



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of March 24, 2021

Called to order at 7:01 pm by Chair Anne Cannon. This is the first meeting following the annual elections. All new officers of the community council were in attendance:

Anne Cannon, chair
Daniel Jensen, vice chair
Donald Emerson, second vice chair
John Rosswog, treasurer
Glenda Cotter, secretary
Tyler Fonarow, webmaster (nonelected position)

REPORTS

Salt Lake City Fire Dept, Captain Doyle

Captain Doyle read a message from the chief recognizing Women's History Month and encouraging women to join the department. They would like SLCFD to reflect the diversity of the community. They are following COVID protocols when responding to calls and wear PPE. Station 10 in Research Park is the WHCC fire department.

Office of the Mayor, Jamie Stokes, District 6 liaison

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Jamie serves as a bridge between our council/neighborhoods and the city.

The city is encouraging all residents 16+ to get vaccinated, stay safe, and be responsible. The legislature is rescinding the mask mandate on April 10, but the mayor will be moving to reinstate it if needed.

\$500 VISA cards are available to help those who didn't receive federal stimulus checks, particularly if immigration status is a concern, based on 80% AMI.

Application for the Salt Laker Card: <https://slc.giv.ng/p/apply-english>

<https://slc.giv.ng/p/apply-espanol>

You can donate to the fund here: <https://slc.giv.ng/p/raise-up-slc>

From Darin Mano to Everyone: 07:19 PM

80% ami is based on family size:

1	\$49,250.00
2	\$56,250.00
3	\$63,300.00
4	\$70,300.00
5	\$75,950.00

Question about whether the city is still working to remove tree stumps from the September windstorm. There is one at approximately 16th E and Logan that needs removal. Jamie will forward the info to Urban Forestry.

Salt Lake City Police Dept, Detective Nathan Meinzer

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Detective Meinzer is the community liaison officer for Districts 5, 6, and 7.

There were 16 reports in the WHCC boundaries in February, including 6 car prowls. They have been up citywide but were down Jan to Feb.

During last year's surge in thefts from porches, doorbell cams were able to link 80 cases that resulted in federal charges.

Please report suspicious behavior, lock your car, remove garage remotes to help prevent home access, and check on your neighbors!

Questions from community members:

Is there a Neighborhood Watch? Det. Greg Wilkin (?) would know, but keeping in touch with neighbors is the most important single action.

Detective Meinzer currently has no information about a possible police station at Guardsman & 500 So?

Is overnight camping a concern in the preserve? There are two bike patrols in the area, one assigned to parks. Social workers from the Community Connection Center will help get resources; Det Meinzer will reach out to social workers if he's contacted directly.

Further information was provided concerning homeless issues in the community, including encampments:

From Darin Mano to Everyone: 07:32 PM

*Salt Lake City has a specific team who works with community concerns related to encampments: Allison Dupler, Community Engagement Coordinator
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From Detective Meinzer to Everyone: 07:33 PM

Community Connections Center - Social Workers 801-799-3533

SLCPD works with VOA, the Health Dept and others to help provide resources for the homeless.

Following the meeting Jamie Stokes also provided the following information about the Community Commitment Program's efforts for the homeless and unsheltered:

- *3 Resource Fairs, 2 coordinated outreach operations (during times when it was especially unsafe to gather people together).*
- *14 partners have engaged 176 people and made placement offers to 131 people.*
- *48 people have accepted placements, 4 accepted placements in detox*
- *Courts resolved 130 cases for 112 people, 29 people referred to DLD to get driver's licenses. (Clearing cases and getting identification are important steps in getting stable housing.)*
- *2 victims of human trafficking identified and referred to specialized services.*

If residents are interested in learning more about the Community Commitment Program, they can head to this website: slc.gov/hand/community-commitment-program/

District 5 Councilmember Darin Mano

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

Councilmembers Mano and Dan Dugan (District 6) are the “new guys” on the council. Councilmember Mano’s background is in architecture, he owns his own firm, has taught at the U of U, and is interested in urban design. He has also served on the planning commission. He’d like to see SLC grow in a sustainable way.

The City Council works on policy and budget matters, the mayor is responsible of everything else. The budget season has started, so please be in touch with ideas on or concerns about budget priorities. One of the big concerns is how SLC can be a city that people can afford to live in. What funding and/or ordinances would help?

Responses to last year’s many emergencies were the work of the mayor. Racial equity issues are matters of policy and under the purview of the council. The city has weathered COVID-19 pretty well. The mayor and the city council currently have a good relationship. Thanks to Det. Meinzer, who is good to work with.

