

Utah Seismic Safety Commission

Meeting
October 25, 2002

Minutes

On October 25, 2002 a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission was held at the State Office Building, Salt Lake City, Utah. The Chairman Barry Welliver called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present:

-Rick Allis	Utah Geological Survey
-Walter J. Arabasz	U of U Seismograph Stations
-Kerry Baum	Association of Contingency Planners
-Don E. Bush	Utah House of Representatives
-Michael Keene	State Science Advisor, Governor's Office of Planning & Budget
-Peter W. McDonough	Chair, American Society of Civil Engineers
-Dave Nazare	Utah Department of Transportation
-Barry Smith	Western Mountain Region, American Inst. of Architect
-Anne vonWeller	Vice-Chair, Utah League of Cities & Towns/Murray City
-Barry H. Welliver	Chair, Structural Engineers Association of Utah

Members Not Present:

Jake Arslanian	American Public Works Association
Doug Bausch	Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex-Officio)
Scott Behunin	Utah Division of Emergency Services/DPS
Cathy Howick	Utah Insurance Department
Peter C. Knudson	Utah State Senate
Jill McCarthy	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio)
Matthias Mueller	Utah Division of Facilities Construction & Management

CEM Staff Present:

-Bob Carey	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, DES
-Amisha Lester	Operations & Natural Hazards Section, DES

UGS Staff Present:

-Francis Ashland Applied Geology Section, Utah Geological Survey
-Gary Christenson Applied Geology Section, Utah Geological Survey

Guests Present/Committee Members:

-David Hart Capitol Preservation Board
-Joergen Philz Geoscience Committee

➤ **WELCOME/OVERVIEW**.....

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

➤ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**.....

Barry Welliver asked for any corrections and comments to the minutes.

Motion: *Ann vonWeller made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting held on July 12, 2002. Barry Smith seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.*

➤ **INFORMATION AND UPDATE ITEMS**.....

Bob Carey, DES, spoke on the Education and Awareness Committee recent meeting. The A & E Committee has been tasked to take over the Student Research Grant Program. Along with the A & E Committee, the State Science Advisor will sit on the review committee to review all science projects and select several winners for the grant. Also, the A & E Committee has been tasked to prepare for the April earthquake/disaster preparedness month. The Proclamation needs to be reworded with the vision and signed by the end of February 2002.

Motion: *Walter Arabasz made a motion for the April Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness Month Proclamation to be supported by USSC, reworded and then signed by the Governor. Barry Smith seconded and the motion was unanimously carried.*

Barry Welliver and Ann vonWeller spoke on the existing building initiative. Barry will bring the USSC endorsement and support with him to the next Uniform Building Code Commission and Rules hearing on November 15, 2002.

Barry Welliver spoke on the Western States Seismic Policy Council meeting update. The title of this years conference was From Awareness to Action: A Mile High Challenge. The WSSPC is made of 2 core groups, geoscientists and emergency managers. Once a year they come together to communicate each others successes and failures.

➤ **CAPITOL PRESERVATION PROJECT**_____

David Hart gave a presentation on the capitol preservation project. After an eye-opening presentation on the status of the state capitol, USSC had an open discussion on the preservation project and the support of the project.

Motion: *Barry Smith made a motion to task the USSC in issuing a proclamation or a memorandum of understanding in support of the Capitol Preservation Board and also, to send a letter to the leadership of the House and Senate to support the preservation project. Kerry Baum seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.*

The Engineering and Architectural Committee is to spearhead and draft the proclamation and letter and forward to the committee for review.

Motion: *Barry Welliver made a motion that the USSC enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Structural Engineers of Utah (SEAU) and AIA in combining mutual interests and resolving the seismic safety issues for the state of Utah. Barry Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.*

➤ **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**_____

Joergen Philz gave a brief report on the Geoscience Committee. They have been working on and have accomplished almost each tasked item from the strategic plan.

Dave Nazare reported on the Lifelines Committee update. Working towards some success stories for our next meeting from the strategic plan.

➤ **NEXT MEETING**_____

DATE: Friday, January 17, 2003
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Room B110
State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

➤ **ADJOURNMENT**_____

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.