



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 - 9:30 A.M.
Utah Lake State Park – Conference Room
4400 W. Center Street, Provo, Utah

ATTENDEES:

Reed Price, Chairman, Orem City
Mike West, Lehi City Planner
Scott Bird, Mapleton City
Greg Beckstrom, Provo City
Brandon Snyder, Lindon City
Richard Nielson, Utah County Public Works
Sarah Johnson, CUWC

Kari Malkovich, Woodland Hills
Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Commission
Nestor Gallo, American Fork City
Sarah Carroll, Saratoga Springs City
Cara, Saratoga Springs

VISITORS:

Clayton Wolf, Local Resident

ABSENT:

1 **1. Welcome.**

2 Chairman Reed Price called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. He welcomed the Technical Committee
3 members and all visitors. Everyone introduced themselves.
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5 **2. Review and approve minutes the Utah Lake Commission Technical Minutes from January 20, 2016.**

6 Mr. Reed Price asked for discussion, comments, or corrections for the minutes of the meeting held on
7 Wednesday, January 20, 2016. A quorum was not present and some of the committee members were not
8 able to review the minutes, so the minutes will be approved during their next meeting.
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10 **4. Brief Updates on Utah Lake issues, projects and priorities**

- 11 A. Mr. Reed Price mentioned that there was no representative from DWQ and Mr. Eric Ellis
12 mentioned that a representative will be doing a presentation during the Governing Board
13 meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2016. The water assessment is going to have a public
14 comment period during the month of April. Mr. Eric Ellis mentioned that they will send
15 information out to the committee to review and provide any comments. They will be looking
16 for comments on the finalized project. Erica Gaddis will explain everything during her
17 presentation at the Governing Board meeting.
- 18 B. Mr. Eric Ellis, mentioned that they will start dredging on August 1st. They are getting ready to
19 release the RFP to get bids. Mr. Ellis mentioned that a few individuals have expressed their
20 interest already. The scope is the inner harbor and the channel, but he mentioned that it just
21 depends on how far the funding can go. Mr. Ellis mentioned that they have one individual that

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1 has suggested that he can do the inner harbor and the channel within the budget. The budget
2 for this project is \$1.5 million.

- 3 C. Mr. Eric Ellis mentioned that this year they put in a request through the Water Restoration
4 Shed Initiative to do Provo Bay and Powell Slough and it was ranked second in the central
5 region among a list of 40 projects so presumably we will get the funding. The plan would be to
6 treat 2,300 acres of Phragmites treatment and 450 of spot treatments. That will finish the full
7 first round of the lake and after this it will be just treating where they find that some of the
8 invasive species have returned.
- 9 D. Mr. Eric Ellis mentioned that he along with Mike Mills worked with Representative Green and
10 they appropriated \$450,000.00 for carp removal this year. They had originally asked for
11 \$400,000.00. They had funding until Nov of this year, so this should cover them through next
12 year. There will be one more year of a full request to the Legislature before they switch to
13 maintenance mode.
- 14 E. The State Grant was last years \$500,000 million dollars. They had put that out to bid and they
15 received bids from Spanish Fork who is doing a trail alignment that will take their community
16 trail from I-15 where it ends out to Sandy beach. The Utah Lake Commission put out for funding
17 to go towards the Nature Center site plan and site analysis which will give them estimates for
18 the building. A contractor was selected and they are currently just finalizing the contract which
19 will get approved during the Governing Board meeting, for the right to proceed. A
20 subcommittee that was chosen to help guide the process. The subcommittee is made up of
21 individuals from the Governing Board and Technical Committee. The actual big chunks of the
22 State Grant went to American Fork Boat Harbor. Saratoga Springs Pelican Bay Marina also
23 received a portion of the grant, so that they are able to do expansions. The America Fork
24 Harbor will have an additional launch pad and beach area. The improvements will make it so
25 that it is more of a destination rather than just a boat launch. Saratoga Springs is working on
26 similar improvements. They are adding a beach and improving the area as you enter the
27 Marina that is currently not in use. The State Grant is being used by those four projects.
- 28 F. For the Vineyard Beach private development, they are assisting the work being done between
29 the private developments by Flagship Homes which is just north of Gammon Lane. They will
30 help get the beach area in front of that cleaned up. It will be used as a public access point. They
31 will complete the trail that ended from the previous development and continue to the trail to
32 that point.
- 33 G. Provo River Delta Restoration Project will start their project about halfway down the Skipper
34 Bay Trail. They will be removing the remaining portion of the trail. They are currently
35 completing the property evaluation through a Federal Agency so it has been held up a little bit.
36 When they receive the evaluation then they can make offers to the land owners who have
37 shown an interest. They have \$15 million set aside for the project. There will be a presentation
38 on that at the Governing Board meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2016.
- 39 H. Mr. Eric Ellis mentioned that he is completing the budget for FY 2017. Mr. Ellis asked if any of
40 the committee members had any ideas for sponsoring or invasive removal projects to reach out
41 to him. Mr. Ellis mentioned that they can prioritize areas if the committee members see a
42 need.

