

Mayor's Office: Council Agenda Item Request Form
*This form and supporting documents (if applicable) are due the Wednesday
before the COW meeting by noon.*

Date Received (office use)	
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Date of Request	7/26/2017
Requesting Staff Member	Kendra Kahlow
Requested Council Date	August 1, 2017
Topic/Discussion Title	Board Appointment and Reappointment to the Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee
Description	<p>Appointment of Mr. Kael Weston as an At Large member to Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee for a four year term beginning August 2, 2017 and ending August 1, 2021.</p> <p>Reappointment of Carl Fisher as an At Large member in current term (2nd term) ending December 2018 since he no longer qualifies as District 1.</p>
Requested Action¹	Council Approval, Consent Items
Presenter(s)	
Time Needed²	Consent Items
Time Sensitive³	
Specific Time(s)⁴	
Contact Name & Phone	Kendra Kahlow x.7031
<p>Please attach the supporting documentation you plan to provide for the packets to this form. While not ideal, if supporting documents are not yet ready, you can still submit them by 10 am the Friday morning prior to the COW agenda. Items without documentation may be taken off for consideration at that COW meeting.</p>	

Mayor or Designee approval:



¹ What you will ask the Council to do (e.g., discussion only, appropriate money, adopt policy/ordinance) – in specific terms.

² Assumed to be 10 minutes unless otherwise specified.

³ Urgency that the topic to scheduled on the requested date.

⁴ If important to schedule at a specific time, list a few preferred times.

July 12, 2017



The Honorable Ben McAdams
Salt Lake County Mayor's Office
2001 South State, N2-100
Salt Lake City, Utah 84190

Yes!
Ben McAdams

RE: Salt Lake County Open Space Trust Fund

Ben McAdams
Salt Lake County Mayor

Erin Litvack
Community Services
Department Director

**PARKS & RECREATION
DIVISION**

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Division Director

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Dear Mayor McAdams:

The purpose of the letter is to request the appointment of J. Kael Weston to the Salt Lake County Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Board. He would fill a vacancy on the Board since 2015 when Mark Lemery resigned. The appointment would begin immediately for a period of 4 years, would fill at "at-large" spot, with the first term expiring in December 2021.

Additionally, I would like to request that Carl Fisher be moved to an "at-Large" vacancy since he has moved and now resides outside of District 1.

This is an update of the existing terms and the proposed changes:

<u>Representation Name</u>		<u>Term</u>	<u>Term expiration</u>
District 1	Vacant		
District 2	Joel Karmazyn (2 nd term)	2011-2015 2015-2019	12/2019
District 3	Rhetta McIff	2015-2019	May be reappointed
District 4	Sarah Bennett (2 nd term)	2010-2014 2014 -2018	December 2018
District 5	Sheril Garn	2014-2018	May be reappointed
District 6	Chris McCandless (2 nd term)	2011-2015 2015-2019	December 2019
At-Large	Carl Fisher (2 nd term)	2010-2014 2014-2018	December 2018
At-Large	Paula Swaner Sargetakis	2015-2019	may be reappointed
At-large	Kael Weston	2017-2021	December 2021

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Thank you for your consideration of the Board appointment of Kael Weston, the move of Carl Fisher to an at-large seat, and the affirmation of the existing appointments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Jensen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Martin Jensen
Director, Parks & Recreation

Cc: Holly Yocom
Kendra Kahlow
Julie Peck-Dabbling

J. Kael Weston

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EXPERIENCE

Department of State (1999-2010)

In early 1999, I was accepted into a State Department internship program in the International Organizations bureau. At the conclusion of my three-month internship, the Department hired me to assist in Security Council-related issues at the U.S. Mission to the UN. During this time, I was admitted into a Ph.D. program in London and, the following year, awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in the Netherlands. In 2000, I passed the Foreign Service written and oral exams (Political Cone) and was placed on the eligible hires list for new political officers while my Top Secret security clearance was being processed. Then 9/11 happened. The Department asked me to return to New York in fall 2001 to accept a policy position in the Political Affairs Section of the U.S. Mission to the UN.

Given new national security priorities focused on Al Qaeda and international counter-terrorism initiatives, the Department assigned me to lead U.S. efforts in the UN Security Council to freeze and block Al Qaeda-linked assets. In this role as the U.S. representative on the UN Security Council's Al Qaeda and Taliban Sanctions Committee, I drafted and negotiated Chapter VII UN Security Council resolutions. I was also a member of the U.S. Mission to UN's Iraq team in the run up to the Iraq War. Much of my work in this period focused on the UN Oil-for-Food Program and international sanctions regime on Iraq, in addition to overall counter-terrorism strategy in the multilateral setting.

