



FIVE COUNTY NEWS FROM 'R' VIEW

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Director's Dialogue

Last fall's election brought many new community leaders onto the scene in southwestern Utah. In November, the Steering Committee thanked long-serving Mayor representatives who concluded long and distinguished service to their communities and the region. **Kim Lawson** of Kanab served as the Kane County Mayor representative from 2002 to 2009. **Dan McGuire** of Rockville served two stints as the Washington County Mayor representative, the first from 2003 to 2007 and a second year in 2009. **Lowell Mecham** of Tropic participated as the Garfield County Mayor representative from 2006 to 2009. Finally, **Leonard Foster** of Beaver served one year as the Beaver County Mayor representative. These four dedicated public servants brought wisdom, experience and level-headed thinking to the deliberations and decisions of the Steering Committee and will be sorely missed.

Losing four Mayors at one time has never occurred in the history of the Association. We look forward to working with the following new Mayor representatives: **Mark Yardley**, Beaver; **Janet Oldham**, Panguitch; **Nina Laycook**, Kanab; and **Tom Hirschi**, Hurricane. Each will add new perspectives and judgement as they join with the Steering Committee.

February is also the month when the chair rotates to a new county. Commissioner **Lois Bulloch** of Iron County will be taking the reins. The only carry-over Mayor - **Connie Robinson** of Paragonah will serve as the Vice Chair. I look forward to working with both ladies as we move into the second decade of the century.

Association Assisting Henrieville Town following Collapse of Fire Station



The Community and Economic Development program staff at the Association is currently assisting the town of Henrieville following the collapse of the fire station that resulted from record snowfall. Funding sources for reconstruction as well as replacement of destroyed equipment are being identified. Staff is also coordinating efforts with the engineering firm.

The Community and Economic Development program staff at the Association is currently assisting the town of Henrieville following the collapse of the fire

You are Invited to "Make Tracks" to Washington City for a Planning Conference



The Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association will hold its annual Spring Conference on March 11-12, 2010. The conference will be held at the new Washington City Community Center located at 350 North Community Center Drive, Washington, Utah.

While the majority of attendees will be professional planners from throughout Utah, anyone with an interest in urban and regional planning, as well as community development and economic development planning is invited. Citizen planners (such as Planning Commission members and City Council members, etc.) are provided with a deeply discounted registration fee of \$125 with an additional early registration discount of \$30 if received by February 12th. Registration is available online at the Chapter web site: <http://www.utah-apa.org>

Sessions scheduled at this year's conference include:

Utah Innovations in Renewable Energy: Renewable energy resources and opportunities in Utah, guidance to help implement renewable energy infrastructure projects in local communities, and examples of current projects and success stories.

Utah's Economy – What's Next?: A look into the current and future economic conditions for residential and non-residential sectors.

New Airport: History of the old airport, costs and benefits of the new airport, and a look at what is being built.

Wildlife and Eco-tourism in Rural Utah Part 1– field trip: An entrepreneurial birding guide will highlight nature based tourism opportunities found in biodiversity-rich areas of rural Utah.

Wildlife and Eco-tourism in Rural Utah -Part 2 - Panel/ Case study: Discussion on the current need for a strategic and collaborative nature based tourism effort targeting rural Utah. A case study will illustrate the concept.

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Agri-tainment (Staheli Farms Field Trip): Tour the farm and learn about the future of Agri-tourism and Agri-entertainment and how it is the perfect fit for any community.

Planning Fire Wise Communities: An overview on the past and current condition of our forests and how fire plays a role in the ecological evolution of our wildlands and the effects of climate and population change.

Ag Preservation: Every minute of every day, we lose two acres of agricultural land to development. Learn the steps a community can take to preserve agricultural lands.

Planning for growth in rural Utah – Taking a Regional Perspective: Learn about UDOT's new Emerging Area Plans.

Legislative Update: A review of the new laws created during the Utah State 2010 legislative session as they apply to land use planning. This session will include an overview of changes and updates and an in-depth look at new laws. Proposed laws that were not passed, but may return next year will also be covered.

In Depth Legal Review: A look at recent case law throughout the state as it affects land use planning. Specific cases that change the way planners work will be discussed.

Zion Corridor Study: This session will summarize the planning initiatives currently underway in the Zion Canyon Corridor under the direction of the ZC3 Council.

Lake Powell Pipe Line: The challenges and opportunities in planning the Lake Powell Pipeline.

Density Doesn't Have to Be Evil: The intent of this session is to develop a common understanding of the need for a balanced housing stock in all communities.

Inter-Agency Communication & Collaboration- Partnering Southern Style: All transportation partners need to collaborate to fund projects that are needed today.

As you can see, there are sessions on many interesting and timely planning issues at the conference. I encourage those of you who plan in your communities, either professionally or as citizen planners, to consider attending. As an additional incentive, all participants will receive a ticket to visit the St. George Dinosaur Discovery Site at Johnson Farm on Friday, March 12, 2010. (Gary Zabriskie)

Corridor Management Plan Zion Canyon Scenic Byway (SR-9)

Fresh off the 2009 federal designation of SR-143 (Parowan through Brian Head to Panguitch) as Utah's newest National Scenic Byway: "Utah's Patchwork Parkway", the Community & Economic Development Program staff at the Five County AOG has been selected by the Zion Canyon Corridor Council (ZC3) to facilitate the planning process for the development of a Corridor Management Plan for SR-9.

A Corridor Management Plan (CMP) is a "grassroots driven" document that provides a byway group with a roadmap for action. It is developed at the local level by citizens, stakeholders, tribes and jurisdictional agencies and serves as a planning guide for the balanced preservation and promotion of the byway.

