

**MEETING SUMMARY
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 11, 2010 - 10:00 A.M.
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

Mayor Tom Pollard noted for the record that there was no quorum present at this meeting. Accordingly, he announced that there would be no official actions taken at the meeting. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council member Dave Richards were present. Council members Paul Moxley, Steve Gilman and Cliff Curry were excused.

The Mayor announced that reports would be given by each department.

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor reported on the monthly UFA meeting and UFA's efforts to manage their budget by trying to extend the life of their vehicles. UFA also is in the ambulance business which helps them on the revenue side of their budget.

On January 20th, the members of Envision Utah visited Alta and brought the Mayor and John up to date on their progress on the Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow process. One of their main areas of focus is transit in the valley and how it affects the canyons. The concept of a transit train up the canyon is gaining momentum and as a result, the Town needs to be very involved in this process and the committee. The Mayor addressed possible funding sources for improvement projects that could affect the mouth of the canyon.

The Mayor reported that UTA has hinted that there might be some changes in service up the canyons due to budget issues. Tom felt this might be a good time to sit down with UTA to address concerns with their bus schedules which could result in some economy of efficiency for both UTA and its customers.

Tom Pollard reported on the storm cycle that hit the canyon on January 23rd and 24th and the control measures that were put in place. After carefully reviewing the situation, the canyon was closed to vehicles for a short period.

Local residents took part in Census training at Our Lady of the Snows recently and jobs are still available. The Mayor encouraged everyone to participate in the Census process.

The Mayor reported that the Town, along with Salt Lake City, filed its response to the claims in the Shrontz Estate lawsuit on February 3, 2010. The Town filed a motion to stay claim #1 against the Town and, in harmony with Salt Lake City, filed a motion to dismiss claims #2, 3, and 4.

The Mayor reported on his meeting with Dr. Doty, superintendent for the Canyons School District. Dr. Doty talked about a possible future bond election for the district and

feels the District could do this without increasing property taxes to its residents. Dr. Doty also reviewed a possible partnership with the Town of Alta that could result in school district funds to assist in the construction of a new facility. The Mayor and Dr. Doty talked about possible uses for this facility, which would include a permanent home for the schoolroom and an environmental center that could be used by all the students in the district.

Kate reported that state law now requires that all Justice Court Judges stand for election in their counties. Therefore, Judge Balmforth will be standing for election this November and will appear on the ballot. It is non- partisan race.

The Mayor mentioned that the Town of Alta will hold a public hearing on the proposed use of the 2010-2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds as part of the April Town Council meeting.

Kate explained that Salt Lake County and Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are requiring that the Town of Alta conduct a salary survey to determine whether the Town qualifies for HUD funds through the CDBG program. That survey will be distributed to all employees who live in group quarters and mailed to as many households as can be identified.

The Mayor announced that Sara Evans has been nominated as the dispatcher of the year through the Utah Chiefs of Police Association.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Departmental Reports:

John reported on the proposal to increase the building permit fees. His recommendation is to increase the fees by 20%. John went over the proposed fees. Dave Richards requested that John look at what other resort communities charge for fees.

John updated the Mayor and Dave on the filing by the Shrontz Estate with the state Ombudsmen on the natural waterways issue.

John was contacted by the Salt Lake Valley Health Department on demolition procedures in Alta. John will be meeting with their representatives soon.

John reported that the Town will be submitting another request to the Federal government for appropriations to fund nine more gaz-ex's.

John reported on his conversations with the Salt Lake County Assessors Office on appraisals in the Town. They have reported that they will be reducing assessments in the Town by 5%.

Claire reported that the Town has re-applied for the Region 8 EPA grant to fund a climate action plan study for the Alta community.

The Town is looking for alternative locations for the solar panel near Alta Central/Town Office buildings. Claire has contacted Salt Lake Community College about the possibility of assisting with the installation of the panel.

The Town will probably hold a public hearing on the FEMA Flood Control Ordinance at the March Town Council meeting.

Claire and Kate have been attending the weekly Legislative Policy Committee meetings held by the League of Cities and Towns. She gave a brief report on some legislation discussed at the recent meetings.

Mike Morey reported on a bill that is in front of the legislature that relates to the legalization of off highway vehicles on public roadways. The use would be tied to agriculture so it should not affect Highway 210. Mike read his monthly report.

Dave Richards thanked everyone for their cooperation during the January 24th snow cycle.

Sara Madsen updated the Mayor and Dave on recent Alta Visitors Bureau (AVB) promotional activities. The brochure has been mailed out and the AVB web site has been regularly updated by Eric Shmookler. Reservation and availability requests have increased through the web site. AVB updates the AM530 radio when requested and disseminates the same information through twitter in a concise manner. Sara also reported that twitter is being used to promote lodges sales and hot deals.

Ski Utah reports that they have had 93,000 clicks in response to all of the participating ski areas' White Sale promotions and the Town's promotion garnered 1,600 clicks since November 2009.

Sara reported that, after reviewing the goggle analytics for AVB's web site, there has been an overall improvement to response to that web site. AVB has had 18,000 clicks on their web site and over 3,500 in February. Sara also mentioned that 99% of the requests for information are through the internet.

Citizen Input

Karen Travis commended Sara Madsen for all the work she has done to improve the AVB web site. Karen recommended that AVB make the links to all the lodges on the web site more viable. AVB should also increase availability of rooms in Alta through the AVB website because that is the only web site that promotes and pushes Alta lodging. Sara noted some improvements that have been made to the AVB website that address these concerns.

Mark Haik recommended that we take Susan Ragsdale's name off the Town website and requested that the Town Council review the metrics for AVB.

Mr. Haik asked that the Town continue with metering on the road, which, in his opinion, works like a charm.

Mr. Haik recommended that the Town Council tour the public restrooms in the Town because of his recent experience with the state of some of those restrooms.

Mr. Haik commented that he has read the Town's response to the Shrontz Estate claims and offered some opinions on the matter.

The Mayor closed the meeting.

This meeting summary was approved by the Alta Town Council on the 11th day of March, 2010.

Katherine S.W. Black /S
Town Clerk

