

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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



Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 14, 2019

12:30 PM

RM N2-800

TRCC - Tourism Recreation Cultural and Convention

1. Call To Order

- Present:** Board Chair Mayor Ron Bigelow
Board Vice Chair Mayor Jackie Biskupski
Board Member Miranda Barnard
Board Member Mayor D. Blair Camp
Board Member Colby Hill
Board Member Tawnee McCay
Board Member Mayor Kristie S. Overson
Board Member Mayor Mike Peterson
- Absent:** Board Member Representative Eric Hutchings

2. Public Comment

No public comment.

3. Discussion Items

3.1 TRCC Advisory Board 2020 Budget Deliberations

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Board Chair Mayor Ron Bigelow suggested that the Committee identify which projects they do want to deliberate over.

Board Chair Bigelow identified a list of projects he had made that were grouped by year and color: green were new requests and fully funded, yellow were new requests and partially funded, the orange were items that had had funding approved in a previous year and were carrying the money forward. He noted the Riverton Dog Park as an example.

Zoo, Arts, and Parks Program Director, Kirsten Darrington, noted that the city of Riverton had had expenses previously but waited to submit all of their expenses at once. Board Coordinator, Brad Kendrick, concurred that the city's decision was appropriate.

Board Chair Bigelow explained the layout of the list he had prepared, noting percentages already funded for projects. Board Member Mayor Mike Peterson suggested the Board note the total dollar amounts for projects when considering percentages.

Board Chair Bigelow noted this was not his recommendation but just a way to organize the projects for the Board's review.

Board Chair Bigelow stated that he would like the Board to deliberate the Riverton City Tracy Aviary and West Valley City Veterans Memorial projects. He asked the other Board Members which projects they would like to discuss.

Board Member Council Woman Tawnee McKay asked for clarification on a project in Millcreek. She clarified that the Millcreek Canyon Rim Playground project was totaled at \$94,764.00.

Board Member Miranda Barnard asked if there was any funding for the Anzac Park in Cottonwood Heights. Board Chair Bigelow clarified that there was not.

**Board Member Representative Eric Hutchings joined the meeting and Board Chair Bigelow explained how the Board was proceeding on project discussions.*

Board Chair Bigelow noted this represents the Mayor's recommendation and that the Cottonwood Heights project was not funded at the city's request. He then reminded the Board they are an advisory board and may divert from the Mayor's recommendations. He encouraged Board Members to bring up any project they thought should be discussed further.

Board Member Mayor Blair Camp asked a question regarding projects that were only studies. He wanted the Board's opinions on if they should fund studies or projects that have already had the studies completed with different funding. The Board deliberated if funding a study implies that they will eventually fund the project.

Board Chair Bigelow noted that the Board is not required to fund projects that they funded studies for, but it could be expected by the applicant.

Board Vice Chair Mayor Jackie Biskupski asked the Board to consider Salt Lake City's Smith's Ballpark request. She noted that the timing is such, that the city could do two rounds of funding. She noted that the funding in the second year might come a little late, but that Salt Lake City could adjust their budget to make it work. She asked the Board to consider two years of funding to get the city's full request.

She noted that the city will have to gap-fund the ballpark so the Salt Lake Bees can keep playing between contracts, which will fund total upgrades to the ballpark facility.

The Board discussed the priorities for the ballpark, noting sod was the top priority for upgrades to keep the teams playing in the facility.

Board Vice Chair Biskupski stated the City had put forth \$285,000 in their budget for the sod. She also noted that the city hoped the county would be able to contribute.

Board Vice Chair Biskupski noted that other entities that use the ballpark facility will contribute funds for upgrades. For example, the University of Utah will fund the facility to be outfitted with new locker rooms for various visiting teams like the Utah Utes and little leagues.

Board Vice Chair Biskupski responded to other questions from the Board regarding the project's timeline for construction, for funding, and concerning ownership of the field.

Board Vice Chair Biskupski questioned if the project could be funded \$500,000 in 2019 and \$500,000 in 2020.

Salt Lake County Deputy Mayor of Finance, Darrin Casper, answered that the suggestion was possible. He noted that there is a placeholder budget for 2021 projects and that changing the funding in other years will affect the placeholder as the County requires a certain amount be kept as a placeholder.

Board Member Colby Hill noted that this project is critical to keep the Bee's in Salt Lake City.

Board Member Representative Eric Hutchings asked the Board to deliberate how funding projects this year could affect future funding.

Board Member Biskupski noted that Salt Lake City had budgeted \$500,000 for needs at the stadium, including sprinkler system upgrades.

Board Member Mayor Mike Peterson asked the Parks and Recreation Director, Martin Jensen, about the Draper City All-Inclusive Playground funding. Director Jensen noted that the project's funding request is accurate to what the park needs.

Board Member Peterson asked Board Member McKay to speak to the Riverton City request for a Tracy Aviary. Board Member McKay stated that Riverton City was excited about the partnership. She stated that the Riverton Mayor and City Council were prepared to postpone and/or reduce the funding request for the Dog Park project, to fund the Tracy Aviary project. She proposed the Dog Park project only receive \$75,000, noting that the cut

in funding would affect constructing bathrooms at the dog park. The Board noted that the TRCC funding of \$25,000 for the Tracy Aviary project would be a one-time contribution.

