



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of October 27, 2021

Call to order and welcome at 7:01 pm by Chair Anne Cannon. There were eighteen speakers and community members present, including five members of the WHCC board (Tyler Fonarow was absent).

Minutes were approved as published.

Anne showed a photo of a fabulous new outdoor mural at Caputo's. Urban forestry subcommittee is functional and working. We will post contact info on the website and we will hear from them in the spring.

REPORTS

7:05 pm -- Salt Lake City Police Dept, Detective Bob Norgaard

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Six calls for service in our area, so extremely quiet. Usually see a spike in vehicle thefts in the colder months—don't leave your car idling when unattended.

Rocky Cox asked Detective Norgaard if he'd heard from Allen at Wasatch Presbyterian Church. As he hasn't, Rocky will make sure Allen contacts him.

Anne mentioned that we will keep an eye out for people camping out in WH Preserve

7:08 pm -- Salt Lake Fire Department, Station 10

Joseph Bush warned the community to service furnaces appropriately and change filters; dirty furnace filters result in incomplete combustion. SLCFD is getting lots of carbon monoxide calls.

7:11 pm -- Office of the Mayor, Jamie Stokes, District 6 liaison

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Jamie introduced the director of community outreach, Weston Clark who attended to speak to issues about having Planning Commission members attend CC meetings. He once served on the planning commission with councilmember Mano. Planning commissioners are selected from around the city but are not representatives of areas within the community. They are strongly discouraged from speaking to CCs, try to make sure all members meet with the public in their Planning Commission meetings, so that everyone has the same information at all time. Working in a complex, narrow window of land use. Leans heavily on CC input and advice, so we should make sure we're getting notices, email commissioners on items of interest, and attend planning commission meetings.

Anne asked the best way for citizens to attend meeting? He's not sure but knows they are open. More detailed information Planning Commission:

- http://www.slcdocs.com/Planning/Guides/webex_guide.pdf

- <https://www.slc.gov/planning/public-meetings/planning-commission-agendas-minutes/>
- email: planning.comments@slcgov.com
- link to sign up for emails: link to sign up for their email list:
https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001DY8jcNcrjp7LXM-ZmKWAd5xRLH-fKMdggNZLYfv8l--lGTm_2FRB4Jl1Tgl1D1a6QDLvBLR2Zb39-kdC2KRGvgmLq6eC_J9rBfrIikK5Fuo%3D

Don Emerson thanked him for attending and giving us insights into the process but wondered how residents' values about planning in the city are reflected in/by the planning commission? PC relies heavily on Master Plans, but we can reach out to them; they are free to join our meetings. Engage with planning staff for info about Master Plans and Small Use Plans. They mostly react rather than initiating changes. PCs are volunteers, which is one reason their contact info is "protected." Commissioners do receive our input if we email with concerns. Dan Dugan mentioned that the City Council must approve the recommendations of the PC. Darin Mano clarified what things do they have say on vs what things the City Council approves: the planning commission decides/give professional opinions on whether projects meet the codes and laws of the city. They do not change the zoning—those decisions are made at the City Council level.

Rocky Cox asked how to you find out about the public notices that appear around proposed projects? Checking the PC website for upcoming decisions is a good idea. Jamie or the City Council can also help with that.

SLC is receiving \$85 million in American Rescue Funding to arrive in two installments. The Mayor's proposed investments include workforce training, child care (Sorenson Impact Center advised mayor that this is the best way to help city grow most equitably)--\$10 million to support child care already in place, particularly on the West Side, particularly Head Start programs—so will be supporting established programs. She also wants to support single parents, and is looking for longer-term funding, increase numbers in the park ranger system, and make sure the city is fully staffed.

It is hoped that the mayor will be able to attend our January meeting for thirty minutes.

