

Mike Applegarth

From: Kristin Hodson <kristinbhodson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:16 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Support of Central Wasatch Commission

Hi Mike,

I wanted to take a minute to write you regarding tonight's meeting about resolution 19-26C in support of the work of the Central Wasatch Commission.

As a resident of Sandy and lover of the canyons, I whole heartedly support continuing to move forward with this resolution and working with CWC. I want to continue making steps toward preserving our canyons for my children and their children. They are the best part of living in Utah.

Thank you!

Kristin

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Mike Applegarth

From: noreply@sandy.utah.gov
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:35 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Central Wasatch commission

Message submitted from the <Sandy City, UT> website.

Site Visitor Name: Don and Liz Muller
Site Visitor Email: Mullerliz@comcast.net

We cannot attend the meeting this evening, but want to express our support for the central Wasatch commission and the work they are doing. Our canyons are going to be loved to death if we do not all join together and take responsibility for preserving them

Mike Applegarth

From: noreply@sandy.utah.gov
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Central Wasatch Commission Resolution

Message submitted from the <Sandy City, UT> website.

Site Visitor Name: Bryant scrafford
Site Visitor Email: btscrafford@gmail.com

Director Applegarth,

I am contacting you to urge your and the councils support for the resolution expressing support for the work of the CWC. Their hard work has represented well the varied interests of many individuals, agencies, property owners and special interests of the city, county and state. Some may consider their work less than perfect, however compromise driven results rarely are. As has been said by those much wiser than I, the desire for perfection shouldn't keep us from doing good.

Thanks,

Bryant Scrafford,
9254 S. Alvey Ln, Sandy
801 652 5277

Mike Applegarth

From: noreply@sandy.utah.gov
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 1:39 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Central Wasatch Commission Resolution

Message submitted from the <Sandy City, UT> website.

Site Visitor Name: Jackie Breslawski
Site Visitor Email: jackiebski@gmail.cpm

Please know that as a resident of Sandy I ask you to support the resolution on tonight's docket that would continue Sandy City's support and work partnership with the Central Wasatch Commission. The proximity of Sandy City to these amazing canyons is the only reason we chose to live here and the CWC's work protecting our canyons and watershed and dedicated mission of stewardship is of utmost importance to me as a resident. Thank you.

Mike Applegarth

From: noreply@sandy.utah.gov
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 11:30 AM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: Tonight's Meeting-CWC Resolution

Message submitted from the <Sandy City, UT> website.

Site Visitor Name: Laurie O'Connor
Site Visitor Email: malibu_escape@yahoo.com

Dear Mr. Applegarth,

I am a Sandy resident, and a supporter of the Central Wasatch Commission's goal and work. I cannot attend tonight's meeting to voice my support of Sandy City's support of the Central Wasatch Commission; however, I want to urge the Council to pass the resolution.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Laurie O'Connor
2628 E Wyndcastle Drive

Mike Applegarth

From: noreply@sandy.utah.gov
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Mike Applegarth
Subject: briangallegos311@yahoo.com

Message submitted from the <Sandy City, UT> website.

Site Visitor Name: Brian Gallegos
Site Visitor Email: briangallegos311@yahoo.com

I am in support of passing Resolution #19-26C. Sandy City has a great opportunity to be involved in the future planning of our Wasatch Mountains. I live in Sandy because of the access to trails and the Cottonwood Canyons and would like to see Sandy City involved in solving some of the issues our open spaces are dealing with.

Thanks,
Brian

Dustin Fratto

From: Gregory <linux2005@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 3:46 PM
To: Dustin Fratto
Subject: Please Oppose Sandy Resolution 19-26 C

Dear Mayor Bradburn and members of Sandy City Council,

Granite Community is not within the boundaries of Sandy City. However, Sandy City Resolution 19-26 C supporting Mountain Accord and the Central Wasatch Commission greatly affects our community. We respectfully ask that you oppose the Resolution.

As you know, a similar Resolution (SCR10) was recently defeated during this Session (2019) by the Utah Legislature. Some of the reasons include:

1. The local residents are opposed. Granite Community Council, Big Cottonwood Community Council and ACCT have all said NO to the recommendations from Mountain Accord and the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC); in particular, the request for the federal designation.
2. Contrary to after-the-fact claims by Mountain Accord and the CWC, the locals were left off the decision making body of Mountain Accord.
3. According to Ralph Becker, current CWC Director, the CWC is Mountain Accord
4. Mountain Accord was sued by concerned citizens. State Auditor Dougall, backed by the State Attorney General and then Judge Laura Scott (Third District) all found and or ruled against Mountain Accord.