The CMP will document:

- A vision for the byway and the surrounding area
- An inventory and documentation of the characteristics, features, resources and "intrinsic qualities" of the byway
- A plan of action for implementing goals and strategies
- A schedule of partner responsibilities

The CMP will answer questions such as:

- What are the byway's current conditions?
- What are the goals for the byway?
- What concrete objectives and strategies will achieve those goals?
- Who will be responsible for carrying out the strategies and objectives?
- When will each of the strategies and objectives be implemented?

How do Corridor Management Plans affect a byway?

A CMP can provide for economic diversity:

- Facilitates movement of people and goods
- More diverse business and commerce opportunities
- Increased tourism

A CMP can help facilitate resource stewardship:

- Identifies valued public resources
- Develops a community based plan for conservation and interpretation
- Preserves the defining features of the region

A CMP helps develop strategic partnerships:

- Jurisdictions can work together with all stakeholders to identify and prioritize improvements
- Establishes local goals and priorities for the highway right of way
- Establishes long term investment strategies

When the Corridor Management Plan is completed the following will have been well identified and documented:

- The Byway's purpose
- Intrinsic Qualities along the Byway's area of influence
- The Byway's "story"
- An inventory and assessment
- The Byway Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives
- Stakeholders and Partners
- Public Participation
- Byway Organizations
- Visitor/traveler experience

The Corridor Management Planning process kicks off at the February 17th ZC3 meeting in Springdale, where a planning time line and sub-committee structure will be proposed. Regular updates will be posted on a soon-to-be established website at: www.zioncanyoncmp.org (Gary Zabriskie)

Child Care Resource & Referral Announces New Provider Program!

Child Care Resource & Referral, Western Region has announced a new Family Provider Consultant Program. The Family Provider Consultant Program is a personal mentoring program designed to help family child care providers improve the quality of their child care business. A Trained Program Consultant works as a mentor to family child care providers, offering them 40 hours of one-on-one consultation, on-site assistance, assignments and phone consultation to help them reach their professional goals. A Program Consultant visits with the family child care provider and interacts with both the provider and the children - modeling best practice techniques. The great thing about this new provider program is that it is free to providers who are willing to participate.

One of the providers in the five county area had this to say about the program:

"This family consultation program has made me start to think more about what I do and why I do it with the children. It is very helpful to see the program consultant model best practice. The program enriches my business and the children love the special visitor. Completing assignments only makes my relationship with the children better. It brings more job satisfaction. When you learn best practice it only brings happiness into your program and the program consultant helps you to do this!" - Gay Newby

Providers who complete this program can choose one of the following T.E.A.M Award Kits to add to their child care business:

- Block Play
- Infant & Toddler
- Literacy
- Math and Science
- Outside Play
- Equipment or Special Needs



Each Kit contains over \$350 of quality toys and materials!

For more information about the new Family Provider Consultant Program, contact the Program Consultant in your area:

Five County - Carrie Sigler, 1-888-344-4538 or email: carrie@childcarehelp.org

Six County - JoLynne Nay, 1-435-893-8113 or email: jolynne.nay@gmail.com

Staff Spotlights



Scott Leavitt, SUU Intern

Scott recently joined the Five County Association of Governments serving as an intern working with the Community and Economic Development and Human Services Programs.

He received a Bachelors Degree in Biology from Utah State University, and is currently working on a Masters Degree in Public Administration at Southern Utah University.

Scott was born and raised in Mesquite, Nevada. He loves golf, billiards, motorcycles, movies, and almost everything else, except volleyball which he hates. Sorry to all the volleyball lovers, but he is too terrible at it to enjoy it. He has been married for 7 years and has 4 amazing kids. Scott and his wife love Southern Utah, and plan on staying here a very long time.

Even though Scott is just getting started with his internship, he is very excited about working with and learning from everyone at the Five County Association of Governments.

Cedar City Housing Authority Offers Free Default and Foreclosure Counseling

The Cedar City Housing Authority is now offering free assistance to the community with trained and certified housing counselors who are ready to assist in mortgage counseling needs. If someone you know is facing foreclosure and has been unsuccessful in working with their lender, these trained and certified counselors may be able to help. Counselors will work their hardest to help prevent foreclosures.

The Five County Association of Governments is providing office space in St. George at their Tonaquint office located at 1070 West 1600 South, Building B. Counselors are also available at the Cedar City Housing Authority office located at 364 South 100 East in Cedar City. Business hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Clients can contact the Cedar City or St. George office at telephone numbers listed below to discuss possible solutions or to schedule an appointment.

Cedar City: 435-586-8462 (Ask for Kim)

St. George: 435-673-3548 (Ask for Dan)

IRON COUNTY RECEIVES TWO NEW MEALS-ON-WHEELS TRUCKS



The Iron County Council on Aging recently purchased two new meals-on-wheels trucks utilizing funds awarded through the Community Development Block Grant program. Both vehicles are four-wheel drive, allowing service to valley areas in the Cedar and Parowan valleys in all weather conditions.

Community Development Block Grant program funds are received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development allocated through the state of Utah, Department of Community and Culture, Division of Housing and Community Development.

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail (dlamoreaux@fivecounty.utah.gov) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550. For other information or services, please call (435) 673-3548 or visit our web site at: <http://fivecounty.utah.gov>

Steering Committee Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, February 10, 2010, 1PM
Kane County Courthouse
Commission Chambers - 76 North Main
Kanab, UT

Wednesday, March 10, 2010 1PM
Beaver County Administration Building
Conference Room - 105 East Center
Beaver, UT

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