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Director's Dialogue:



With the completion of the new Five County Association of Governments office located at 1070 West 1600 South, Building B in St. George, Utah, I

would like to express my appreciation to the many individuals who helped put this project together.

First and foremost are the communities, counties and special service districts who unselfishly put aside their projects for one year and allowed the use of the entire FY 2001-02 Community Development Block Grant Program allocation for this project. Without the willingness of the local elected officials and chief appointed staff within the counties of Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington, this project would not have been possible.



John S. Williams, Executive Director and Commissioner D. Maloy Dodds, Chairman

Special recognition is extended to the Utah State Department of Community and Economic Development and its staff for their assistance in the administration of the Community Development Block Grant

Program, and to the Permanent Community Impact Board and its staff for allocating additional funds to fully fund the project.

My appreciation goes to the Leslie A. Stoker architectural firm who took my sketches and dreams and turned them into reality. Les Stoker and Bill McMurrin put together the

architectural drawings and contracted with Karren and Associates for structural engineering, Willis Consulting for mechanical engineering and LR Pope for Civil Engineering. The credit for the efficiency and beauty of the structure of this building goes to these firms.

The Utah Energy Office evaluated the architectural plans and made energy saving recommendations that will reduce the energy consumption in the operations of the building and will be saving energy costs well into the future. The Washington County Water Conservancy District contracted with a consultant to provide the landscape plan around the building. The landscape plan introduced eleven hundred plants and shrubs on the



Utah Governor Mike Leavitt and Commissioner D. Maloy Dodds cutting ribbon.

grounds which are drought resistant. This will allow the Five County Association of Governments to have pleasant and beautiful surroundings while reducing water consumption.

Finally, thanks to Kay Traveler Development at the Tonaquint Center who constructed the building within budget and on schedule. Kay Traveler was brought into

the project late and made up time with the help of the subcontractors who showed up on time, and finished on time— just ahead of the next subcontractor. Kay Traveler was a pleasure to work with and his long term dedication in the construction industry shows in this building.

I appreciated Utah Governor Mike Leavitt attending the ribbon cutting ceremony and assisting the Chairman of the Steering Committee, Commissioner Maloy Dodds, with the ribbon cutting. The "Sunshiners" from the St. George Chamber of Commerce participated in the event. My thanks goes out to our state legislators, over half of the county commissioners from Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties and several mayors who attended. Following the ribbon cutting, tours of the building were conducted for the remainder of the day. Treats and drinks were arranged by the staff of the Five County Association of Governments.

I appreciate my staff for their suggestions and patience with me while I administered a million dollar project which will stand as an asset long after most of us have left the service of the Five County Association of Governments.
(John S. Williams)

Remarkable Woman Awards



"Remarkable Woman" Beth Cottam served last summer on the National Points of Light Conference in Salt Lake City and had the opportunity to meet First Lady, Laura Bush, another remarkable woman.

Beth Cottam was recently recognized as one of four national grand prize winners in the "Remarkable Women Awards" campaign. The contest was sponsored by several companies including Johnson and Johnson and the American Broadcasting Companies.

Kim Jorgensen of St. George wrote the winning 200 word essay nominating Beth for the award. She recognized several achievements from Beth's 27 year career in public

service in the fields of aging, working with special need populations and community development, including work with public transportation. Beth Cottam recognizes she is benefitting from the efforts of literally hundreds of persons she included as team members in over two decades of work. She has enjoyed working with many "remarkable" people who have been mentors, partners, and motivators.

Beth received a cash prize, along with a trip to New York City for both herself and her nominator, Kim Jorgensen. They took the trip, enjoying several Broadway productions, a boat tour, and attended a live broadcast of "The View" at ABC Studio.

They visited the site of "ground zero" delivering a tribute to the memory of those lost on 9-11. They also visited a fire station who lost 13 of their co-workers.

APA Conference

The Utah Chapter of the American Planning Association has scheduled its 13th Annual Southern Utah Spring Conference on Friday, February 28, 2003.

This year's conference will be held at Cottontown Village which is located at 25 North 300 West in Washington City, Utah.

The conference provides an outstanding opportunity for professional planners and citizen planners alike to meet and discuss current trends in community planning. Elected officials and citizen planners are encouraged to participate. A special rate of \$45.00 has been established for citizen planners which includes all elected officials and appointed officials, i.e., planning commissioners.



Cottontown Village; Washington, Utah

This year's conference topics include, a Utah legislative session update by Wilf Sommerkorn followed by a presentation by Jeff Winston on

using 3-D computer visualization tools for project planning. Following lunch, which is provided with conference registration, there will be two concurrent breakout sessions, one presented by Neil Lindberg covering group homes and fair housing, including discussion of housing occupancy limits and related issues. The other concurrent session includes a panel presentation and discussion on roadway design, including current issues in neighborhood street design. Likely discussions will include traffic calming, privacy walls, limited access streets and gated communities. The final activity of the day will be a mobile workshop on trail system planning, including walking a section of the St. George trail system.