We know that over \$10 million of taxpayer money has been spent via Mountain Accord and the CWC. However, if you go to the State of Utah Public Notice website and type in Mountain Accord, you will see that there are No Results. There are no recordings of how Mountain Accord arrived at the many recommendations that were then handed off to the CWC. To our knowledge, these records simply do not exist anywhere.

Multiple community groups (including Granite) and individuals are preparing requests, asking the State Auditor to issue a final determination on whether Mountain Accord violated the Open Meetings Act. If they violated the law, it might jeopardize the actions and recommendations from Mountain Accord, including the formation of the CWC.

I believe it is in the best interest of all parties to wait for the Auditors final determination. No elected official that I know wants to endorse a publicly funded effort that is then found to have repeatedly violated transparency laws. It is imperative that we

receive a final determination as to compliance with the law before you and others support prior and current actions of Mountain Accord and the CWC.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact me directly via email, phone or in person if you have further questions regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

Vaughn Cox
Granite Community Council - Chair

Dustin Fratto

From: Gregory <linux2005@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:37 PM
To: Dustin Fratto
Subject: Please Oppose Sandy Resolution 19-26 C

Dear Mayor Bradburn and Sandy City Council,

My name is Greg Schiffman. I am the Vice Chair of Granite Community Council and Co-Chair of the Granite Transportation Committee. I am writing to ask you to oppose Sandy City Resolution 19-26C.

I have no doubt that those promoting Resolution 19-26C love our canyons and believe in their mission. However, I echo the statement made on the House Floor during the last Session when SCR10 was defeated and that is; It seems that these Resolutions are putting the cart before the horse.

With this Resolution, Sandy City is putting the cart before the horse. For example, your proposed Resolution claims that Mountain Accord and the CWC have worked to address watershed protection, resource management, lands designation, transportation and protecting neighborhoods.

Yet, when we review the work of Mountain Accord and CWC, there are no specifics regarding watershed protection.

There are no specific actions for resource management (healthy forests, fire mitigation, removing dead and down, etc.).

The lands designation is suspiciously void of specifics relating to land trades and how those trades will impact future development at the resorts.

Just last week, members of the CWC seemed shocked to find that they have very little, if any, say as to transportation solutions in the canyons.

As a resident living at the mouth of Little Cottonwood, I have not seen recommendations that protect our neighborhoods.

I propose that before Sandy City enacts any Resolution expressing any further support for, or commits any more money to, the CWC, you request that they provide the specific answers to these basic questions.

We all want what is best for our canyons, but more of the same does not seem to be the solution.

I respectfully request that you oppose the Resolution. Let's make sure that ample time and opportunity is afforded the CWC to present their specifics regarding watershed protection, resource management, lands designation (development at the resorts), transportation and the protection of our neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Greg Schiffman
Granite Community Council - Vice Chair
Granite Transportation - Co-Chair
801-231-6329

28 May 2019

Dear Sandy City Council Member:

Please **Vote Against Resolution 19-26C**. The proposed 6,000-acre Grandeur Peak - Mt. Aire Wilderness in the Central Wasatch Commission's federal bill would create a **permanent tinderbox on the Wasatch Front next to the suburbs**. Wildfires devastate watersheds, kill wildlife, and produce far more air pollution each summer than all manmade sources combined.

Fuel-load reduction and other common-sense fire-prevention operations cannot be done in wilderness areas because the use of mechanical devices including chain saws and even wheelbarrows and pulleys are prohibited in those areas.

If we want to consider creating a new permanent tinderbox area next to the suburbs, the CWC should break it out into a separate bill so it can be debated on its own merits.

Best Regards,



Bill Clayton
District 6 Representative, Granite Community Council
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Sandy, UT 84092
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Dustin Fratto

From: Norm Henderson <nhenderson2179@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 12:48 PM
To: Kurt Bradburn
Cc: Kris Nicholl; Zach Robinson; Chris McCandless; Steve Fairbanks; Brooke Christensen; Maren Barker; Linda Saville; Dustin Fratto; Matthew Huish; Evelyn Everton
Subject: Resolution #19-26c - vote no

Dear Mayor Bradburn,

We respectfully request that you oppose Resolution #19-26c "A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Sandy City, Utah Expressing Support for the Work of the Central Wasatch Commission" being voted on today. We make this request because CWC appears to be continuing on some of the same concerning paths that Mountain Accord followed.

We were the Plaintiff's in the Mountain Accord lawsuit. As you know, Third District Court Judge Laura Scott ruled against Mountain Accord and in our favor; determining that Mountain Accord was subject to the Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA).

