

# **SALT LAKE COUNTY**

*2001 So. State Street  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 3, 2022**

**1:00 PM**

**RM N2-800**

**TRCC - Tourism Recreation Cultural and Convention**

## 1. Call to Order

Chair Mayor Overson  
Vice Chair Councilmember Tawnee McCay  
Board Member Colby Hill  
Board Member Mayor Erin Mendenhall  
Board Member Kim Sorensen  
Board Member Mayor Lorin Palmer  
Board Member Miranda Barnard  
Board Member Mayor Monica Zoltanski  
Board Member Mayor Robert Dahle

**Chair Mayor Overson** called the meeting to order.

## 2. Public Comment

No public comment.

## 3. Approval of Minutes

### 3.1 September 9, 2022 TRCC Board Minutes

[22-0964](#)

**Attachments:** [TRCC Board Meeting Minutes September 9, 2022](#)

**Vice Chair Tawnee McCay** made a motion to approve the minutes. **Board Member Kim Sorensen** seconded the motion.

## 4. Discussion Items

### 4.1 TRCC Funding Estimates for Contributions

[22-0966](#)

Presenter: Brad Kendrick, SLCo Associate Budget Administrator

**Chair Mayor Overson** introduced **Fiscal Administrator Brad Kendrick**.

**Kendrick** explained the TRCC fund is looking very healthy. He said instead of the usual \$3 million available, there is about \$8 million for the board to allocate. He also noted they are asking them to prioritize another \$2 million that could be available.

4.2 Discussion of TRCC Project Applications

[22-0967](#)

Presenter: TRCC Advisory Board

**Chair Mayor Overson** introduced the discussion of projects and thanked Vice Chair McCay for supplement information. She explained today is discussion and they will vote on Friday. She continued that she understands the board has not approved applications made by an RDA and would appreciate discussion about that.

**Vice Chair McCay** asked staff to weigh in.

**Director Chalhoub** explained their DA brought up the RDA conflict and wanted them to be cognizant of the unique approaches to RDA.

**Chair Mayor Overson** touched on the fact that the board evolves as time goes on and now areas where the applicants are from is a part of the decision process which wasn't regarded in the past. She asked the board if they have any questions they want to ask before proceeding on the deliberation.

**Vice Chair McCay** asked if staff could reach out to the Silver Lake Loop renovation's and see if they could use the boulders that would reduce costs. She also noted that the board should fund the University of Utah's project up to the \$150,000 cap.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** talked about the West Jordan application seeking additional funding for a project that was due to inflation. He asked if the committee has thoughts on inflationary pieces to applications.

**Chair Mayor Overson** agreed that each application will most likely be challenged by inflation and the board may not be able to fund that inflationary piece.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** asked how the board should evaluate each project and if they are able to do the project if the board reduces the amount.

**Director Chalhoub** stated her team can follow up on any projects the board has questions on.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** stated he preferred to fund the whole project instead of approving a random number.

**Chair Overson** said that when she thought they had 3 million, she was cutting a lot of funding to projects. Now that there is a greater amount, she would like to fund more projects in full and communicate with the application if they are going to fund only a partial amount. She also stated that she would prefer not to split projects over multiple years since it ties up funding. She also thinks it makes sense to fully fund most of the projects.

**Vice Chair McCay** discussed the West Jordan project's ask for more money and said she would be willing to fund 30% because of past conversations on the board.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** referenced the pause of the project due to COVID and the challenge of inflation. She asked the board about how they feel about the COVID pause and she understands it was needed to pause during COVID and understands why they are coming back now.

**Chair Mayor Overson** asked staff if they would have project information on Friday.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** recognized the West Jordan project is an anomaly on the list.

**Director Chalhoub** overviewed projects that were put on pause during COVID, explaining some trail projects relinquished the funding, but many have been reinstated with extended timelines.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** asked if the \$8-10 million covers county projects or just the applications.

**Director Chalhoub** clarified that amount is only for the TRCC applications.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** expressed that this is an encouraging number. She discussed that she is looking for sustainable projects and projects that have funding available to start the reimbursement project. She continued that investment shows commitment and is looking for diversity of funding sources because that shows sustainable model for completion. She acknowledged that maybe they need to set a funding cap so money could be spread around and look at how money is spread around the different districts.

**Board Member Kim Sorensen** went back to the West Jordan project asking for further funding because of inflation and wondered about other projects that didn't come back.

**Director Chalhoub** stated that many projects remain and have resumed. She also noted that a lot of projects have inflation costs built in.

**Board Member Sorensen** followed up about Cottonwood Height's four playground project. He wondered if that should be four different requests because they are in different parks and if that will be setting a precedent.

**Chair Mayor Overson** recalled that they had prioritized the playground project.

**Vice Chair McCay** asked staff about if ongoing projects amounts are included in the amount.

**Director Chalhoub** explained that amount is included in the long-range plan.

**Board Member Mendenhall** asked clarifying questions on a couple of projects. She explained that she feels similar to Mayor Zoltanski and said her favorite projects have over 50%

investment. She asked if anyone had thoughts about TRCC money being the first in.