\$200,000 has been allocated to alleyway maintenance; pilot programs under discussion include paving, lighting, murals on garages—all in “idea” stage. Please reach out if interested. One of the alleys with WHCC boundaries leads to the community garden.

The city council meets on the first three Tuesdays of each month; RDA concerns are addressed on the second Tuesday. The fourth Tuesday is off.

Anne Cannon expressed concerns about off-street parking ordinance. The zoning changes related to setbacks are not citywide, and street parking typologies are not in the city’s master plan. The current changes under discussion are, at most, guidelines; the transportation dept will engage communities in discussions with regard to any specific changes. Currently the street maps related to such changes are not accurate and will be looked at on a street-by-street basis. At the current rate of street rebuilding, if a street is paved today it will be one hundred years before it is repaved.

Darin Mano provided the following analysis via Chat later in the meeting:

The new ordinance will divide our zones into 4 "contexts" which determine how much parking is required. Nearly all of Wasatch Hollow is zoned for single family residential which is in the “General Context” and has the highest parking requirements. Single family homes will still need to provide 2 parking spaces per Dwelling Unit which is unchanged from the current ordinance.

The only other zone that is in Wasatch Hollow is CN – Neighborhood Commercial. 15th and 15th has 10 lots zoned CN, 13th S. and 17th E. has 4 CN parcels, and 17th and 17th has 2 parcels zoned CN. CN is in the “Neighborhood Center Context” which is the second highest parking requirement under the new ordinance. It is

slightly less parking required than “General Context” but still requires quite a bit of parking. Given that those neighborhoods are all mostly built out and already developed, I don’t think that very much will change based on the new ordinance. If anything, redeveloping 15th and 15th would require a new project to provide more parking than it currently does. Restaurants require 2 spaces per 1,000 sf which I would guess is more than they have now.

<https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/02/16/off-street-parking/>

Legislative Recap from Rep. Brian King, House District 28

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Rep. King loves the Wasatch Hollow area and is honored to represent it. While he wants to be as responsive as possible, he has limited staff. COVID restrictions this year also limited interactions with lobbyists and the public, but all committee meetings were online with both live video and audio—this is new and he anticipates that it will continue.

This recent legislative session saw good spending on the following needs:

Half a billion dollars for public education—this spending needs to continue

Affordable housing

Childcare credit

Help for working families

Mental health and substance-abuse funding

Spending on infrastructure for transportation includes \$300 million in bonding for some doubletracking on Frontrunner (more needed), Trax expansion, S-line expansion.

Federal CARES money helped the legislature with spending decisions; more money from the Biden Administration will help communities hardest hit by COVID.

There were also good, targeted tax cuts.

Two new state parks were created

Criminal justice and police reform bills passed

Dixie State name change was considered and progress was made. In time the name will likely change but the legislature is listening to locals and trying to “thread the needle.”

Some bad bills, including on transgender issues, were bottled up.

Unfortunately, an expanded background checks bill did not move forward, while concealed carry permits were expanded. Can’t see how this combination could lead to anything good.

There were two bills related to voting restrictions:

HB197 limited the ability of people to change party affiliation—they can no longer change within ninety days of an election.

More restrictions were placed on the ability to collect signatures on voter referendum initiatives.

It’s growing harder than ever to hold the legislature’s “super majority” in place.

HollowFest, report by Tyler Fonarow

This is one of the highlights of the WHCC. We're hoping to make this year's event more inviting to the 15th and 15th business community and other merchants within WHCC.

There will be more information forthcoming on this, including opportunities for communities members to participate and get involved.

Bill Stone noted his support for an autumn event.

Wasatch Hollow Community Garden, report by Bill Stone and Clark Jensen

Participation in the community garden is encouraged.

There are sixteen 4 x 8 beds and other beds that have more permanent produce. There are chickens, new bees (four news hives are coming), and cut flower spaces.

There is a small fee and requirement to help provide labor.

Being involved is as easy as showing up at the garden; best times are weekends, early mornings, and evenings.

It's a beautiful space. Eggs are given to VOA, other produce is also donated.

The grape vines are growing well and there will be many grapes available for harvest.

Honey has been harvested—approximately 150 lbs—and is available.

The garden is accessed via the alley at 1630 Kensington.

Email and phone contact information can be found on the WHCC website.

It's great that this is benefiting people beyond the community boundaries.

Anne Cannon thanked all who attended. Please be in touch if there are issues you'd like to see addressed.

Adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Minutes prepared by Glenda Cotter and submitted 4/23/21