The topics to be presented and discussed at this year's conference are timely and will be beneficial to the participants who attend. I feel that information provided will help local officials to better plan their communities.

The deadline for advanced registration is Tuesday, February 18, 2003. If you have any questions regarding this planning conference, I can be reached at (435)673-3548 or by e-mail at: conference@fcaog.state.ut.us (Gary Zabriskie)

2003 Meeting Schedule

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee will meet in regular session in 2003 on the following schedule:

Meeting Date	Location
Wednesday, January 8, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Five County AOG Conference Room 1070 W. 1600 S., Bldg. B St. George, Utah
Wednesday, February 12, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Kane County Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, Utah
Wednesday, March 12, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg. Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, Utah
Wednesday, April 9, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Parowan Public Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, Utah
Wednesday, May 14, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Panguitch City Library Council Chambers 25 South 200 East Panguitch, Utah
Wednesday, June 11, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Kane County Courthouse Commission Chambers 76 North Main Street Kanab, Utah
Wednesday, August 13, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Panguitch City Library Council Chambers 25 South 200 East Panguitch, Utah
Wednesday, September 10, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Beaver Co. Admin. Bldg. Conference Room 105 East Center Street Beaver, Utah
Wednesday, October 8, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Parowan Public Library Meeting Room 16 South Main Street Parowan, Utah
Wednesday, November 19, 2003 1:00 p.m.	Five County AOG Conference Room 1070 W. 1600 S., Bldg. B St. George, Utah

Volunteer Center Hosts Open House



A steady stream of volunteers, board members, and friends of the Volunteer Center of Washington

County stopped by on Tuesday, January 14 to tour the new digs; meet and greet; sign up as new volunteers; and, enjoy punch and cookies in celebration of the move to 1070 West 1600 South, Bldg. B in St. George. After nearly ten years in a separate location, all programs of the Volunteer Center of Washington County are now officially part of the Five County Association of Governments. The six programs under the umbrella of the Volunteer Center of Washington County - and behind the stylish red wall which welcomes visitors to the new offices - include Five County RSVP - providing meaningful volunteer service in the community for senior men and women over age 55; Five County Senior Companion Program, seniors over the age of 60 who provide transportation, socialization and friendly assistance to frail elderly and disabled in the home or in area rest homes; Five County Foster Grandparent Program, seniors over age 60 who tutor, mentor and in all ways serve as a caring adult in the life of kids at risk (from birth to age 18); Youth Volunteer Corps of Washington County, a service learning program from youth, ages 11-18; and a Court-ordered Community Service program, which has streamlined the connection between the courts, area non-profit agencies in need of volunteer service and offenders with anywhere from 10 to 1500 hours of restitution to perform.

The Volunteer Center of Washington County is one of three such programs in the five county area, and one of 22 around the state of Utah. (Linda Sappington)

Special Recognition

Doug Carlson, Weatherization Supervisor and employee of the Five County Association of Governments since July, 2000, placed first of 25 completing the required state auditors class. Doug, who lives and works from Cedar City, is now authorized to conduct energy audits to measure such areas as heating safety and efficiency; attic, wall or floor installation; weatherstripping and caulking; water conservation; replacement of broken glass and other inspections relating to energy loss. Congratulations, Doug!

Open House Cedar City Office

Five County Association of Governments is pleased to announce a consolidation of their Cedar City agencies to a new location. Agencies include:

Area Agency on Aging
Child Care Resource & Referral
HOME Program
Weatherization
Volunteer Center of Iron County

Previous to this move these agencies were all at different locations and will now be housed together in the Fiddler's Canyon Building at 88 E. Fiddlers Canyon Road, Suite H (This is a suite of offices that previously housed the Health Department.) This consolidation of services will help us better meet the needs of our clients.

We cordially invite the public to attend an open house on February 14th from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. Since this is Valentines Day, be a sweetheart and come let us show off our new offices and the services that we provide.

Please submit articles to Diane Lamoreaux via e-mail (dlamoreaux@fcaog.state.ut.us) or in writing to: P.O. Box 1550; St. George, Utah 84771-1550. For other information or services, please call (435) 673-3548 or visit our web site at: www.fcaog.state.ut.us

"...In the skies today we saw destruction and tragedy. Yet farther than we can see there is comfort and hope. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Lift your eyes and look to the heavens. Who created all these? He who brings out the starry hosts one by one and calls them each by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing."

Excerpt from President Bush Remarks on Shuttle Tragedy, February 1, 2003

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