

2 The Lindon City Council and the Lindon City Planning Commission held a Joint
Training Session on **Wednesday, March 26, 2008** beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Lindon
City Center, City Council Chambers, 100 North State Street, Lindon, Utah.

4 **PRESENT**

ABSENT

6 Eric Anthony, Councilmember
8 Lindsey Bayless, Councilmember
Bruce Carpenter, Councilmember
10 Jerald I. Hatch, Councilmember
Jim Peters, Commission Chairperson
12 Ron Anderson, Commissioner
Matt Bean, Commissioner
14 Sharon Call, Commissioner
Gary Godfrey, Commissioner
16 Mark Johnson, Commissioner
Ken Miller, Commissioner

James A. Dain, Mayor
H. Toby Bath, Councilmember

18 The meeting began at 6: 00 p.m.

20 **Joint Training Session** – *The City Council, Planning Commission and City Staff will
22 meet in a Joint Training Session to discuss community initiated open space conservation.
Shauna Kerr, State Director for the Trust for Public Lands, will present training items
24 which will cover topics such as municipalities process to support funding for land
conservation, challenges in planning, conservation programs and techniques, and
26 conservation initiative in local municipalities.*

28 Shauna Kerr and Barry Nash of the Trust For Public Lands presented training to
Lindon City staff and officials regarding open space conservation options for
30 municipalities. Ms. Kerr presented techniques utilized by other communities to develop
funding sources for land preservation projects. She noted that residents of Park City have
32 voted to approve the use of General Obligation Bonds to fund land preservation in their
community. Mr. Nash reviewed several projects which the Trust For Public Lands has
34 participated in, including sections of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. He explained that
the Trust works cooperatively with municipalities and private land owners to facilitate
36 land preservation.

Ms. Kerr commented on the significant number of farmland acres which have
38 been lost to development in Utah. She observed that funding to preserve open space is a
significant challenge for municipalities to overcome. She noted that requests for funding
40 through state sources outweigh available revenue by a ratio of eight to one. She
explained that some federal funding sources are available, but that only one funding
42 source exists at a state level. She observed that in polls, 84% of residents have expressed
concern regarding preservation of open space, and protecting the quality and quantity of
44 water resources.

Ms. Kerr reviewed benefits of open space for resident, including, physical,
46 emotional, economical, social and historical elements of land preservation. She noted

2 that Utah residents are “generationally” connected to the land. She observed that
3 municipalities are the most active group in adopting bonding and land preservation
4 measures. She stated that the Trust For Public Land assists municipalities in passing
5 bonding measures to preserve open space in communities. Mr. Kerr explained that
6 proper procedures must be followed in passing bond measures, and that the Trust For
7 Public Lands has extensive experience in implementing proper procedures. Ms. Kerr
8 noted that with few exceptions, bond measures for land preservation are approved by

9 voters.
10 Discussion was held regarding various procedures and techniques available to
11 municipalities to secure general obligation bond revenues. Ms. Kerr noted that
12 municipalities should identify and prioritize lands which would be appropriate for
13 preservation, and establish programs to facilitate open space and bonding initiatives. She
14 noted that preservation of open space on the borders of cities, such as the program
15 instituted in Park City, clearly defines the boundaries of the city. In Park City, open space
16 projects have also preserved a significant area of wildlife habitat. Expansion of regional
17 trail systems is planned in the open space areas surrounding Park City which will serve
18 the entire geographical area. Ms. Kerr encouraged officials to watch for opportunities to
19 purchase critical lands which would be appropriate for preservation, and to determine the
20 financial feasibility of acquisition of lands through bonding in advance. She noted that
21 there has been some interest in establishing a sales tax revenue bond option for land
22 preservation, but this option is not currently allowed by the Utah State Legislature.

23 Ms. Kerr clarified that all services provided by the Trust For Public Lands is
24 provided to municipalities through funding from several private foundations. She stated
25 that municipalities are required to enter into a professional services agreement with the
26 Trust which allows cooperation with other outside resources to complete bonding
27 initiatives and land preservation programs.

28 Mr. Nash observed that it is important that cities have policies and programs in
29 place which require the participation of developers in future preservation programs. He
30 explained that many cities require donation of open green space as part of subdivision
31 developments which significantly impact the community. Ms. Kerr noted that developers
32 may also be willing to enter into agreements with the City to pay a cash amount into a
33 preservation fund. Matching federal funds may be available for some projects which can
34 be partially completed using preservation fund revenues generated by cities in various
35 ways. Ms. Kerr noted that the availability of a portion of funding necessary to complete a
36 project provides some flexibility in accessing other revenue sources.

37 Ms. Kerr distributed newsletters published by Trust For Public Lands, along with
38 several publications which may assist the City in planning for future preservation
39 projects.

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42 James A. Dain, Mayor

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44 Debra Cullimore, City Recorder