My follow-on State Department assignments included seven consecutive years in Iraq and Afghanistan (2003-2010):

Baghdad, Iraq (2003)

I was part of a small State Department contingent in Baghdad beginning in summer 2003 based at the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), which oversaw the U.S. administration of Iraq. I was assigned to work with Iraq's truckers in order to help ensure the movement of food and supplies across the country as the insurgency gained strength. This was a sensitive and demanding job given the deteriorating security situation and rising discontent among large parts of the Iraqi population.

Fallujah, Iraq (2004-2007)

In summer 2004, Amb. John Negroponte asked me to be the State Department representative in Fallujah, where I acted as the political adviser to the commanding general (Gen. James Conway) of U.S. troops in western Iraq (mostly Marines, who numbered approximately 38,000 at the time). I reported directly to the embassy political counselor, Amb. Robert Ford, and Amb. Negroponte in Baghdad. I was responsible for

devising the political strategy in Anbar Province, particularly in and around Fallujah. This period included “Operation Al Fajr” or “New Dawn” -- the biggest battle of the Iraq War. With Marines and soldiers, I helped lead U.S. efforts to rebuild the city and engage with local political, tribal, and religious leaders. This job involved coordinating with the U.S. military the actions of thousands of troops and millions of dollars in U.S. reconstruction funds. The State Department awarded me the Secretary of State’s Medal for Heroism for my work with the U.S. military in Fallujah and Anbar Province.

Khost Province, Afghanistan (2007-2008)

Upon leaving Fallujah in February 2007, the U.S. ambassador in Kabul (Amb. Ronald Neumann) asked me to be part of his forward-deployed team in Afghanistan. I represented the State Department for almost a year and a half in Khost Province located on the eastern edge of Afghanistan and one-time home of Osama bin Laden and Jalaluddin Haqqani. My work centered on Pashtun tribal engagement and close coordination across all political and military issues with Governor Arsala Jamal, the top Afghan official in the region. In my related role on the Khost Provincial Reconstruction Team, I helped direct approximately \$50 million in reconstruction funds on high-priority projects, such as roads and other infrastructure, education, and reconciliation initiatives with former Taliban fighters. I focused my political reporting (cables to Washington) on “human capital” areas, such as engagement with university students, Khost University professors, ex-Taliban fighters, madrassa students and mullahs, and key Pashtun tribal leaders.

Sadr City, Iraq (2008-2009)

Midway through my second year in Khost, Ambassador Robert Ford requested I return to Iraq to join the embassy’s Political Section in October 2008, where he was again serving as the political counselor. Much like my role in Sunni-dominated Fallujah, I represented the State Department in this Shia section of Baghdad, home to millions of Iraqis who had been repressed under Saddam Hussein. My work focused on engaging local leaders in advance of an upcoming Iraqi election and impending U.S. troop drawdown. The embassy assigned me to determine the best way to reduce the U.S. military presence in the violent area. I also advocated a shift in policy to manage more effectively U.S. reconstruction funds (tens of millions of dollars) at a time when U.S. policy prioritized pressing the Iraqi central government to do more with its own resources.

Helmand Province, Afghanistan (2009-2010)

In spring 2009, while I was based in Iraq, the Marine commanding general of the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, then BGen. Larry Nicholson, requested that I be assigned to work with him as the State Department representative at Camp Leatherneck. (He and I had first worked closely together in Fallujah in 2006-2007, an especially red year in which we suffered 93 KIA in one Marine regiment.) The State Department approved my transfer. At the time, U.S. troop levels numbered just under 11,000 in Helmand Province. Within six months, BGen. Nicholson and I were overseeing a surge of troops into the Central Helmand River Valley, whose numbers rose to approximately 20,000 as President Obama escalated the war. The general’s and my primary tasks included formulating counterinsurgency strategies in coordination with local leaders and the British government, which had ordered almost 10,000 of its own troops into the poppy-

filled area. One of the biggest battles of the Afghanistan War (in a place called Marjah) occurred during the Marines' deployment and my time with them. I collaborated closely with Helmand Governor Mangal during this period, in addition to UK diplomats based in the provincial capital, Lashkar Gah. Helmand was the most violent province in the country during our time there, with the highest casualty count (KIA and WIA) among U.S. troops and British forces.

