

SALT LAKE CITY
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes of the November 6, 2017 Meeting

Present from the Transportation Advisory Board were Courtney Reeser, Jon Larsen, Paul Schulte, Suzanne Stensaas and Todd Hadden.

Absent from the Transportation Advisory Board was John Beener and Reid Ewing.

Also present were: Whitney Ward, Kevin Young, Amy Lyons, Matt Sibul, JP Goates, Russell Weeks, Bradley Palmer and Erinn Summers.

The meeting, held at the Transportation Division Office, 349 South 200 East, Salt Lake City, Utah, was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Whitney Ward.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests – Whitney welcomed everyone.

Public Comment – There was no public comment.

Motion: Courtney Reeser moved to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting. Paul Schulte seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report Out

TAB Members

Paul said the re-build of Liberty Elementary School is finished and the Meadowlark Elementary School re-build is going out to bid this week. They are also working on Edison Elementary which should go out to bid in February. Courtney said they had their Community Council meeting last month and talked about the possibility of making the 600 North and 800 West intersection no left turn during peak hours. Officer Blackburn attended and talked to them about general safety and traffic concerns. The PD is trying to do more patrols on 600 North and 1000 West to get an idea of the kind of traffic calming being asked for in that neighborhood. Kevin asked what the consensus of the group was regarding limiting left turns and Courtney said they would like to do it just during peak hours. Transportation will take that recommendation and see what they can do. Kevin said when that project was done, they put an island in place of the left turn bay and agreed to watch that area and determine if left turns needed to be restricted. Matt Sibul introduced himself, saying he is a potential new TAB member representing UTA. Suzanne, who is a new TAB member, introduced herself and gave a background on her interest in Transportation related projects. Todd said after waiting for 17 years to have something like the Jordan River crossing put in, it is finally done and UTA told him they will also be building a ramp over 300 North.

Boards & Commissions Diversity Survey

Mayor's Office Staff

Erinn explained the purpose and importance of Board members completing the Boards & Commissions Diversity Survey that had been previously sent to them. Whitney asked what the information gathered in the survey will be used for. Erinn said the City is

going to publish a report and also use the data as one of many considerations when looking for new members to increase the diversity and perspective within the Boards and Commissions.

Transportation Director Introduction and Discussion

Jon Larsen, SLC Transportation

Jon introduced himself, shared his background and said his hope with this group is that ideas from their background and communities will facilitate open and robust discussions on how to make the city work better from a transportation perspective. One of his top priorities is safety, particularly for the most vulnerable users including pedestrians, bicyclists, children, and elderly and making sure they feel safe on our streets. If that can be done, it will make it safer for everyone else as well. Whitney said one of the challenges the Board has had over the years is understanding how they can be useful and valuable. She feels as though some thought and discussion about the role of the Board and how they can engage in a meaningful way would be positive. Jon agreed and said he's hoping there will be a two way conversation but would like it to be more of the Board giving ideas and Transportation seeing what they can do to implement those ideas. Matt said he'd like to know more about the role of TAB and how the Community Councils and the Planning Commission and other groups fit all together; how they're structured. Whitney said that would likely fall under the ordinance that governs TAB and their role as she understands it is to provide comments and feedback while representing their various districts to Transportation and engage with them as representatives in the work they're doing. Suzanne asked if the group favorably likes some course of action, portrays that to Transportation and nothing happens, is there a work around. Kevin said sometimes there is a work around and sometimes there is a reason that suggestions cannot happen but that is ultimately determined on an administrative level after reviewing many different factors. As an advisory board, suggestions can be made and are appreciated by the City but that does not mean it will necessarily come to fruition. Kevin said the Board has been changed to City Council districts and the City wants to use the Board as a resource with the members out there within their community bringing back information regarding what issues, concerns and ideas they are having.

2018 Meeting Schedule

TAB Members

Motion: Courtney Reeser moved to adopt the proposed 2018 TAB meeting schedule. Todd Hadden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2018 Board Priorities, Topics

TAB Members

The Board members discussed and came up with multiple priorities and discussion topics they would like to focus on throughout the next year.

Review CIP Applications

Kevin Young, SLC Transportation

Kevin went over what funding has been applied for and what has already been approved through both CIP applications and applications to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. He also explained the application process, the process and timetable for being approved

and for receiving the funds. There was some discussion regarding specific projects that have been applied for.

Parking Ordinance Re-Write

JP Goates, SLC Planning

JP provided the Board with an introduction to a planned parking ordinance rewrite, with a goal of making the ordinance easier to administer and easier for developers and business owners to understand. The Planning Division is collecting as much input from the community as possible and has created an online survey which JP encouraged the Board members to complete and share so others can provide their feedback as well. The website is <http://www.slcgov.com/planning/offstreetparkinginfo>. Whitney asked if the consultants working on this project have access to the Downtown and Sugarhouse Parking Study that was recently completed and was told that they do have that information. It was also mentioned that sometimes developers under develop parking which does not encourage livability and it was asked if the City is allowed to require the developer to provide offsets under these circumstances. JP said this is something that has been mentioned to the consultants on this project to look at as a possible option.

Elections

TAB Members

Motion: Paul Schulte moved that Courtney Reeser be the new Chair. Whitney Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Whitney Ward moved that Paul Schulte be the new Vice-Chair. Courtney Reeser seconded the motion. The motion pass unanimously.

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for December 4, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

A recording of this meeting will be available for one year.

(Approved by TAB on 02-08-18)