**Director Chalhoub** stated they do emphasize shovel ready projects so they are not holding up money for too long, but it is up to the board to make decisions. She continued that COVID presented challenges and they have adjusted timelines.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** spoke about other boards processes.

**Director Chalhoub** stated they could update guidelines to have clearer expectations.

**County Attorney Craig Wangsgard** said all contracts are written as a reimbursement method for eligible expenses.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** clarified that the funding is earmarked.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** recognized that projects should be shovel ready and have the ability to execute because if not that would hold up funding for other projects. She also noted that this fund should not be used as a savings account from year to year.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** asked staff to sort the projects by cash on hand and is curious about how that is distributed across the county.

**Chair Mayor Overson** stated she is respecting the cities prioritization except for Midvale regarding the RDA. She is looking to fund the first priority.

Staff shared the spreadsheet with the requested organization and the board reviewed.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** asked if they are ready for consensus on ones they are not ready to consider.

**Chair Mayor Overson** stated they could go down project by project. She also asked staff about contracts and if entities are up to date on their projects.

**Director Chalhoub** introduced Fiscal Administrator Lori Okino and recognized the work she does with contracts.

**Fiscal Administrator Okino** explained that she has two outstanding projects from the COVID restoration funds. After the Council reinstated the funding, there was a big rush to get the contracts out. All but six were executed in the first quarter of this year giving details to why some have not returned. She continued that turnover in the cities make it challenging, because she is not notified of new contacts.

**Director Chalhoub** touched on the reimbursement process. In order to get the funds, the entity needs to submit all details. She explained some projects submit information that goes beyond the scope of the project that requires further information and sometimes an entity

will submit documentation that is not acceptable.

**Chair Overson** asked if they could share information on who has withstanding contracts.

**Lori Okino** stated West Valley's equipment project provided reimbursement forms for things that were not stated in the approved application.

**Director Chalhoub** acknowledged that it does take time and Lori Okino is making sure that reimbursements fit what the board approved. She explained that some projects need a lot more hand holding and administrative work than others.

**Lori Okino** stated she will continue to follow up with projects, but it can take a while to hear back. They have started including forms with the contract that states they need to provide updates.

**Chair Mayor Overson** asked if the board is ready to start.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** stated she is comfortable recommending funding up to \$1 million, unless there are other circumstances where they want to fund more, for a project so then they could fund more projects. She also recommended that they can also fund projects at an amount to get them to the 50% threshold.

**Lori Okino** gave the board the information that Trails Utah does not have the cash flow because they utilize a lot grants.

**Director Chalhoub** also mentioned that the University of Utah can only get \$150,000 from the TRCC fund on an annual basis because of Leg Intent passed by the council.

**Vice Chair McCay** asked for the spreadsheet to be pulled up so that they could see what the amount totals are.

**Chair Mayor Overson** started the deliberations and Board Members weighed in:

- City of Bluffdale - full amount
  - The board agreed
- City of Holiday - full amount.
  - Board members say they are in discussion on that one because of the 25% of cash on hand. Will start by giving them half and will revisit later.
- City of South Jordan Priority 2 - full amount
- City of South Jordan Priority 1 - full amount
- City of Taylorsville - full amount
- City of West Jordan - no funding
- Cottonwood Heights - full amount
  - Board Members discussed that they want to fund up to three playgrounds.

- Create Reel Change - full amount
  - Board Members discussed that they liked the project even though they had a lot of cash on hand, but the mission and modest amount will go a long way.
- Discovery Gateway - full amount
- Friends of Tracy Aviary - full amount
- Herriman City - full amount
- Midvale City Priority 3 - full amount
- Murray City Museum - full amount
- Murray Park Playground - if there is money
- Riverton City - full amount
  - Board Members discussed that this is over the \$1 million mark, and they should fund up to that amount. They can revisit adding more later.
- Sandy City Alta Canyon Priority 3- no funding
  - Board Members discussed coming back later because of their funding on hand.
- Sandy City Master Plan Priority 2 - maybe if there is enough money
- Sandy City Amphitheater Priority 1 - full amount
- Taylorsville Museum - no funding
  - Board Members discussed that the number of projects from each city is not a problem but should look at the amount of each project, cash on hand, and the total of all money. They decided at this point to fund up to 25%.
- Trails Utah - full amount
  - Board Members reduced the amount to cover up to the amount if the project can use the boulders.
- University of Utah - \$150,000
- Chinese Association - full amount
- West Valley Performing Arts -
  - Board Members discussed the challenges the city faces with obtaining the building and also that staff have not had contracts returned. They decided to come back to discuss.
- Utah Museum of Contemporary Art -
  - Board Members discussed the option to fund part of it because of the phases and the option to fund all of it because of the amount money on hand. They determined to put it at \$700,000 and revisit.
- Bastian Agriculture Center Trail - no funding
- Bastian Agriculture Center Equine Area - full amount
- West Valley Pickleball - full amount

The total came to \$7,480,910 and the board decided to revisit amounts.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** requested to discuss the Riverton and Sandy City projects further.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** asked if UMOCA should be brought back to \$1 million and if Sandy City could be prioritized in the \$2 million contingent column.