Board Chair Bigelow asked the Board to deliberate the West Valley City Veterans Memorial Hall project. He noted that the County proposed \$500,000 for three years as opposed to the \$4.5 M request. He noted the project was a large and expensive project. He stated the \$1.5 M in TRCC funds would not meet the needs. He suggested that the Board add two additional years for funding the project at \$750,000.

Board Chair Bigelow responded to questions from the Board regarding his suggestion, acquisition of federal grants, timelines for construction and for funding, and West Valley City's contributions and other TRCC requests.

Board Chair Bigelow noted that he does have other verbal commitments from donors.

Board Member Hutchings stated that the total price for the project, excluding the land was \$9.8 M.

Board Chair Bigelow noted that the project has wide support across the state and many small contributions have been made. He called the project a "community project." He stated it will not be a museum.

Board Vice Chair Biskupski asked if a letter of intent would be needed for this project to be funded. Deputy Mayor Casper answered that yes, the funding would be contingent upon other fundraising efforts because TRCC funds are issued as reimbursements. He stated that funding momentum was needed for this project to be funded over a longer period of time.

Board Chair Bigelow noted that fundraising would be easier done over the remaining two years that he is the Mayor of West Valley City. He noted the minimum that would be spent on the project would be between \$6 M - \$7 M.

Board Member Peterson made a proposal to the Board:

- Support the Riverton Tracy Aviary proposal with \$25,000

- Support the West Valley Veterans Memorial Hall with \$500,000 for five years
- Not fund the West Valley Cultural Celebration Center's programming request
- Fund the Smith's Ballpark project at \$900,000
- Reduce Draper City All-Inclusive playground to \$550,000
- Reduce Riverton City Dog Park to \$75,000

He noted that this proposal funded the same dollar amount as the Mayor's proposal.

Board Member Hutchings referenced a letter from West Valley City's Cultural Celebration Center regarding TRCC funds and stated that one-time funding for programming should not be a use for TRCC funds in the future.

Board Chair Bigelow noted that West Valley City has used the one-time funds to inspire the city to find ways to continue funding the programs.

Board Member Hutchings asked if the Board would split the vote on Board Member Peterson's proposal. He noted that he is struggling with how the Board should fund one-time requests in regard to Riverton City's requests.

Board Member McKay explained that if the Tracy Aviary project was successful, Riverton City should be able to include continuing the program in their future budgets.

Board Chair Bigelow stated that the Board should not put one-time money into ongoing programs and stated the Board should make it clear to the awardee of TRCC one-time funds that it will not be guaranteed in the future.

A motion was made by Board Member Peterson and seconded by Board Vice Chair Biskupski to:

Accept the Mayor's Proposal with amendments:

- Fund \$25,000 to the Riverton City Nature Center (Tracy Aviary)
- Extend the Veterans Memorial Hall to five years at \$500,000 per year
- Not fund the \$250,000 for West Valley Cultural Celebration's Operations request

- Fund \$900,000 to the Smith's Ballpark project for one year, noting Salt Lake City can come back in following years with additional requests
- Reduce Draper City All-Inclusive Playground to \$550,000
- Reduce Riverton City Dog Park to \$75,000

The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye:

- Board Chair Mayor Bigelow
- Board Vice Chair Mayor Biskupski
- Board Member Barnard
- Board Member Mayor Camp
- Board Member Representative Hutchings
- Board Member Hill
- Board Member McCay
- Board Member Mayor Overson
- Board Member Mayor Peterson

4. Other Committee Business

Board Coordinator Brad Kendrick stated the Board needed to consider another item concerning the 2019 TRCC budget.

He noted every year there are Parks and Recreation equipment line items and part of that money had been rolling into fund balance that has not been used and it has been re-budgeted. He stated that there was a request to use that money that has fallen into the fund balance to fund the time-keeping system used by Parks and Recreation to keep track of time for their part-time (hourly) employees. The current system is not functional. This project is in partnership with other county entities, but Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation needs \$174,000 from the fund balance. He noted that this funding would stick with the original purpose of the budgeted funds.

Board Chair Bigelow noted that this request would not affect any other bottom lines. The funds were never included in the totals the Board had considered - the funds are just be re-purposed now for this issue.

Board Coordinator Kendrick noted that the Board did not need to take a vote, but he wanted them to be aware of this project occurring.

Board Chair Bigelow reminded the Board they may be called on by the Mayor or Council to offer their opinions if there are changes from their original recommendations.

Board Member Hutchings asked the Board to comment on access to recreation in the county as the county experiences population growth.

Director Jensen noted that the county is doing its best to plan for growth responsibly and regionally as it experiences growth in population and growth in interests in specific recreation activities.

The Board discussed the possibilities of how the Board may have to allocate funds in the future to go along with the county's plans for managing growth.

5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Mayor Kristie Overson

Aye: Board Chair Mayor Bigelow
Board Vice Chair Mayor Biskupski
Board Member Barnard
Board Member Mayor Camp
Board Member Representative Hutchings
Board Member Hill
Board Member McCay
Board Member Mayor Overson
Board Member Mayor Peterson