

**MINUTES
ALTA TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2009
ALTA COMMUNITY CENTER
ALTA, UTAH**

The Mayor called the meeting to order. Mayor Tom Pollard and Council members Paul Moxley, Dave Richards and Cliff Curry were present. Steve Gilman was excused.

UPDATE ON ANTIMONY TREATMENT PROJECT – KEITH HANSON

Keith Hanson reported that the Town of Alta took delivery of the filter on the 1st of July, 2009. The Lift Company assisted in unloading the filter and placing it in the mine building. Since delivery, Service Area personnel have poured concrete in the bottom of the two filters. The media will sit on the top of the concrete flooring. The media will be loaded into the filters around mid August after the concrete has had a chance to cure.

Keith reported how much money the Town has spent on this project to date. He believes the Town will come in on budget for this project.

The new doors are currently being installed on the front of the Bay City Building and the Ski Lifts, as a donation to this project, will be facing the front of the building with rock.

Keith reported that most of the equipment for the treatment plant has been ordered and has arrived on site. He went over the number of man hours that the Service Area has used thus far.

When the Town makes the actual tie into the new treatment plant, Keith reported that the Town would temporarily use the Peruvian water source.

Keith reported that Cottonwood Improvement District has finished TV'ing the sewer line. They have found a couple of "sags" in the sewer line and Keith is recommending that the Town address those areas next summer. In those areas, the lines are flushed on a regular basis.

Keith announced that the September Drinking Water Board meeting would be held in Alta. Keith would like to have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the treatment plant as part of Board's visit to Alta in September.

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that there was another successful Little Cottonwood Clean Up Day held on June 23rd. He thanked Town staff and all the outside agencies for their assistance during the event including the Alta Marshal's Office, UFA, County Sheriff, and UDOT.

The Mayor announced that the Summer Booth opened last weekend and the summer road opened on Monday, July 6th. The Forest Service is working hard to get the Albion Basin Campground opened as soon as possible.

On Tuesday, because of budget issues, the Summer Booth will be closed.

The Mayor thanked the Alta ski Lift Company for prepping the road for the dust retardant that is laid down by WRR.

The Mayor reported that on the day the dust control trucks were coming up the canyon, we also had the opening day celebration of the new Canyons School District at the Alta Lodge. In addition, a semi truck deliver the Antimony Treatment vessels.

The Mayor explained that the event at the Alta Lodge for the “birthday” of the Canyons School District was a huge success and very well attended. Superintendent Doty is very committed to continuing the Alta School and committed to using the canyons and the outdoor experience it affords to augment the educational experience for all students in the new District.

The Mayor announced that the Albion Basin free shuttle will be running from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm only on weekends and holidays this summer.

The Mayor reminded everyone that people may sign up to run for the Town Council or Mayor with Kate or Piper in the Town Office. The deadline to sign up is July 15th.

The Green House Gas Inventory Report has been released and will be addressed by Claire later in this meeting.

The Mayor announced that there will be a Water Symposium that starts in Alta at Alf's on August 25th and runs through the 26th and 27th in West Valley City.

The Mayor reported that meetings are continuing on the Canyons Master Plan. The committee has released the results of their survey. Over two thousand surveys were completed by the public and he reviewed some of the results of those surveys. Many people who completed those surveys wanted to keep the current rules and regulations in place that protect the watershed in the canyons.

The next meeting of the Town Council will be August 13, 2009.

The Mayor introduced Maura Olivos who is the new sustainability coordinator for the Alta Ski Lifts and the Alta Environmental Center (AEC) operated by the Alta Ski Lift Company.

Maura explained that she came on board on June 1st of this year. The mission of the AEC is sustainability which is inclusive of the Alta Ski Lift Company and to serve and protect the health and environment of Alta. They are currently working on Ski Lift infrastructure

and working to get sustainability throughout the whole company. They also wish to work with the Alta community as a whole on these issues including education and research.

AEC is working with the Town of Alta and Friends of Alta (FOA) on a grant to pursue a climate action plan for the community. Another opportunity for the community is a native plant class that ACE is sponsoring. They are bringing in a very knowledgeable person to teach the class.

Maura went on to explain that AEC along with FOA are working on a project called the Research Environmental Education Data Base Project. Jen Clancy explained that the project is new but the idea for the project is old. She explained that FOA and AEC see a need for a collective resource of scientific information. They would like to centralize, for the public good, research that has been done in Alta and make it all available to the public through a publically accessible data base. People who have conducted research like this would have to voluntarily make it available in this format. With this in mind, the AEC drafted an introductory letter along with an informational spread sheet which would attempt to start the process of gathering research information on Alta.

