

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

ROOM 225 STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
January 29, 2004

Members Present: Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chairman
Rep. Sheryl Allen, Co-Chairman
Sen. Curtis Bramble
Sen. Gene Davis
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Steven R. Mascaró
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Members Excused: President Al Mansell
Rep. Greg J. Curtis

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Fiscal Analyst
Cherri White, Committee Secretary

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

Co-Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. and requested that Dr. Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, give the Analysts presentation of the remainder of the Division of Community Development.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - CONT.

The Analyst presented the Community Service budget. A program under Community Development is the Homeless Committee. The Homeless Committee has requested authorization to spend Homeless Trust Fund Balances which have accrued over several years. The Analyst is recommending an appropriation of \$100,000 in FY 2005 from the Homeless Trust Fund. The Analyst also recommends providing the authorization to spend \$100,000 appropriated in the 2004 General Session but not authorized to the program, and \$200,000 from the accrued balance of the fund.

The Analyst is recommending a base budget of \$2,659,900 for the Homeless Committee, this includes an allocation of \$1,659,900 from the General Fund. This program channels state and federal funds to state and local homeless and housing service providers. The resources for this program include the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund General Fund appropriation, Critical Needs Housing General Fund Appropriation, HUD's Emergency Shelter Program, and revenues generated by the Homeless Trust Fund Tax Check-off Campaign.

Within the Division of Community Development is the program of Community Services. This program operates the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program. The CSBG program

is administered through nine community action programs that provide local leadership and support to combat the causes, as well as the effects of poverty. Community Services has a recommended budget of \$3,764,300, of which \$42,300 comes from the General Fund.

Emergency Food Network is used to assist local food banks and other providers distribute emergency food to households in poverty.

The Analyst has recommended a budget of \$13,962,000 for the LIHEAP/HEAT program. This is a program that is 100% federally-funded through block grants. The HEAT program served 32,764 low-income families in FY 2003 and expects to serve 33,000 in FY 2004.

Gordon Walker, Director, Division of Community Development, introduced his staff and addressed the committee regarding Martin Luther King Commission, the Governors Commission on Volunteerism, and State Community Services. Mr. Walker was assisted by Dave Harmer in his response and presentation.

The Martin Luther King Commission has added a staff member thus increasing their FTE.

The Governor's Commission on Volunteerism reported over 491,000 hours of service, including the Points of Light, and work with FEMA. The Agency requested a transfer of FEMA funds into this program.

Todd Hauber, Division of Community Development addressed questions from the committee.

Pamela Atkinson, Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund and Community Advocate, addressed the committee regarding homelessness. It is the goal of the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund to eliminate and prevent homelessness. Appropriations are necessary to assist individuals in moving through the system. Case management assists individuals as they go through this process. They assist the individuals in setting goals and moving from homelessness to having a place to live and becoming self-sufficient. Citizens are able to assist in this through the income tax check-off box on line 23-A. Ms. Atkinson indicated that an additional appropriation of \$500,000 would be appreciated as they assist individuals in the process.

Sara Wilhelm, Utah Issues addressed the committee concerning critical areas of need in the state. (see handout on file.)

Robin Riggs, Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, also addressed the committee regarding their support and endorsement of an increase in funds for the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund.

Sharon Anderson, President, Utah Community Action Partnership Association, presented the 2003 year end report. (see handout on file)

Gina Cornia, Utahns Against Hunger, Emergency Food Network addressed the committee regarding hunger in Utah and the efforts to combat it. (see handout on file)

Bill Crim, Executive Director, Utah Issues addressed questions and comments from the committee.

Dr. Wilko, Fiscal Analyst, gave the Analyst's recommendations for the Office of Indian Affairs. This office enhances intergovernmental relations leading to growth and prosperity for tribes and Indian citizens. Dr. Wilko also indicated the following intent language for the committee to consider:

It is the intent of the Legislature that funding for Indian Affairs be non-lapsing subject to the provisions of UCA 63-38-8.1.

Funds encumbered to pay contractual obligations issued prior to May 1 shall also be considered non-lapsing.

Dr. Wilko, gave the Analyst's recommendations for the Zoos program. It was indicated that no administrative costs are covered via state funds, and that state funds are used for the operations and maintenance of zoos.

Forrest Cuch, Director, Office of Indian Affairs, indicated to the committee that his office is one of advocacy. They are involved in educating and assisting individuals concerning the Native American people from this area. He further indicated that it is important that as an advocate for education that individuals understand the tie in that education has for business. (See handouts on file)

Bill Afeaki, Office of Pacific Islander Affairs, addressed the committee regarding the needs of his office.

Addressing questions from the committee regarding merit employee raises was Todd Hauber, Division of Economic Development.

Craig Dinsmore, Executive Director, Hogel Zoo, introduced members of the Board for Hogel Zoo. Co-Chair Allen declared a conflict of interest regarding this budget. She is a member of the Hogel Zoo Board of Directors.

Dan Hartman, Hogel Zoo, addressed the committee regarding Hogel Zoo, the Performance Audit that was recently performed, and the recommendations from the audit. Mr. Hartman indicated that the recommendations made in the audit have been implemented. Additionally, the issue of the future of the zoo seems to have been resolved and an agreement is in the process of being signed.

Paul Williams, Director, This is the Place State Park, addressed the committee as to their partnership with the zoo. They will be able to use property owned by the state that is located adjacent to the park. Mr. Williams indicated that the key in the expansion/remodel project of the

zoo would be in moving people from one location to another as pedestrians would need to cross Sunnyside Avenue. The other part of the movement issue is movement throughout the park and zoo structures as the property under discussion does have an elevation increase.

It was reviewed for the committee that Salt Lake City voters approved a \$10 million bond for expansion and rehabilitation of the zoo. Because of this an additional \$250,000 appropriation is being requested to assist in the expansion plan.

MOTION: Representative Biskupski moved to add to the wish list:

\$ 29,600 for Emergency Food
\$ 40,000 for Career Service Review Board
\$500,000 for Pamela Atkinson Housing Trust Fund

The motion passed unanimously, with President Mansell and Representative Curtis absent for the vote.

MOTION: Representative Mascaro moved to add to the wish list \$25,000 for Pacific Islander program.

SUBSTITUTE

MOTION: Senator Bramble moved to have the discussion regarding Pacific Islander funding to the February 9th meeting. The motion passed unanimously with President Mansell and Representative Curtis absent for the vote.

MOTION: Senator Davis moved to recommend to Executive Appropriations a 2% COLA for the eight employees in Ethnic Offices. The motion passed unanimously with President Mansell and Representative Curtis absent for the vote.

MOTION: Senator Davis moved to add to the wish list a one-time appropriation of \$250,000 for the Zoo's Master Plan and the Expansion process. The motion passed unanimously with President Mansell and Representative Curtis absent for the vote.

MOTION: Senator Davis moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with President Mansell and Representative Curtis absent for the vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.