We confirmed during the discovery window that:

1. Mountain Accord month after month, year after year, violated the OPMA
2. The private landowners in the canyons were excluded from Mountain Accords Executive Committee
3. Mountain Accord was this "messy organization"
4. Laynee Jones brought the OPMA violation issue to the Executive Boards attention
5. The Executive Board chose not to comply with OPMA
6. There are NO audio recordings of how Mountain Accord arrived at their request for federal designation
7. There are NO audio recordings of how Mountain Accord arrived at their nearly \$3 Billion train in the canyon recommendation
8. There are NO audio recordings of how Mountain Accord arrived at their "land-trades" recommendation
9. There are NO approved minutes of the Executive Committee or of its subcommittees

As a prior Assistant Attorney General for the State of Utah, you understand the importance of transparency and of following the law. You also understand the concept of "fruit of the poisonous tree". Mountain Accord flagrantly violated the Open Meetings Act and this issue will continue to haunt Mountain Accord and the entity they morphed into, the CWC. We know there are legal remedies for those who violate, but for some reason, Mountain Accord and CWC have chosen not to follow the path to compliance.

Current actions at the behest of or by current CWC members indicate that the problems specified above due to lack of transparency continue. The State of Utah House of Representatives voting down SCR-10 in the last legislative session, was a great example of CWC getting way ahead of itself (and the locals) in trying to push through a federal protected area without local support.

Further, I call your attention to the recently released Regional Transportation Plan by the Wasatch Front Regional Council. That plan recommends to UDOT that it construct a third lane up the entire length of Little Cottonwood Canyon (S-R-53). The third lane proposal is one alternative to several others being considered by CWC to solve the transportation problems in the Wasatch. Local communities are touted by WFRC as generating the proposed actions recommended in the plan. Several influential members of WFRC also serve on the CWC.

However, it appears that WFRC (including its CWC members) generated the plan independent of any specific Granite Community Council (GCC) recommendation. GCC is recognized as a key recommending body to the County (Chapter 2.56 SLCounty Ordinance) for transportation proposals and other issues affecting

the GCC area to be included in the Regional Transportation Plan proposed by WFRC. It appears that CWC (and members of CWC) are moving forward again in a very opaque fashion without local support just as it did with Mountain Accord (and the recent proposal for federal designation).

As the Mayor of Sandy City, we ask that you help right the ship of Mountain Accord and the CWC. We invite you to review the facts and help shepherd a path forward that is in compliance with the law. Illegal behavior by elected officials and staff must not be rewarded by a supportive Resolution, nor should more taxpayer dollars be contributed to these entities while this cloud hangs over them.

Thank you for your leadership on these important matters.

Norm Henderson

Wayne Crawford
Plaintiffs - Mountain Accord Lawsuit



Association of
Community Councils Together

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February 26, 2019

Vote "NO" on SCR010

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING SOLUTIONS FOR
THE CENTRAL WASATCH MOUNTAINS**

The Association of Community Councils Together (ACCT) is a nonprofit organization made up of 16 Community Councils in Metro Townships, Millcreek and unincorporated Salt Lake County with over 140,000 residents. Those Community Councils include: Big Cottonwood, Canyon Rim, Copperton, East Mill Creek, Emigration Canyon, Granite, Kearns, Magna, Millcreek, Mt. Olympus, Parleys, Sandy Hills, White City, Willow Canyon, and Willow Creek.

ACCT supports the positions of Big Cottonwood Canyon and Granite Community Councils and continues to oppose the designation until their issues and concerns are addressed.

- transportation/parking
- sanitation solutions
- infrastructure improvement

We understood Mountain Accord (MA) was about transportation concerns in the canyons but the MA became Central Wasatch Commission (CWC) and has evolved away from its original intent,

In public comment to the legislature during the 2018 interim session and again in December, ACCT expressed similar concerns, but we also noted about all the layers of bureaucracy that 'protect and preserve' the canyons.

Those layers include: the Forest Service, EPA, Corp of Engineers, DEQ, Division of Water Quality, Salt Lake County Health Department, FCOZ, Salt Lake City Public Utilities, Salt Lake County Planning, Mountainous Planning Commission, Mountainous Planning District, the Central Wasatch Commission and now the proposed Federal Designation.

In addition to the various entities listed, we also have the Wasatch Canyons General Plan.

**THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS TOGETHER (ACCT) OPPOSES
SCR010 - CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING SOLUTIONS FOR
THE CENTRAL WASATCH MOUNTAINS**

Thank You

Nancy Carlson-Gotts
ACCT President
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Dear Natural Resources Committee,

August 15, 2018

Big Cottonwood is a community of 260 residents, plus about 950 secondary residents. Since 2016, we have voted against the federal designation. Our concern is infrastructure, or as we have been saying, the 3 T's: Transportation, Trails, and Toilets.

Transportation. Currently we are overwhelmed with 1.7 million annual visitors in Big Cottonwood. We have limited parking, so parked cars stream up the highway, making it dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. We need transportation solutions which were promised via Mountain Accord. But almost \$10M later, we still have no tangible transportation solution.

