

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REVENUE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room W140 West Office Building, State Capitol Complex

January 18, 2007

**Members Present:** Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chairman  
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Dan Eastman  
Rep. Jim Bird  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Julie Fisher  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro

**Staff Present:** Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst  
Juliette M. Tennert, Fiscal Analyst  
Jennifer Eyring, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Rep. Allen called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, gave background and budget information for the Division of State History and the Historical Society. The Historical Society provides fundraising for the Division. Programs administered by the Division are Administration, Research Libraries and Collections, Public History, Education and Communications, Preservation, and History Projects and Grants. Two Federal Heritage Designations were approved for Utah, the Mormon Pioneer National Heritage Area and the Great Basin National Heritage Area. Also of note is the Save America's Treasures program. The Analyst recommends a base budget of \$3,257,800 for the Division of State History and a base budget for the Historical Society of \$260,000.

Rep. Allen relinquished the chair to Sen. Hickman who introduced his wife, DyAnn Hickman and Sen. Eastman's wife, Claudette Eastman.

Philip Notarianni, Director, Division of State History, introduced Wilson Martin, State History Preservation Officer and Deputy Director, Londi Rowley, Budget Officer, and Linda Thatcher, Coordinator of Collections, and presented a handout to the committee.

Michael Homer, Chair, Board of State History, expressed support for the staff of the Division of State History and the work that they are doing.

Philip Nortarianni discussed the accessibility of state history on the web, including databases, historical manuscripts, photos, finding aids, artifacts, the *Utah State Quarterly*, and general state history information.

Kristen Rogers, Public Information Officer and Editor of *Currents* newsletter, presented a slide show on the role of history in the state and various aspects of the division's projects throughout the state. The division has three websites to serve the citizens.

The Division requested non lapsing funding.

Jerry Spangler, Director, Colorado Plateau Archeological Alliance, spoke of the need for archeological and historical records to be digitized. Digitizing speeds the process for archeological reviews.

Palmer DePaulis, Director, Department of Community and Culture, answered questions about the costs of digitization. A request was made for nonlapsing funding for all Divisions.

Ray Garrett, Sexton, American Fork Cemetery, President of Utah Cemetery and Parks Association, explained how the grant money received was used to update handwritten cemetery records into computerized data.

Linda Thatcher, Coordinator of Collections, answered questions from the committee about cemetery databases.

The Division presented historical photos to the members of the committee.

Dr. Wilko gave an overview of the Division of Housing and Community Development responsibilities and budget. The Division focuses on infrastructure, affordable housing and public assistance programs. The Division oversees the Community Development Block Grant program, The Olene Walker Housing Fund, Federally funded Special Needs Housing, the Home Energy Assistance Target program (HEAT), Faith Based Federal grants, Weatherization, the Permanent Community Impact Fund and the Commission on Volunteers. The Analyst recommends the committee prioritize \$750,000 for the Olene Walker Housing fund, \$750,000 ongoing and \$1,000,000 one-time funding for the ten year plan to end chronic homelessness, and \$500,000 Federal funds for the Office of Faith Based Initiatives. The Analyst also recommends the committee adopt a building block tied to the mineral lease revenue forecast for the Permanent Community Impact Fund.

Gordon Walker, Director, Division of Housing and Community Development, introduced Keith Burnett, Community Impact Board, Richard Walker, Housing Director, Eva Salazar, HEAT program, Shelli Goble, Multi-family housing, Roxanne Graham, Private Activity Board, Glen McMurtrey, Accounting, Kimberley Schmeling, Accounting, Kathy Hyde Smith, Director, Commission on Volunteers, Mike Glenn, Housing, and Mike Johnson, Weatherization. The Division requested the committee accept the 2.5 % discretionary funding for salaries and that

the funds be nonlapsing. The Division has brought in \$5,938,500 of outside funding through collaborations and partnerships.

The Permanent Community Impact Board was discussed. Loan interest revenue helps the fund remain constant through market fluctuations. Funding comes from Federal mineral royalties. Keith Burnett answered questions from the committee about specific mineral lease funds.

The Division requested \$750,000 ongoing funding for the Olene Walker Housing Fund. The average household served by these funds is at 39% of the area median income. Photos of housing throughout the state were available. The committee was invited to Housing Day on the Hill, Friday, January 19, 2007.

Mr. Walker discussed the activity of the Weatherizations program. The Division requested \$500,000 one time funding to help cover the backlog of requests. A significant amount of work is done by volunteers. The HEAT program assists low income families with utility bills. The program served 35,500 families last year.

The Community Development Block Grant program and the Private Activity Board were given brief overviews. The Division requested \$65,000 ongoing match money for the Commission on Volunteers. The "Be Ready Utah" program was highlighted and it was noted that Utah ranked first in the nation for volunteers. The Utah Housing Coalition distributed a handout.

The Division requested that all funding be non-lapsing. A preview of the next meeting's topic of homelessness was given.

MOTION: Rep. Mascaro moved the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis, Sen. Eastman, Rep. Biskupski, and Rep. Fisher absent for the vote.

Sen. Hickman adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.

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Sen. Bill Hickman, Co-Chair

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Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, Co-Chair