Jen Clancy (FOA) and Maura explained that the main avenue for disseminating the aforementioned letter and spread sheet would be AEC and FOA's web sites. But because it is a new project, AEC and FOA would like the Town Council to approve the dissemination of this information at the summer booth. Jen Clancy explained that because the Alta Ski Lifts and their main office are usually the first place people contact when they have questions on research done in the area AEC and FOA would like to have other options as well for those that are missed through the Ski Lift office. She sees the booth as another option in getting the word out on this project.

Maura went on to explain that it is difficult to find research that has been done in this area and to have a centralized place to go to would be extremely helpful for the public. The benefits for the whole project will serve the whole community of Alta, the general public, and visiting researchers and educators. More specifically, it would be a viable public location for background information, references, and data. This project will also open the field for people to work together. The results for this project will help guide people who want to do research in our community and would help in the educational process at all levels. It will also help explain the unique dynamics of this area of the canyon.

Maura reviewed the handout in more detail for the Town Council.

Paul Moxley felt a bit uncomfortable handing a form to someone at the booth and asking them why they were here. Tom Pollard felt that realistically on a weekend that these forms would be handed out to five people.

Jen Clancy explained that she would like to meet with each of the booth personnel and explain the intent of the handout. If the Council feels comfortable having the booth personnel hand out this information, then we would have to trust them to decide if and when they hand the information out.

Cliff reiterated his understanding of their project and its objective; to get into contact with people who are leading either research or educational groups in the canyon and communicate with them and share or get information that they are generating. He believes that that is a good objective and that the only question is the best way to go about that.

Maura then asked if the Town of Alta would like to be involved in this project. If the Town agrees, would they consider handing out the handouts at the Summer Information booth.

Paul Moxley suggested having a link to this project on the Town web site which would help facilitate the gathering of this type of information.

Dave Richards believes the end goal of this project is great and supports the gathering of research on Alta. He is not sure the Information Booth is the place to hand out this information discussed nor is the place to reach out to people that want to conduct research. He believes that people doing research in Alta have already contacted the Town, the Ski Lifts, or the Friends of Alta.

Jen and Maura explained that the booth is a “backup” to other forms of communication about this project such as the web sites. The Council suggested that they produce a post card explaining the project. That post card could be handed out at the booth. They also could post information about the project at the booth.

Mike Morey suggested that for future consideration that a sentence or to could be added to the insert that is placed in the summer brochure explaining this project.

Jen and Maura asked for feedback on the draft version of the handout.

Tom feels the Town can work with AEC and FOA on this project. The Town will review the project with staff and get back to both Maura and Jen.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Marcus Dippo read the monthly treasurer’s report which is attached for the record.

Hearing no comments or questions, there was a motion by Cliff Curry to approve the treasurer’s report as submitted. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Town Administrator’s Report: John gave an update on the three lawsuits.

There have been no building permits issued over the course of the last month.

John reported that the last time the Town addressed the building fee schedule was in 1999. He is proposing an increase in those fees. He would like to approach it by increasing the fees set out in the table by 15% instead of increasing the price per square foot. He would like to bring a proposal to the Council at their August meeting.

The Planning Commission could not meet at their regularly scheduled time in July so the next meeting of the Planning Commission is July 23rd. John also mentioned that the annual tour of the Alta Ski Lift area will be held sometime in August. John reported that the Snowpine did receive their side set backs at the last Planning Commission meeting but they have not contacted the Town to proceed with their planned improvements.

John announced that Scott Muir, a member of the Town's Planning Commission, has just been appointed the new director of the University of Utah School of Architecture.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report: Claire reported that the Town would be meeting on July 21st with the Brendle Group who completed the green house gas inventory for the community. Claire also reported that as part of this effort to inventory the green house gases, the Town applied for a grant from the EPA to continue the Town's effort to develop a resource guide for ski areas and their gateway communities. The Town will be collaborating with the Alta Ski Lifts, Park City, Deer Valley, Park City Ski Area, Grand Targee, and Teton County. As part of this grant, the first thing Town will be doing is a green house gas inventory of just the municipal operations and then doing a climate action plan just for the Town's operations. Their next task will be to conduct an Alta community action plan and then an action plan for the Alta resort.

After each community and resort completes these tasks, the whole group will work together to complete a resource guide for other communities so they may complete a climate action plan for their communities and resorts. The Town should hear about the awarding of the grant within a few weeks. The total amount the Town are requested was \$25,000. The Town will be matching that grant with around \$2,000.