Trails. Trails are eroding due to the huge visitor numbers. This is bad for the watershed

Toilets. And the sanitation has become critical. Although the canyons experience high use all year, public restrooms are open only 4 months each year, June through September, missing the spring hiking and fall leaf peeping seasons. There are only 6 public restroom sites in the entire canyon, and no public potable water all along the 17 mile canyon corridor. Some claim there are more toilets in the canyons, yet don't mention that they are in campsites that require an entry fee.

According to the Mt Accord website, the Central Wasatch generates \$1 billion in visitor dollars each year. Investing in visitor amenities, sanitation, and public safety is vital. This summer Salt Lake County invested \$300,000 in restrooms at Silver Lake; Salt Lake City invested in 2 new vault toilets. We're grateful to them. Yet, Salt Lake City and the Forest Service have said they intend to take some toilets off the sewer and replace them with vault toilets, because the USFS doesn't have the water or money to maintain flush toilets or provide potable water in the canyons.

Audit of the Central Wasatch. For years we have been asking for an account of the revenue and expenditures generated by these canyons. Could the Natural Resources Committee please initiate such an audit? It would be an important and helpful planning tool for the State of Utah.

Infrastructure Before Designation. The Forest Service has stressed that these federal designations always bring substantial increases in visitation, yet they are revenue neutral. We must have the infrastructure (3T's) before we have the designation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Barbara Cameron

President, Big Cottonwood Community Council



CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION

11 January 2019

Representative Kim Coleman
Utah House District 42
8303 S 5260 W
West Jordan, UT 84081

Dear Representative Coleman:

Thank you for your comments to the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands on December 19th concerning the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC), and the Central Wasatch National Conservation Recreation Area Act (CWNCRRA). At a local level, we share your desire to reflect the will of our communities for the benefit of the Central Wasatch Mountains. As we continue to refine the CWNCRRA, we remain committed to engaging all interested and affected stakeholders.

The CWNCRRA legislation is a federal lands bill that will authorize land exchanges between ski resorts in the Cottonwood Canyons and the U.S. Forest Service. The land exchanges will authorize the transfer of privately-owned mountainside land into public ownership, and public lands located in resort base areas to the participating ski resorts. The exact acreage for the land exchanges is contingent upon a valuation process, which the U.S. Forest Service would contract to a third-party appraiser. The bill would also create approximately 8,000 new acres of Wilderness area on lands already managed by the U.S Forest Service.

This legislation is the direct outcome of a significant public process that combined thousands of hours of public meetings, stakeholder meetings, public comment and drafts to reflect the process. We've included summaries and hundreds of pages of the public comment taken for your background.

The Central Wasatch Commission was born out of the tradition of coordination, public engagement, transparency, and collaboration. Collectively, the CWC represents the 1.3 million Utah residents in Summit and Salt Lake Counties, and unincorporated Salt Lake County. Mayors and Councilors from Summit County, Park City, Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, Millcreek, Cottonwood Heights, Sandy City, the Town of Alta, and the State-appointed Director of the Utah Department of Transportation comprise the CWC Board.

We are the local leaders who live, work, and play in our Central Wasatch Mountains. As outlined by the Interlocal Agreement that formed the CWC, we are tasked with addressing canyon transportation issues, environmental and recreational stewardship throughout the Wasatch, and concentrated development to ensure the continued economic viability of the Cottonwood ski resorts. The CWNCRRA is one component of that work.

Lastly, we were disappointed by your comments suggesting that we have engaged in criminal activity. We hope that these comments were the result of being misinformed about the CWC. The CWC is a public agency (as defined by Interlocal Cooperation Act, Title 11, Chapter 13, Utah Code Annotated 1953, as amended the "Act"). We follow the Open Meetings Act and are subject to the same rules and regulations as other public agencies in the state of Utah. We've also included a copy of our interlocal agreement for your records.

Our commission members each care greatly about these mountains and our mission. That is why we are here and engaged in this work and we do so with the utmost integrity. We welcome meeting with you at any time to discuss the work of the CWC.

Attachments:

Mountain Accord Charter Agreement
Central Wasatch Commission Interlocal Agreement
10/26/18 Central Wasatch National Conservation Recreation Area Act
11/15/18 Project Area Map
Alta Ski Lifts-Grizzly Gulch Chronology of Activities
UDOT Work Outline

Respectfully yours,

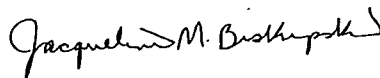
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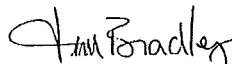
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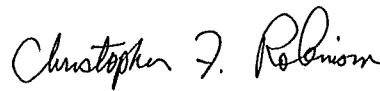
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