



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of April 28, 2021

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

Minutes were approved as published.

REPORTS

7:02pm -- Salt Lake City Fire Dept, Captain Doyle

SLCFD is partnering with the American Red Cross for a free virtual fire safety presentation. Register at soundthealarm.org/Utah.

Reminder to install smoke alarms on every level and test them monthly. Families should have a fire escape plan and practice it twice/year. Station 10 had a pretty normal March in term of calls for service. SLCFD is following COVID protocols when responding to calls and wear PPE; 80% vaccinated.

7:06pm -- Salt Lake City Police Dept, Detective Nathan Meinzer

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WHCC area had six car prowls in Feb, five in March. There were also two burglaries—all in unlocked dwelling—and three garage or shed burglaries. Please keep cars and homes locked! Report all suspicious behavior—every report helps. Send door video if you have it.

There was a question about how often Wasatch Hollow Preserve is patrolled. There is a “beat car” for three shifts if they’re not on call and a five-man bike squad to patrol parks. (The department is low-staffed right now and is trying to hire more officers.) Det Meinzer will check and see how often they are in the park and how far back into the preserve they patrol and report back. He did pass along concerns from the previous meeting about reports of camping in the preserve.

7:15pm -- 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 to wear masks, practice social distancing, stay safe, and be responsible. The mayor gives COVID updates to the city council every week. New positives are plateauing but not yet decreasing. Zip code 84101 has higher number of cases than average. Although still under a mask mandate, the legislature’s house bill will end that when we reach 1.6 million vaccine doses.

Homelessness: the Community Commitment Program partners to help with/at homeless encampments, holds resources fairs, works to resolve tickets, warrants, other issues, and helps vaccinate the homeless. The city has a new homeless outreach and policy advisor.

Announcing a new micro-grant for community councils, in amounts from \$50-\$1500. The application process is now a little simpler. The purpose of these grants is to assist councils to build membership, improve communication, and bring community back together. Applications are due May 7 by 5:00pm. Contact Jamie for questions.

What to do if needles are found? Use the SLCMobile app to create a request and indicate needles. SLC has a group that responds to biowaste. Or you can email Jamie. Download the SLCMobile app here: <https://www.slc.gov/request-report/>

Councilmember Dan Dugan responded to a question about vaccination rates: statewide about 40% of eligible adults have received doses. There is a big disparity in the city between the east side (+50%) and the west side (~25%), with the latter seeing a disproportionate number of cases. This disparity is likely owing to a number of reasons, including resistance, ease of access, language issues, and education.

7:32pm -- District 6 Councilmember Dan Dugan

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The city's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. The mayor will present her budget on May 4, the council will look at various departments after that each Tuesday. The city's budget is approximately \$2 billion, with about half of that for the airport. The general fund pays for fire, police, neighborhoods; property and sales tax account for 60 to 70% of revenue. Last year's budget was very conservative, with hiring and pay freezes in place; this year's sales tax numbers are promising—ahead of budget—although the downtown area is still struggling.

Not sure when construction will begin on WH Park entrances; Anne Cannon reported the design will begin summer 2021, with final contract and work complete in 2022. They will be meeting with WHCC this summer as part of the process.

Off-Street Parking ordinance divides into four areas:

1. General Context—D6, mostly single-family homes
2. Neighborhood Commercial (areas such as 9th&9th, 15th&15th, etc.)
3. Urban—more dense, Sugar House is an example
4. Transit Zones—may not have as much parking as needed

Rank Choice Voting Pilot Program was approved and will begin in the next election cycle with odd-numbered districts plus District 2.

Police audit found “holes” in budgeting, created recommendations for timeline and spending. Questions about whether officers are currently given roles than a nonofficer could do in order to ease current burdens. Crisis intervention team currently covers 10 hours/day, needs to cover 16 hours/day. Process will continue.

Question from Mark Brinton about the 1700 So storm drain project, which was supposed to start in the fall of 2020. Dugan doesn't know but will check on status.

Mark Brinton also noted that there are lots of road infrastructure needs and wondered if federal dollars will be coming. Dugan responded that \$87 million is coming to SLC; Jani Iwamoto also commented that \$1.5-1.6 billion will be coming to the state, priorities to be determined in a special session in May.

7:57pm – Reimagine Nature, Luke Allen

<https://www.reimagineatureslc.com/>

SLC is developing a Public Lands Master Plan, with four main divisions, developed by Level of Service (LOS):

- Natural Lands
- City Parks
- Urban Forests
- City Golf

The process is currently in the second of three phases of development. The first included surveys, popup events, micro-engagement event, and community presentations, and have received 10,000+ comments. There are five overall plan goals:

1. Connect: accessible and connected green spaces
2. Welcome: active and inclusive places
3. Protect: a commitment of stewardship
4. Grow: expand our park system
5. Sustain: environmental health and sustainability

For more detailed information, see <https://www.reimagineatureslc.com/>

8:13pm – WaterWise Utah, Shelby Ericksen

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The majority of the state is in “extreme drought” conditions, with areas of “exceptional drought.” Other areas are “moderate to severe drought.” As of April 1, reservoir storage capacity is at 68% compared to 81% last year, and soil moisture conditions are the driest they have been. The governor’s drought declaration recognizes the severe conditions that are prevalent across the state and activates the Drought Response Committee to promote inter-agency coordination; it does not take authority from local governments or water providers, mandate actions at a local level, or require reductions in water provided to customers. For the week of April 23-April 29, recommendation is for no irrigation (with one irrigation the equivalent of 20 minutes of watering with pop-up sprinklers).

You can report water winners and wasters to the Hall of Fame or Shame:
water.utah.gov/fameorshame

Many water conservation resources are available through Utah DNR, Division of Water Resources: <https://conservewater.utah.gov/>

This includes the weekly lawn watering guide, links to Slow the Flow, Utah Water Savers, and others, including recommendations for water wise plants and localscapes. