

**MINUTES OF THE
SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Monday, August 21, 2000 - 9:00 a.m. - Room 403 - State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Beverly Evans, Co-Chair
Rep. Jordan Tanner, Co-Chair
Sen. Karen Hale
Sen. Paula F. Julander
Rep. David L. Gladwell
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. A. Lamont Tyler
Rep. David Ure
Mr. Brent Gardner
Ms. JoAnn Seghini
Mr. Howard Peterson
Mr. Randy Will
Mr. Roger Cutler
Mayor Max Hogan
Mr. Hugh Daniels

Members Absent:

Sen. Duane Bourdeaux
Commissioner Brent Overson
Ms. Sydney Foncesbeck
Mayor Lewis Billings
Ms. Lou Mueller

Members Excused:

Rep. Perry L. Buckner
Sen. L. Alma Mansell
Sen. John L. Valentine

Staff Present:

Mr. Brian Allred,
Research Analyst
Ms. Janetha Hancock,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Beverlee LeCheminant,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order - Chair Tanner called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hale moved to approve the minutes of the September 7, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Julander and Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

2. Introduction of State Olympic Officer/Overview of Upcoming Reports - Mr. Lane Beattie, State Olympic Officer, expressed that one area of concern he has regarding the upcoming Olympic Games is transportation. He stated that he has spent numerous hours with the people in charge of transportation inquiring if the freeway system will be through in time and if there will be enough funds to build facilities, overpasses, interchanges, parking lots, and park and rides. He said that computer programs are being put in place that will show actual traffic patterns on computers and if those patterns will work. Mr. Beattie stated that 1,200 buses will be brought in from outside of the state in addition to the buses already here, and that park and ride facilities have been constructed that will hold 12,000 cars.

Mr. Beattie reported to the committee that several world cup events have been scheduled for the upcoming months and it is the goal of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) to have a world class event in every venue in the state before the Olympic Games.

Mr. Beattie explained some of the programs that are available for the youth and pointed out that one of those programs is taking troubled youth off the streets and putting them in athlete programs where they can start focusing on a different aspect of their lives.

Mr. Beattie said that he is pleased with the SLOC organization at the present time and feels that some outstanding people have been gathered from across the country to help make sure that the Olympic Games will be something the state can be proud of. Mr. Beattie told the committee that his charge is to make sure that the state is represented well, that the finances are in place, and that the things that are being done in preparation for the Olympic Games are done in the proper way.

Rep. Tanner asked Mr. Beattie about the fund raising efforts for the Olympic Games and if he feels that there will be a shortfall.

Mr. Beattie explained that there is still \$140 million built into the budget as a contingency of which nothing has been spent, and this money is to take care of any shortfall that may occur. He indicated that all of the fund raising from private industries is contractually obligated at the present time, but that two main areas are still unknown: 1) ticket sales; and 2) federal money. He said that \$180 million in ticket sales needs to be raised. Mr. Beattie told the committee that he will be coming back to the Legislature for additional money which will be handled through the appropriations process. He said he will present a financial planning report in October and also a report showing the amount of tax dollars that are going to be raised over and above anything else that is directly correlated to the Olympic efforts. He indicated that from these reports, the committee will be able to see that the Olympic Games will not cost the state or its taxpayers any money.

Rep. Tanner asked how the Legislature can be assured that once the departmental budgets are increased for assisting and putting on the Olympic Games, that the budgets will not be increased on a permanent basis.

Mr. Beattie stated that this is a legislative process and if he were to make a recommendation he would recommend that possible supplemental one-time monies would be appropriate monies to be spent that way, but would not be built into the department's funding.

Rep. Tanner asked if there is a possibility that the state might totally privatize Soldier Hollow after the Olympic Games. He indicated that he is not convinced that the state should get into winter recreational sports that will have to receive annual appropriations from the state.

Mr. Beattie said that the Legislature will be receiving another proposal for the Soldier Hollow site from the State Parks and Recreation later this year. He indicated that whether Soldier

Hollow is kept, privatized, or sold to another entity should be discussed by the local people in the community and State Parks and Recreation.

Rep. Gladwell asked Mr. Beattie what he feels the relationship is between the venue cities and counties and SLOC. Mr. Beattie said that Salt Lake City has primarily resolved most of its concerns and problems, but there are a few other areas that are still working through their problems.

Sen. Evans said that in the budgeting process there was some concern about the cost of the venue cities and how the costs are going to be mitigated. She asked where the state is at in that process. Mr. Beattie said there has been different analyses given, but that the people involved are trying to work out whose numbers are correct, where they need to compromise on those numbers, and what the real impacts are on the communities.

4. Introduction of State Olympic Public Safety Officer - Mr. Dave Tubbs, State Olympic Public Safety Officer, said that the Utah Olympic Public Safety Command (UOPSC) is taking steps, not only inside the venues, media center, and hotels to assure that the community is kept safe, but the plan is to have teams out that can observe anything that might be out of the ordinary in the communities. He reported that the first step in this process is the planning issue and it is about 80 percent complete, but will continue up to the first day of the Olympics. The next step is exercising the plan and UOPSC is making every attempt to come up with some realistic scenarios that it can respond to see if their plans will work during these exercises. The third step is the Olympic Games which is where UOPSC will put its planning into effect.

Mr. Tubbs said that in terms of funding, it is the Secret Service's responsibility to go to all of the venues, the media center, and the Olympic village and devise a security plan for those sites. The secret service then puts the security plan together, sends it back to Washington, and the federal government then takes on some of the responsibility to ensure that the plan is put into effect. He stated that UOPSC is doing everything possible now to receive federal money for those security plans. UOPSC is also looking at bringing in qualified volunteer law enforcement officers from throughout the country and will start a recruiting effort in January, 2001 to determine how many law enforcement officers would be interested in coming to the state for the Olympic Games.

5. Compliance with SJR 11 (2000 General Session) "Resolution Addressing Olympic Financing" - Ms. Janetha Hancock, Associate General Counsel, told the committee that SJR 11 provided for deferral of \$58 million from January 10, 2002 to no later than March 7, 2002 if certain conditions were met. She indicated that the main condition was that SLOC would make arrangements so that the LLC pay the \$58 million directly from the LLC to the Olympic Special

Revenue Fund. Ms. Hancock stated that another provision in SJR 11 would allow the governor to defer up to \$20 million of the \$40 million that is owed to the Athletic Foundation .

Mr. Brian Farr, Attorney General's Office, distributed a handout titled "Conditions for Deferral of January 10, 2002 Payment."

Rep. Tanner said that at a past Sports Authority meeting a comprehensive report was issued and the report was based on a committee that had met and reviewed the work of the Sports Authority. A portion of that report had a recommendation that a Sports Commission be established in the state that would be ongoing and that the state would proceed to appropriate funds for on an annual basis. Rep. Tanner stated that he does not feel that a new bureaucracy should be established that would receive annual appropriations to run a Sports Commission. He also indicated that he has some concern that the Utah Athletic Foundation, which is a private foundation, is being housed under the auspices of the Economic Development Department.

6. Adjournment -

MOTION: Rep. Ure moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Tanner adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.