



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of January 26, 2022

Call to order and welcome at 7:00 pm by Chair Anne Cannon. There were twenty-four speakers and community members present, including all members of the WHCC board

Minutes were approved as published.

REPORTS

7:01 pm -- Salt Lake Fire Department, Station 10, John McNeill

Newsletter available at SLCgov.com or Bereadyslc.com discusses emergency preparedness: “Be Ready.” Fire Department is hiring, applications are due by March 31; call 801-799-3473 or find application at <https://www.slc.gov/fire/careers-2020/>. The Fire dept is still masking. SLCFD did 33,000 runs, Station 10 did 1400.

7:06 pm – State Senator Jani Iwamoto, Utah State Senate District 4

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Redistricting information is covered in her newsletter, legislature remains in charge of final districts. She’s disappointed that they didn’t get to vote on maps produced by the independent redistricting commission. Her district was split so she will no longer represent our area, which she has done for twelve years.

Legislature rescinded the county’s mask mandate on the first day of session, with no public hearings. Also changed “test to stay.” Both have been removed from local control.

Sen. Iwamoto is working on 20 bills, including water bank bill to help the GSL; maximum flow amounts for faucets, etc., to save water; court fee waiver; correction officer eligibility; local election amendments; Days of Remembrance Bill to remember incarceration of Japanese Americans; working with Chief Brown on bill for penalties for speeding over 100 mph (will likely be an uphill battle); working with DA on “need to report” bill for police and law enforcement officers—want to change the culture of our police; earthquake preparedness early warning systems; extending Jordan River trailhead to Millcreek; soil health and water; peoples of Utah—celebrate all peoples of the state; bill about Native American regalia; Native children’s welfare and health. She has a newsletter that summarizes her bills.

Where does Millcreek Trail go? 4000 S 900 W trailhead with a new loop to make it safer.

What can we do to support her bills? Go to le.utah.gov, then go to bills and track, with status and notifications for public comment periods: [Home | Utah Legislature](#)

7:29 pm -- Salt Lake City Police Dept, Detective Bob Norgaard

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Our area (District 6 and 7) continues to be quiet—12 calls for service resulting in reports. 2 car prowls. Please lock your car and don’t leave valuables in sight! An individual on Logan has been problematic; a hit-and-run near Clayton. More patrols in area around Presbyterian Church.

Question about armed robberies at Walgreens: gunpoint at Walgreens on Parleys, another on 400 So where a customer was held at knifepoint. A suspect has been identified.

Staffing at the police department has improved so there are more officers in the community.

7:35 pm -- Office of the Mayor, Jamie Stokes, District 6 liaison

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Mayor's State of the City speech from last night included accomplishments and plans. it can be viewed online and is about 45 mins long.

Watch here: <https://www.facebook.com/SLCMayor/videos/1306873996501262/> or

Read here: Read the state of the city here: <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/wp-content/uploads/sites/51/2022/01/2022-STATE-OF-THE-CITY-FINAL77.pdf>

Air quality concerns based on four categories and remains an issue of high concern, mayor made good on campaign promise to plant 1000 trees on west side, also replaced 1300+ trees destroyed in windstorm. Air quality monitors being placed around the city to provide more data. Reducing volume of pollution—all new bldgs must meet pollution-free standards if they receive city funding. Partnership with RMP and other governments to bring net zero electricity to city. Homeless and affordable housing crisis; trying to match resources to the homeless—please urge legislators to increase resources. Crime rate has been decreasing since 2021; pay rate has increased and many law enforcement positions now filled—expect to be fully staffed by summer.

Annual report card available on the website matches goals to accomplishments.
<http://slcmayorplan.com/2021-plan/>

Free-fare February for all UTA trips across the city.

Question about streets in and around SLC and huge the potholes—many streets are in a state of disrepair. The city is applying for federal recovery funds to help repair those. There's a website that shows the repair of the streets: <https://fundingourfutureslc.com/about-slc-streets/>

Councilmember Mano reported on how bad city streets really are. Previously took more than 100 years for reconstruction. Some funds have come in for improvements, but the amount of money needed is astronomical. It's being worked on but after decades of little or no improvements it's going to take a while to fix.

A report by Logan Mitchell, a District 5 resident, on air quality and COVID-19 is available here: https://atmos.utah.edu/air-quality/covid-19_air_quality.php

Mayor Mendenhall be joining us at our February meeting.

