

**GRANITE
COMMUNITY
COUNCIL**

Minutes: Wednesday June 4th, 2003

7:00 p.m.

Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake & Sandy
3430 East Danish Road
Sandy, Utah 84093-2139

District One & Two		District Three		District Four		District Five	
✓	Robert Sumner	✓	Stan Morgan	✓	Doug Haymore II (Chair)	✓	Kris Crockett
✓	Merrill Stillman	✓	Todd Young (VC/TR)	✓	David Holmes	✓	Alan Buchanan (Sec)
		✓	Spencer Mortensen (alt)	✓	Nancy Winter (alt)	✓	Susan Vogler (alt)

Also attending: State Senator Carlene Walker, County Mayor Nancy Workman, & approximately 3 dozen constituents represents both sides of “The Granite Rock” issue.

1) Call To Order 7:00

a) Welcome by Doug Haymore – Chair Pledge of Allegiance

2) New Business 7:05

a) The Granite Rock

Mayor Workman prefaced the issue by stating that UDOT owns the Rock, UDOT buried the Rock, & that no government money is available to exhume or maintain the rock.

b) Exhume the Rock: “Move it & Improve It” – Alan Bishop

Alan Bishop provided an extensive list of Salt Lake County community leaders that supported the concept of maintaining Granite’s living artistic heritage by providing a home for this ‘landmark’. It was noted that long-time Granite historian & resident Charlotte Sturdy has maintained pictorial history of the Rock dating back from its transformation from a glacier artifact to an artistic curiosity. Of 500 individuals polled, 81% favored unearthing the buried landmark, 12% wanted it left buried, & 7% were neutral on the issue. To unearth the Rock, several issues have to be dealt with, such as: who would pay for equipment to remove & relocate rock; where would it be relocated to; & who would provide for yearly maintenance (ex: clean-up messes left by rock painters). Mr. Bishop mentioned that Mr. Alan Layton (of Layton Construction) has offered his expertise, crane, and a trailer to move the monolith. Several sites are possible, but one in particular is recommended - the UDOT parcel of land on east side of Wasatch Blvd. approximately 500 feet north of the La Caille entrance (portion of former Wasatch Blvd before road was straightened). This location may provide the best compromise because it is still visible from a major road in the vicinity, yet removed from major housing developments & future residential

encroachment. Mr. Bishop indicated that a clean-up committee of local Scouts & volunteers would then be organized to maintain the rock surroundings on a rotating basis. Perhaps artwork displayed on the rock throughout the year could be voted on by a panel of judges and an award given at the Granite July 4th celebration. The Little Cottonwood Canyon Geologic Park Observation Area (9400 So. Wasatch Blvd.- owned by S.L. County) was mentioned as another possible site, but it was felt that the very reasons (visibility & proximity to the previous location) that make it attractive to those in favor of moving the Rock make it unacceptable to those so opposed. A third location at Granite Community Park was mentioned as possible site, but poor visibility and neighborhood concerns make it even less desirable.

c) Leave the Rock Buried – Mary Smith

Mary has lived across the street from The Rock for 20 years and voiced opposition to raising it. She cited the disturbances that had occurred before the Rock was buried, some reportedly involving very objectionable cursing, drinking & drugs. The disturbing activity associated with the Rock was not limited to waking hours, but occurred during all hours of the day. The ground around the Rock was always littered with old paint cans, beer bottles, soda cans, & rags. Even adjacent rocks did not escape the graffiti. Traffic congestion became a major problem as up to 10 cars would illegally park, with painters darting across the road, creating a safety hazard. Mary believes that nearby home values have significantly increased since the Rock was buried. She suggested that if the Rock is relocated it should be placed in a 10-acre public park (i.e. Granite Community Park) that is patrolled by police, cleaned by sanitation workers, and secured after dark.

d) Community Comment

Both the State Senator & the Mayor were impressed by the community turn-out, especially over the topic of a rock. Chairman Haymore stressed that the importance of time with respect to our building host, to only comment if you had new information to present, and to be civil to one another during this open forum.

1. Doug Haymore II: Publicly took opposition to exhuming the Rock.
2. Lucille Cook: Against Rock, as she felt certain that it would increase level of disturbance coming from Granite Community Park. A lawsuit would be filed to stop any plans to locate the Rock in the Park.

3. Gary McGee: (Residence is two blocks North of proposed UDOT site on Wasatch) Lives on Big Rock Lane (As name implies) Concerned about having adjacent rocks painted – especially his.
4. Bill Clayton: Lived in Granite since 1956; Find new home for Rock.
5. Ruth Ann Johnson: Need artistic outlet; Bring back for tradition.
6. Missy Ekstrom: Lives by Rock; Thought issue was dead; Magnet for bad people.
7. “The unknown contractor”: Thinks raising Rock may be more difficult than originally thought; offered to provide a substitute Rock.
8. Dave White: Was upset with how Rock burial was handled without community input.
9. Dale Springer: Don’t put it in Park; Offered petition with Park neighbor’s signatures.
10. Alan Longstaff: The Rock has been buried long enough; Let’s bring it up!
11. Vaughn Cox: Lives on west border of Park; Fears vandalism - good graffiti versus bad stuff.
12. Tony Williams: Mentioned good memories growing up with the Rock
13. Renee Nelson: Home Backs on Wasatch; concern about traffic.
14. Jack Gross: Rock a geologic event; objects to encouraging defacing.
15. Merrill Stillman: Rock around long before most residents; find a home for it.

e) Sheriffs Report – Ronnie Prescott 801.743.8532

Summertime here – vehicle burglaries increased (smash & grabs). For homes – motion sensors are great for deterring burglaries. County realigning jurisdiction – may be Deputy Prescott’s last meeting ☺

3) Council Business

8:40

- a) Minutes for May 7th, meeting. Alan Buchanan, GCC Secretary.
(1) Copy sent as E-mail attachment.
- b) Treasurer's Report & ACT report. Todd Young, GCC Vice-Chair / Treasurer.
- c) 4th of July funding withdrawn by GCC.
- d) Will McCarvill – Brought to the GCC attention State Land Claims being submitted behind closed doors against Federal & Forest Service lands. These highway right-of-way claims are reportedly in areas unsuitable for conventional

roads – possibly for off-road & snowmobile use. Doug motions for support, is seconded, and was carried with dissent.

4) Unfinished Business

8:55

- a) Steve Bodo – 2499 Charros Road: Conditional use R-1-21 Residential Health Care Facility (Paul Doerr – planner). Continuance from May GCC meeting. “Persons with Disabilities” is broadly defined under law. There are 2 disabled family members; up to 3 additional members to be added for a total of 5 individuals living in a protected living arrangement. Seeking public input up front – no action requested.
- b) John O. Johnson – Politically connected developer (Terry Diehl) is again (REF: APR GCC Minutes, New Business Item 2b) seeking variances in order to obtain access to property he purchased for development. Originally 14 variances; a few less this time. Slightly lower retaining walls; pillars that resemble bridges; and steep grades that represent safety & maintenance concerns will be discussed June 18th, (9:00 AM?) 2:00 PM at the County Council Chambers. Chairman Haymore motioned to recommend all attend that can to support their views at the meeting. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
- c) It was noted that the July 2003 GCC Meeting falls on the 3rd – adjacent to the Independence holiday. Therefore, it was motioned & carried that there be no meeting in July, and that the Granite Community Council next meet in August.

5) Adjourn

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