- See Mayor Mendenhall's presentation to the Council on childcare and workforce services here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ND_WnLyUuEg&t=9371s The presentation begins at 2 hours 40 mins.
- Press release on American Rescue Plan Funding:
<https://www.slc.gov/mayor/2021/10/18/mayor-mendenhall-announces-recommendations-for-rescue-plan-spending/>
- Mayor's Press Conference on American Rescue Plan: (30 minute watch)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OB9MxiIr7Gc>

7:30 pm – District 5 Councilmember Darin Mano

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

Anne noted that Darin has been an asset to the community. Stay engaged as city council looks at mayor's proposed spending and programs. Let city council know!

Street Lighting Master Plan—this is a **citywide plan** to help determine what type and where lights are installed. The city standard is currently one light on every corner and one mid-block. Safer communities might not need all of them, but more commercial areas may need more. Residents have proposed different color temperatures in different areas, as well as caps on brightness. Looking at how/if street lighting deters crime? Also looking at light pollution issues; the current plan has been approved by Dark Sky group; please contact Darin about possible help/info for retrofitting residential park-strip lights to dark-sky standards.

https://www.slc.gov/utilities/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2021/03/SLC-Lighting-MP_vs.10.pdf

Livable Streets Program—basically a traffic calming program. Looking for new tools and new funding. City stopped doing speed bumps, probably because residents disliked them, but they are effective and cheap. Would like to hear what people think—please let him know. He's hearing increasingly that residents would like to see more traffic calming and have traffic slowed. Calming circles and bulb-outs on corners are the Cadillac solutions, expensive and effective. Can't afford those solutions everywhere but there are cheaper solutions that are also pretty effective.

Anne asked how we can look at calming on streets like 1600 East? Plan is focused only on residential areas—city split into 113 small areas to prevent people from simply driving around the traffic calming areas—treat it as a zone. Email Darin if you know of a street that the city should look at.

Are crosswalks identified as being locations that need better lighting?

There may be easy fixes to some problems.

7:55 pm – District 6 Councilmember Dan Dugan

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Thanks to Weston and Jamie for info on Planning Commission. Councilmember Dugan noted that Darin is a wealth of info. Trees are also helpful with street calming. If you want to do something on your street you need to make sure that all neighbors agree.

There is a meeting about Foothill Village on Nov 3 at 6:00pm in old Steinmart Building. Looking for ways to make it safe to cross Foothill.

Dr. Dunn spoke at last City Council meeting. Her message is to get vaccinated and wear masks! Glad for mask mandate in city schools until Dec. It's working—we have lower numbers than other districts. City Council will decide in December if that mandate should be extended.

County will be receiving a number of vaccinations for 5 to 11 year olds. Looking for temporary solutions for more overflow beds in shelter downtown for evening hours. County is also looking at more overflow spaces for the winter.

Mosquito abatement—good conversation about where and how the Mosquito Abatement district sprays. Is done in WH Preserve.

City is hiring former officers to handle non-priority calls. Trying to take some of the stresses off full-time officers. Looking at special forces team for clean-up of encampments.

Don't have money for trails oversight in smaller parks.

If neighborhood is interested in 15th East between Kensington and Emerson closing on weekends (as is done downtown) please give him a call. Ask neighbors and businesses if there's interest. It is our call. This is one way to have more gathering with social distancing.

If we need either flags for crosswalks or slow-down signs, both Darin and Dan have some available.

Is city council going to take a stand on statewide redistricting? Probably not, but do look at those to set city redistricting lines. We all need to take a stand on the statewide redistricting—this is a very important issue. There will be three sets of maps and we should all be engaging in that process (especially as this city bears the brunt of gerrymandering).

Anne: Hope to see follow-through on need for more “policing” and protection of WH Park and Preserve. Also Miller Park and Allen Park. Please keep those in mind when thinking about funding. There will be pumpkin painting in Allen Park on Thursday—more info on our website.

8:20 pm – Suggestions for future meetings

Suggestions?:

WHCC used to host a winter holiday/Christmas event at 15th St Gallery—could we do so again?

Haunted Hollow event next October?

Painting of shed, etc., at community garden?

Elections for the community council board will take place in February. Please think about getting involved. More people are needed! Please encourage any who might be interested!

8:28 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 January 26 at 7:00pm, likely via Zoom.

The meetings was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Minutes prepared by Glenda Cotter and submitted 11/10/21