7:51 pm – Urban Forestry Subcommittee, Barbara Ballingham

Contact info: Barbara Ballingham at bhballingham@comcast.net or Laurie Bryant at clematis@xmission.com for more information.

Call 801-972-7818 to contact the city if you want a tree. Urban Forestry wants to plant as many trees as possible! Tree planting is done on a first-come, first-served basis. They will also take care of pruning and assessments of park-strip trees: [Tree Service Requests | Public Lands Department \(slc.gov\)](#)

City is starting to plant larger trees because we need the shade.

It's okay to xeriscape but please be aware that there are still substantial water needs for trees and these must be attended to. Please contact the city if you see trees that need more care. Urban Forestry is no longer issuing bags for new trees. Handout available from WHCC with tree care information. Please visit our website: [Wasatch Hollow Community Council \(wasatchhollowcc.org\)](#)

8:11pm – District 5 Councilmember Darin Mano

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http://www.slcdocs.com/council/2021_Mtg_Schedule.pdf

Salt Lake City is updating City Council District maps. WHCC is currently split into two districts. It's been assumed that we may all need to go into one district. However, District 5 needs to grow and District 6 needs to shrink, so WHCC may move. We need volunteers to help with our commission and the deadline is tomorrow at 5. (we might extend it as we've not gotten applications from a few districts) Please apply! <https://slc-redistricting-slcgov.hub.arcgis.com/> Would ideally like someone from each district to help with the mapping—someone who knows the neighborhoods and also have math skills. Trying to keep it as apolitical as possible, so lobbyists or someone who has recently run for political office. Residents can generally be on only one board or commission, but the redistricting commission is an exception. It would be great for our community to be represented.

Here are the disqualifying conditions:

- 1) A candidate for any elected office?
- 2) Appointed or elected to any public office?
- 3) An officer of a political party?
- 4) A registered lobbyist with Salt Lake County or the State of Utah?
- 5) An officer of any candidate's campaign committee?

And those are only for within the last 3 years.

8:20 pm – Reminder of Annual Election of WHCC Officers, February 23, 2022

The next meeting of the WHCC will include the annual election of officers. Please attend and please consider serving, as there will be vacancies on the board.

Anne Cannon has noticed a lot of people birdwatching in WHPark. Wasatch Hollow is a hotspot for birds in eBird with 105 species observed today (340 overall over the past year; <https://ebird.org/hotspot/L712305>). A reminder that the work of preservation in the Hollow has made a difference. Beth Thomas-Rosswog reported that a coyote was spotted in our neighborhood last week.

Many are using and enjoying the Park and the Preserve, but the dog park is being overused.

Why is there not a fence around the dog park in Wasatch Hollow? Can we get one. Question was addressed to Darin Mano, who will follow up with Public Lands Dept. He also suggested that annual CIP applications could help fund a small fence.

Jamie Stokes also reported on this issue:

Thanks for your patience on this issue as I dug into it a little further. I have attached the designated Off Leash Park signage that was used for Wasatch Hollow Park Time Limited Off Leash Area. The designated area permits off leash dogs from 5am-8am and 5pm-8pm. At the time of implementation this designation was used to allow multiple uses at the park to exist in this space and for that reason a fence was not discussed at the time. The addition of a fence here would change this area from a time limited off leash area to a designated dog park, which would require a public process to implement. It does appear that the off leash use at this location has continued to increase and I am not sure if the space now receives any other use, which could be a good reason to re-evaluate the fencing discussion.(This is from Tyler Murdock in parks, I asked him about his a little while back.)

8:28 pm – Rep. Brian King, House District 28

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Representative King reported on several bills that he is "running" in the State legislature this session: bill to preserve forensic biological evidence; expanded background checks for firearm transfer; expanded disability benefits; reporting to public safety where individuals got guns when they were on a prohibited list

John Byerly expressed concern about the legislature's override of local authority on masking. Apparently masking requirements would now require signoff from the Governor and legislative leaders. Discussion ensued on this as a separation of powers issue. An OpEd piece in the Tribune by Paul Burke was referenced.

Anne Cannon expressed support for arts funding in the state budget.

8:44 pm – Adjourn

Anne Cannon thanked all who attended. Please be in touch if there are issues you'd like to see addressed. Next meeting will be February 23 at 7:00pm, via Zoom and will include the annual election of board officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Minutes prepared by Glenda Cotter and submitted 2/20/22