these planning or zoning modifications in 2019 or 2020? (Multi choice)
 - a. Parks and Open Space
 - b. Street Connectivity
 - c. Street Design
 - d. Parking
 - e. Bicycling
 - f. Other



1. Does your General Plan include the center(s) on the Wasatch Choice 2050 Centers Map? (Single choice)
- a. Yes, all
 - b. Yes, some
 - c. No
 - d. Not applicable



1. Does your general plan consider the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) developed by WFRC? (Poll question)
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Not applicable

