

MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2006
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH

The Mayor called the meeting to order. Council members Paul Moxley, Steve Gilman, and Dave Richards were present. Bill Levitt was excused.

The approval of the September meeting minutes will be addressed in the November Council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Pollard reported on the recent news articles in the papers regarding the proposal to build a transportation tunnel between Little and Big Cottonwood Canyons and a year round transportation link connecting Brighton and the Canyons either through another tunnel or by constructing snow sheds over Guardsman's Pass.. He will be attending a meeting on November 3rd in order to obtain more information about this proposal.

The annual Little Cottonwood Canyon Road Committee meeting will be held at the Albion Grill on November 6th.

The Mayor reported that the Town is continuing to work with the cities of Sandy, Midvale, Cottonwood Heights, Draper and unincorporated Salt Lake County in the feasibility process investigating the formation of a new school district. This is a huge undertaking with many many issues and questions yet to be resolved. The Mayor commented that we must not lose sight of the most important issue and that is the quality of education for all students.

Everyone was reminded of the upcoming general election on November 7th. The Albion Grill is our polling place. The polls will open at 7:00 and will close at 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots may be obtained by calling the Salt Lake County Election Office. The Mayor went over some of the issues that will appear on the ballot.

Laura McIndoe was asked to speak to the Scenic Byways Grant. They are interviewing prospective consultants and have found all the firms so far very qualified to conduct the study. The project itself will probably start within the next two months.

Laura was also asked to give an update on Little Cottonwood Canyon Road Study. The study has been finalized and its primary focus is on the high avalanche hazard rating for Little Cottonwood Canyon Road and solutions to reduce the avalanche hazard including transportations alternatives and engineering controls. There was a lot of emphasis in this study on alternative types of transportation and on other traffic management devices

Councilmember Steve Gilman reported that UDOT received a grant to install an “Intelligent Transportation System” (a network of electronic information signs) for Big and Little Cottonwood Canyon Roads. The purpose of the signs would be to inform the public about park and ride facilities, bus schedules, and other road information. The total amount of this grant is one million dollars.

Laura also explained that the Forest Service is coordinating a pre-feasibility study of transportation issues for the tri-canyon area (Mill Creek, Big Cottonwood and Little Cottonwood Canyons) with the Federal Technical Advisory Group. The Forest Service will coordinate with representatives from jurisdictions involved in transportation, land and natural resource management in the canyons.

The Mayor announced that we are working with the DOT to try and remove the writing on the road.

The Mayor announced that Station 13 at Snowbird is now staffed with paramedics.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be Thursday, November 9, at 10:00 am.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Marc Dippo read the monthly report which is attached. Hearing no comment or questions, there was a motion by Steve Gilman to approve the report as submitted. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator’s Report: John reported on the three ongoing lawsuits: the View, Tolton and Haik.

There have been seventeen building permits issued so far this year worth a stated value of \$4.17 Million. These permits have generated \$49,900 worth of fees for the Town of Alta. There are four permits on deck.

John gave an update on Hellgate. They currently have a permit to encapsulate the existing structure without expanding. He went over some of the issues required of them to address the Town’s avalanche ordinances. They will be working on this matter over the winter months. Forsgren has written a letter to Hellgate straightening out the history of what has taken place.

In a prior meeting, John reported about the situation with Marv Melville at the Alta-Helena mine in Albion Basin. There was construction debris left on site and the site had not been revegetated per our ordinance. The Alta Ski Lift Company decided to address this situation on its own with ski lift equipment and staff. As a result the site has been cleaned up and revegetated. John thanked the Ski Lifts for addressing this situation.

MARSHAL'S REPORT

Jerry Larson gave his monthly report which is attached for the record.

ALTA RESORT ASSOCIATION

Meghan Sitcoske reported that since the last meeting, ARA has received \$28,000 from the Utah Office of Tourism for the **Alta-Snowbird Number One promotion**. This promotion will appear in the New York Times Travel section starting tomorrow and continuing every Friday through March 28th.

ARA is planning to host five extra journalist's trips this winter to showcase the "one resort-easy access" concept.

ARA will be starting their winter hours on November 1st: 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. They will be open on the weekends as well.

ARA is also working with Snowbird to increase summer conference business in the Canyon.

Hearing no further business before the Town Council, the meeting was adjourned.