Claire updated the Council on the Scenic Byways Grant process. She anticipates that the Town will hear on whether the canyon road received the designation as a National Scenic Byway in a few months. The last few details of the grant process with Fehr Peers should be completed by the end of the summer.

Claire reported that over the course of the winter, state legislation was passed that changed the makeup of the State Scenic Byways Program. She reported that all new national and state scenic byways designations now need state legislative approval. Because the Town got their request in before January 1, 2009, the new law does not effect our efforts.

The other change that could affect our efforts with scenic byways is this issue of segmentation. Claire explained that you own a piece of private property that is zoned commercial, industrial or un-zoned along a scenic byway, who may request to be

segmented from that byway. This bill was pretty heavily influenced by the bill board industry. The final decision on whether a piece of property could be segmented from a scenic byway would be made by the local governing authority such as the Alta Town Council.

Claire was asked if an entrance sign to the Town or any of the lodge signs qualified as a billboard. She did not think they fit into the definition of a billboard.

Claire commented that she got to know and worked very well with the Town's state representative and senator and the scenic byway "community" on the this legislation and they were "fantastic".

Claire brought the Council up to date Albion Basin Transportation Grant that the Forest Service is conducting. The grant, among other things, will delineate transportation alternatives for the summer road. She explained that one component of this grant is a visitor survey that is being drafted in cooperation with the Town, FOA and the Alta Ski Lifts. It will be distributed a few times this summer under the guidance of the Forest Service and their contractors. Those contractors will be in the Town of Alta over the Wildflower Festival observing and collecting some data. As part of their visit, the Forest Service will be conducting an open house at Our Lady of the Snows on July 20th at 4:00 p.m.

Marshal's Report: Mike Morey announced that the Alta Peruvian Lodge will be holding their annual Down Hill Dash on August 29th. They are currently applying for all the necessary permits required for this event.

Mike has been talking with UFA about the current fire danger situation in the canyon. They ask everyone to be diligent and report any possible signs of a fire in the canyon to the appropriate authority.

Mike explained that as part of the new OSV ordinance recently passed by the Town Council, a re-registration process will take place for all the OSVs in the Town of Alta. He is currently designing a new sticker which will involve two stickers: one of the windshield and one that can go adjacent to the State registration sticker. The Town Marshal's Office will also be updating the Town website with an on-line application renewal form. Once the application is received by the Marshal's Office, they will go through a check list to see if the vehicle meets all the requirements laid out in the ordinance.

Mike read his monthly Marshal's report which is attached for the record.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ADOPTION/APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- a) **There was a motion to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 Town Council meeting as submitted. There was a second by Paul Moxley. The**

Mayor opened the floor for comments and corrections. The Mayor made a statement in the minutes about the sewer rates which said that the Town would be raising the sewer rates for the next two years. He meant to say that in two years the Town Council will have to address the possibility of another sewer rate increase. Kate also explained that there are a few typos in the minutes that will be corrected but none of those changes will affect the substance of the minutes.

There was a motion by Dave Richards to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2009 Town Council meeting as submitted with the clarifications. There was a second by Paul Moxley and the motion was carried. Steve Gilman was absent.

b) There was a motion by Paul Moxley to approve the Goldminers Daughter Lodge as the official polling location for the November 3, 2009 municipal election. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried. Steve Gilman was absent.

c) Recodification of Ordinance 2009-O-3 to Chapter 14 of the Uniform Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Alta. The Mayor explained that this ordinance was approved and passed by the Town Council at their June 18, 2009 Town Council meeting. When staff went to put it into the Town's zoning ordinance book, it realized that the Town had identified this ordinance as Chapter 13 of the Uniform Zoning Ordinance. The Town already had a Chapter 13, therefore the Town needs to recodify Ordinance 2009-O-3 from Chapter 13 to Chapter 14 of the Uniform Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Alta. The content of the ordinance and the effective date of the ordinance do not change, just the Chapter number.

There was a motion by Paul Moxley to change the chapter number that is outlined in Ordinance 2009-O-3 from Chapter 13 to Chapter 14 of the Uniform Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Alta. There was a second by Cliff Curry. All members of the Town Council voted in favor of the motion and it was carried. Steve Gilman was absent.

CITIZEN INPUT

The Mayor asked for citizen comments on any new issue.

Karen Travis asked if there was in fact a sewer rate increase this year. The Mayor confirmed that there was in fact a 15% increase in sewer rates for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Ms. Travis also asked the Council to make sure that the lodge signs are not consider bill boards. Karen also mentioned a nice article in Sunset Magazine about Little Cottonwood Canyon. She also brought to the Town's attention an advertisement she received in the mail. There is a dental company in the valley that is using the Alta snowflake with the

name of Alta in the actual snowflake in their ad. The Ski Lifts will look into this situation.

