

Utah Seismic Safety Commission

Meeting
April 7, 2000

Minutes

On April 7, 2000, a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission was held at the Brigham Young University Campus, Provo, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by the Chairman Walter Arabasz.

Members Present:

-Walter J. Arabasz	Chair/Seismic Safety Comm.-U of U Seismograph Stations
-James S. Bailey	Allen and Bailey Engineers/Structural Engineers Assoc.
-Danny Bauer	Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
-Don Bush	Utah House of Representatives
-Kimm Harty	Acting Director of Utah Geological Survey
-Peter C. Knudson	Utah State Senate
-Peter W. McDonough	Questar/American Society of Civil Engineers
-Earl R. Morris	Utah Division of Emergency Management/DPS
-Matthias Mueller	Utah Division of Facilities Construction & Management
-Barry Smith	Western Mountain Region, American Inst. of Architect
-Anne Von Weller	Utah League of Cities & Towns/Murray City
-Boyd Wheeler	Utah Department of Transportation

Members Not Present:

Craig L. Dearden	Utah Department of Public Safety
Steve Pratt	Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex-Officio)
Dave Nizare	Utah Department of Transportation
Randall G. Updike	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio)

CEM Staff Present:

-Bob Carey	Liaison, Operations & Plans Section, CEM
-Amisha Stringfellow	Liaison, Operations & Plans Section, CEM

UGS Staff Present:

-Gary Christensen	Applied Geology Section, Utah Geological Survey
-Tim Madden	USSC Intern
-Barry Solomon	Applied Geology Section, Utah Geological Survey

Guests Present/Committee Members:

-Kerry Baum	Emergency Management Coordinator, BYU
-Bill Bell	City of Orem
-Douglas Bezzant	City of Pleasant Grove
-Carl H. Carpenter	Consulting Engineer
-Ed Carter	Deseret News
-Bob Davis	American Public Works Association
-Jerry Grover	Commissioner, Utah County
-Chuck Hugo	Chief Building Official, City of Provo
-Mike Jacobsen	Provo School District
-Clifford Kendall	City of Payson
-Brian Law	Davis County Sheriff's Office
-Rondall Morrill	City of American Fork
-Richard Nelson	Project Engineer, BYU
-Bruce Palmer	Building Inspector, Mapleton
-Kent Partridge	Building Official, Eagle Mountain
-Tricia Porter	Emergency Manager Coordinator, Provo City
-Lee Siegel	Salt Lake Tribune
-Douglas Shorts	Chief Building Official, City of Spanish Fork
-Barry H. Welliver	Engineering & Architectural Committee
-Les Youd	Chairman, Dept. of Civil Engineering

➤ **WELCOME/OVERVIEW**.....

Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC) Chairman Walter Arabasz welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**.....

Motion: *Kimm Harty, UGS, made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on January 14, 2000. Ann Von Weller seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*

➤ **INFORMATION UPDATES**

Walter Arabasz, U of U Seismograph Stations, reported on the House Bill #200. During the last legislature under House Bill #200, there was a revision of statute governing the Seismic Safety Commission. Thanks to efforts made by Representative Don Bush and Senator Peter Knudson. There will be an expansion of the Commission to 15 members and the Commissioner of Public Safety vacated his seat. Earl Morris, Director of CEM, will know be the main Public Safety representative on the Commission. New seats on the Commission are the Department of Insurance, Association of Public Works, and the Association of Contingency Planners.

James Bailey, Structural Engineers Association of Utah (SEAU), reported on the status of existing-buildings initiative. The SEAU has been working through the UBC Commission to see if there is some way to make reroofing safer. One way will be through an existing ordinance called the Parapit Ordinance. Second, is to recommend guidelines from the Uniform Code for Existing Buildings (UCEB). Third, will be the revisionment of chapter 34 of the UBC.

➤ **BACKGROUND OF THE UTAH SEISMIC SAFETY COMMISSION**

Walter reported on the background of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission. The USSC reviews earthquake related hazards and risks in the state of Utah and it's inhabitants. Prepares recommendations to identify and mitigate these hazards and risks. Prioritize recommendations and present them to state and local government. Also, the USSC acts as a source of information for individuals and groups concerned with earthquake safety and as a promoter of earthquake loss reduction measures. Since 1985 the binding thread that holds the state earthquake program together is a partnership between the Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management, the Utah Geological Survey, and the University of Utah Seismograph Stations.

➤ **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Kerry Baum, Emergency Management Coordinator, BYU, spoke on Emergency Management at Brigham Young University.

Les Youd, Chairman, Department of Civil Engineering, BYU, spoke on the earthquake hazards within Utah County.

Tricia Porter, Emergency Management Coordinator, Provo City, spoke on the Emergency Operations Center for Provo City and the future outlook for Provo City.

Chuck Hugo, Chief Building Official, Provo City, spoke on building codes and the Parapet Ordinance within Provo City.

Jerry Grover, Commissioner, Utah County, spoke on future issues, liquefaction, general plans, and mapping of geological hazards in Utah County.

➤ **PANEL DISCUSSION**

The main discussion of the panel was the Parapet Ordinance, what percentage carries the ordinance and what Engineering Associations can help. Also Disclosure was discussed.

➤ **NEXT MEETING**

DATE: Friday, July 7, 2000
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.