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**SALT LAKE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**  
**In Room 326 of the City & County Building**  
**451 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2012**

Present for the Planning Commission meeting were Chair Angela Dean, Vice Chair, Michael Gallegos, Commissioners, Bernardo Flores-Sahagun, Kathleen Hill, Marie Taylor, Matthew Wirthlin, and Mary Woodhead. Commissioners Emily Drown, Clark Ruttinger, Michael Fife, were excused.

A field trip was held prior to the meeting. Planning Commissioners present were: Chair Angela Dean, Vice Chair, Michael Gallegos, Commissioners, Bernardo Flores-Sahagun, Marie Taylor, Matthew Wirthlin, and Mary Woodhead, Staff members in attendance were Nick Norris, Michael Maloy and Casey Stewart.

A roll is being kept of all who attended the Planning Commission Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Audio recordings of the Planning Commission meetings are retained in the Planning Office for an indefinite period of time. Planning staff members present at the meeting were: Wilf Sommerkorn, Planning Director; Nick Norris, Planning Manager; Michael Maloy, Principal Planner; Casey Stewart, Senior Planner; and Angela Hasenberg, Senior Secretary.

**FIELD TRIP NOTES:**

The Planning Commission visited locations of projects that were approved in the past. The purpose of the field trip was to see how the built project reflected the approved project and to learn about what worked, what didn't work and what could be approved upon for future projects. Project planners for each site gave an overview of each project, identified any issues that arose during the construction phase and insight about what happens to projects after the Planning Commission approved them. Planning Commissioners visited these locations:

- Trolley Square (700 East and 500 South)
- Hampton Inn (approx. 1400 South and Foothill Blvd.)
- Soleil Cove 2178 East 1700 South
- Chick Fil A (1250 East 2100 South)
- Crandall Cove (1335 East Crandall Ave (2875 south))

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## **Approval of the Minutes from January 25, 2012.**

### **Motion:**

**Commissioner Woodhead moved to approve the minutes from January 25, 2012**

**Commissioner Wirthlin seconded the motion.**

**Vote: The motion passed unanimously.**

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### **Report of the Chair and Vice Chair:**

Chairperson Dean stated that she had nothing to report.

Vice Chair Gallegos stated that he had nothing to report.

### **Report of the Director:**

Planning Director Wilf Sommerkorn stated that the City Council had passed the ordinance that did away with the Board of Adjustment and the Land Use Appeals Board. He stated that the anticipated time was within a month, and that an Appeals Hearing Officer would be appointed.

Planning Director Sommerkorn discussed some Legislative issues; he said that the Historic Districts bill was going to be an extension on the moratorium of another year to allow the City to continue to work on the issue.

Mr. Sommerkorn discussed the Billboard Bill stated that the current bill on the floor is being sponsored by Senator Niederhauser. The bill would make it onerous to follow through with the eminent domain issues with regard to billboards as they currently are in the State code. The proposed bill would allow local government no role in the conversion of existing billboards or allowance of electronic signs. It would be a State designation that would allow existing billboards to convert to electric and any new billboard could be electronic and the local governments would have no say.

Planning Director Wilf Sommerkorn added that there was a compromise in the works that highways would be under the State domain and surface streets would be controlled by the local governments.

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**Meeting adjourned.**

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