Mark Haik commented that in the May Planning Commission meeting there was discussion and approval on the Powder Ridge “Master Plan”. As part of that discussion, they talked about un-utilized density in that PUD. It was said that the density was re-inventoried and Powder Ridge had additional density and that Mr. Thomas [Tom Richardson] was the owner. At that meeting the Planning Commission approved three additional development parcels. Mr. Haik opined that there was no title report identifying Mr. Thomas [Tom Richardson] as the owner and no plat or exhibit showing where the unused density within this PUD came from and where the new parcels were going to be located. Mr. Haik felt that the Town should have an exhibit showing that information.

Mr. Haik also opined that Mr. Kapaloski, who previously had resigned from the Planning Commission and Mr. Branch and Mr. Muir are all colleagues and associates of Mr. Thomas [Tom Richardson] in the Friends of Alta. They are all advisors and in some cases provide legal services and advice to Friends of Alta. In his opinion those aforementioned individuals should have recused themselves because of those relationships.

Mr. Haik commented on the Snowpine set back issue addressed by the Planning Commission in their May meeting. Mr. Haik mentioned that when the exhibit was brought up as it relates to Snowpine, Mr. Janerich stated that he knew nothing about such an exhibit that was presented to the Planning Commission relating to this issue. It appeared, in his opinion that the exhibits were generated by Town staff and the exhibits presented were not prepared by an engineer or contain the necessary detail to discern the location of the building on the real property.

Mr. Haik commented that the Town appears to have stalled out on the whole “Re-thinking Alta” issue. There have been no additional or meetings scheduled such that the community can interact and exchange views with both the Planning Commission and the Town Council. He asked if the Town had any plans to conduct further meetings on this issue or asked if the Town was going to abandoned this process.

Jen Clancy from the Friends of Alta wanted to add that the Transportation Study in Albion Basin is not just a study of the Albion Basin Road but a study of human transportation in Albion Basin, the Base Facilities Zone and the Collins Gulch area in the Town. It will address car transportation, foot and bike transportation as well any other forms of transportation.

Jen Clancy also announced that the Friends of Alta Water Symposium will be held on August 25th from 12:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Alfs Restaurant. There is information on this matter on the FOA web site.

Dave Richards commented that there has been a rash of people this summer walking around in rarely visited target zones in the winter time. As a result the Ski lifts has had the public finding dud explosives. He asked the people attending this meeting to help those people find Alta Central or the Alta Ski Patrol so they can address those duds.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSED DOOR MEETING TO DISCUSS LITIGATION MATTERS.

There was a motion by Paul Moxley to go into a closed door meeting to discuss litigations matters. There was a second by Cliff Curry. The Mayor called for a role call vote.

**Dave Richards – aye
Cliff Curry – aye
Tom Pollard – aye
Paul Moxley – aye
Steve Gilman – absent**

The motion was carried with all members present at the meeting voting in the affirmative. Steve Gilman was absent.

There was a motion by Dave Richards to adjourn the regular meeting of the Town Council. There was a second by Cliff Curry and the motion was carried.

CLOSED DOOR SESSION OF THE ALTA TOWN COUNCIL

A closed door meeting of the Alta Town Council was called to order at approximately 11:40 a.m. on July 9, 2009. The following people were present: Mayor Tom Pollard, Council members Paul Moxley, Dave Richards and Cliff Curry; Marc Dippo, Treasurer; John Guldner, Kate Black, Claire Runge and Mike Morey, Town staff, and David Richards and Katie Lewis, Town Counsel. Current litigation matters were discussed and no action was taken. The closed door meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Passed and approved this 13th day of August, 2009.

Piper Lever, Assistant Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

9-Jul-09

Major Bills Paid -

Payroll - 1 payroll period	\$16,175.54
Payroll Taxes	\$6,487.72

UFA - Quarterly Payment	\$24,628.00
Health, Dental, Life Insurance	\$9,788.63
Other Town Bills	\$9,648.69

Total	\$66,728.58
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Major Revenues Received

Resort Sales Tax - April Collections	\$53,112.20
Uniform Sales Tax - April Collections	\$60,442.85
Tele Taxes	\$383.36
Postal Contract	\$1,166.67
Court Fines	\$627.00
Dog Licenses	\$100.00
Business License	\$125.00
Energy Taxes	\$1,685.89

Total	\$117,642.97
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General Fund checking	\$30,640.62
General Fund savings	\$469,211.96