43 **5. Video for Phragmites treatment efforts and successes.**

44 No video was shown since the meeting was held outdoors. The video will be shown at the Governing Board
45 meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

46 **6. Communication strategy:**

- 47 A. Mr. Eric Ellis mentioned that they are moving ahead with a communication strategy that
48 follows a lot of social media. This will help get people excited about what is happening

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1 around the lake. Mr. Ellis asked that the committee members keep the Commission
2 updated on any activities or events that their City may have going on around the lake. He
3 mentioned that the Utah Lake Commission has a calendar on their website and the more
4 activities that we can get on there the better. Mr. Ellis mentioned that one of the events
5 that is happening this summer is the Utah Lake Festival. Mr. Ellis mentioned that we want
6 to make it a really memorable experience to get more people down to the Lake.

- 7 B. Mr. Eric Ellis mentioned that with the Adopt a shoreline everything is going well. They
8 currently have three organizations that are sponsoring three access points. They are on a
9 one year contract.
- 10 C. The deadline for the Photo Contest entries is May 28th, 2016. Mr. Ellis mentioned that last
11 year they had huge success. Mr. Ellis mentioned that they still use the pictures throughout
12 the year during meetings and events and that they also highlight the submissions using
13 social media. The Utah Lake Commission partnered with Allen's Camera for the event again
14 this year. For those interested, more information can be found on the Utah Lake
15 Commission website, Facebook page and there is also a link on the monthly newsletter.
- 16 D. There is a meeting scheduled for the Utah Lake Festival Planning Group next week. In the
17 past they have had 3,500 people attend. The event will be on June 4th from 10:00 AM until
18 2:00 PM. They will have booths set up around the Lake. Mr. Ellis mentioned that last year
19 they brought in sand and they had built a huge June Sucker.

20 **7. General comments from committee members and the public.**

- 21 A. Mr. Nestor Gallo, talked about the zoning close to the Lake. He mentioned that they are
22 receiving a lot of applications for industrial manufacturing. In 2012 there was an oil refinery
23 that had a spill incident but they were fortunate to have the City respond quickly and
24 therefore they were able to prevent the oil spill from reaching the lake. Mr. Gallo
25 mentioned that because of the possibility of a spill close to the lake he was wondering if
26 there were any grants or programs where they could apply to possibly be able to purchase
27 some of the land so that they can protect the shoreline of the lake from future
28 development. Mr. Eric Ellis mentioned that they don't have any available through the
29 commission at this time, but that they could try to reach out to a State Agency.
- 30 B. Ms. Sarah Carroll from Saratoga Springs mentioned that they are working on a new zone
31 that they will add to their master plan it is called a "Mixed Waterfront Zone". They are
32 planning to add a few waterfront shops. They did some trips recently through Idaho,
33 Washington and Oregon to get some ideas. Ms. Carroll mentioned that their City Council
34 drove the efforts. Ms. Carroll mentioned that they can share some of their visuals with
35 committee members that are interested in their project.
- 36 C. Ms. Kari Malkovich mentioned that it is cold right now but that she was curious and wanted
37 to know if anyone in the committee perhaps knew what the dates for were for the
38 mosquito abatement. Mr. Richard Nielson mentioned that the Utah County Health
39 Department would be the one to reach out to. Mr. Nielson mentioned that it is usually
40 through mid-April. A member of the committee asked if the Zika Virus could spread to our
41 mosquitos. Mr. Nielson mentioned that from what the Health Department has told him,
42 our mosquitos don't have the ability to carry the virus.

43 **8. Confirm next meeting time**

44 The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 9:30 AM.

46 **9. Adjourn.**

47 The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 am.