**Private Sector: Caerus Associates and Deloitte Consulting
Washington, DC (2010-2015)**

Based on my decade-long career in the State Department and assignments in some difficult places in Iraq and Afghanistan, I decided it was time to leave government service and begin to reflect, analyze, and write about these experiences. (Books being, I believe, their own kind of public service.) I wanted to focus on lessons learned and apply them more formally to the policymaking process. After resigning from the State Department in 2010, I worked as a consultant in the private sector for two companies: Caerus Associates, 2010-2013 (founded by Dr. David Kilcullen) followed by Deloitte Consulting, 2013-2015.

**Knopf Doubleday Publisher
Penguin Random House
New York, NY (2012-present)**

While transitioning from the private sector, I worked with a literary agent to sell a nonfiction book to Alfred A. Knopf, an imprint of Penguin Random House. I completed the 200,000-word manuscript in late summer 2015. Several rounds of editing followed through early 2016. The book is titled, *The Mirror Test: America at War in Iraq and Afghanistan*, and was published May 24, 2016. It is a first person account of America's two longest wars.

**Writer-in-Residence
Honors College
Westminster College
Salt Lake City, UT (2017-present)**

While working on my next nonfiction book, I will teach a course at Westminster College on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and am in discussion to teach a related course at the University of Utah.

EDUCATION

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
Honors B.A., History / Political Science (degree date: 1996)
Summa Cum Laude

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK
M.Phil., European Studies / Politics (degree date: 1998)
Cambridge Trust Scholarship

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK

Ph.D. Coursework in International Relations
Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship

University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, NL

International Relations, EU politics
Fulbright Scholarship

Honors / Awards

Secretary of State's Medal for Heroism; Superior Honor Awards; Group Superior Honor Award; Franklin Award.

Selected Publications

Alfred A. Knopf / Penguin Random House: *The Mirror Test: America at War in Iraq and Afghanistan* (May 2016)

Foreign Affairs: "War Downsized" / co-authored with Dr. Carter Malkasian
(February 13, 2012)

Wall Street Journal: Five Rules to Get State-Building Right / co-authored with Dr. Roger Myerson, Nobel laureate, University of Chicago
(October 20, 2016)

References

State Department:

-Ambassador Robert S. Ford, former U.S. ambassador to Syria, Algeria
Senior Fellow, Middle East Institute, Washington, DC

-Ambassador John D. Negroponte, former Deputy Secretary of State, Director of National Intelligence, Deputy National Security Advisor, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Iraq, Honduras, Mexico, Philippines
J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Professor of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington, DC

-Ambassador Ronald E. Neumann, former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, Bahrain, Algeria
President, American Academy of Diplomacy, Washington, DC

Defense Department:

-General Joseph F. Dunford, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, DC

-General Robert B. Neller, commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, DC

-Lieutenant General Larry D. Nicholson, commanding general, III Marine Expeditionary Force, Okinawa, Japan



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APP00003555

Application # APP00003555
Board Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee
All Open Positions ☐
Date 5/18/2017
Nominated by [Board/Commissions recommended by Mayor McAdams and Alyson Heyrend in 5/15/17 meeting]
Nominee John Kael Weston
Status Submitted

Personal Information

Home Street		Work Street	
Home City	Salt Lake City	Work City	Salt Lake City
Home State	UT	Work State	UT
Home ZIP/Postal Code		Work ZIP/Postal Code	
Home Phone		Work Phone	
Email			
Preferred method of contact	Work		

Additional Information

SLCO Council District	4	Current Member of Another County Board?	No
Prefer Contact Info Be Private	Yes	Current Board	
Unique qualifications/perspectives	Please see separate email (5/18/17) to Kendra Kahlow and attached resume. I served for 11 years in the U.S. State Department, much of that time working local issues and challenges in Iraq and Afghanistan.		
Gender	Male	Has Been Member of Another Board	No
Age Range	40-54	Previous Board	

Race/Ethnicity	White/Caucasian; White/Caucasian		
Other Race/Ethnicity		Immediate Family is County Employee?	No
		Explanation	
		Convicted of Felony	No
		Explanation	
		Represents Special Community?	No
		Explanation	
		Additional Comments	Please see separate email to Kendra Kahlow re Boards / Commissions I'd like to be considered for: -Open Space Trust Fund Advisory Committee -EDRLF -Mountainous Planning District Planning Commission -Clark Planetarium Advisory Board

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