**Director Chalhoub** also mentioned they could do the partial funding in the contingent column.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** asked staff to find out if Trails Utah would be able to use the boulders to reduce their project's amount.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** advocated that Sandy projects be brought up to \$1 million dollars overall. She explained the rec center is helping to subsidize the county's recreation portfolio and it is ready to go.

**Vice Chair McCay** stated she liked the Riverton project and proposed they move the project to \$1.2 million.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** mentioned that they wanted to go back to the Cottonwood Heights project and close the gap on their requested amount.

**Board Member Colby Hill** mentioned that if \$2 million was requested from Sandy City what should the cap be.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** clarified that she proposed to cap at \$1 million.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** mentioned she wanted smaller projects to be brought closer to the line of full funding.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** asked about bringing projects total back to under the \$8 million cap. He asked Mayor Zoltanski about funding amounts for Sandy City and wanted to see where money could be put to best use.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** asked to put the \$450,000 amount and then do the negotiating.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** discussed that a lot of money is generated in Salt Lake City and Sandy City which could also be taken into consideration.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** asked to plug in \$250,000 for the rec center and discuss later.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** stated they could start prioritizing.

**Chair Overson** stated they could put unsure columns in contingent if extra money is available.



**Director Chalhoub** stated that Trails Utah is waiting to hear about where they can store the boulders.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** stated they are going to need lots of money to move the boulders and advocated to full fund that project.

Board Members agreed to fully fund the Trails Utah project. They discussed where to pull money to compensate.

**Chair Mayor Overson** offered to reduce Taylorsville's pickleball courts to 8 instead of 10 and fully fund their museum.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** suggested pulling from the \$1 million projects and not pulling from smaller projects.

**Board Member Erin Mendenhall** suggested pulling \$60,000 out of the \$1 million requests and asked Mayor Zoltanski which Alta Project to reduce.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** stated the Alta Canyon and would like it to be reconsidered for the contingency.

**Vice Chair McCay** asked if they should prioritize the contingency fund.

**Chair Mayor Overson** suggested they fill the contingency column to the cap.

**Board Member Zoltanski** asked if they would have more money from projects that didn't complete or let go of funding.

**Brad Kendrick** stated that had already been taken into account.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** stated there was a lot of enthusiasm for Riverton's full ask and suggested they add money to make it the full amount.

There is still \$1,720,000 available.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** asked to put more in the City of Holladay's project in the contingency fund.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** explained a third column could be used if the full contingency is available.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** suggested looking at entities' priorities.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** stated the third column can be considered after restoring funding in the contingency.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** would like to see another \$250,000 in the contingency column for the Holladay project to get it up to \$500,000.

**Chair Overson** stated Holladay, Murray Park, and Cottonwood Heights be looked at.

**Board Member Colby Hill** suggested removing South Jordan's second priority and put that money to another project. He stated he works for South Jordan and that will be okay.

Board Members stated they liked that project and to keep the funding there.

**Vice Chair McCay** suggested instead to put some South Jordan money in the contingency.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** asked about the Utah State University Bastian Agricultural Center.

The Board agreed to put more funding in the contingency column for the projects.

**Chair Overson** asked about Murray and Cottonwood Heights and suggested the rest of their ask be put in the contingency.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** questioned the four parks under one project instead of separate projects.

**Vice Chair McCay** noted that it is a smaller ask for a big project.

**Board Member Mayor Zoltanski** asked about the total funding for Sandy projects and asked for funding to get it up to the \$1 million cap.

**Board Member Mayor Mendenhall** clarified that the contingency column should be used to first fully fund smaller projects.

**Lori Okino** stated that the Cottonwood Heights playground numbers would short their project quite a bit.

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** agreed that the numbers didn't make sense.

The Board recalculated the numbers to get the funding up to cover three parks.

**Chair Mayor Overson** commended the board on their work and asked if they could leave it here and consider the rest on Friday.

**Vice Chair McCay** asked to go back to Cottonwood Heights.

**Lori Okino** explained the number.

**Deputy Mayor Litvack** stated the contingency amount needed to be updated.

**Board Chair Overson** said they will meet on Friday and hear the discussion of funding on Friday.

**Director Chalhoub** explained county CFO Darrin Casper will present on Friday. The board will also hear from Community Services on how they are spending their portion of the TRCC fund.

**5. Other Committee Business**

**6. Adjournment**

**Board Member Mayor Dahle** moved to adjourn. **Vice Chair McCay** seconded.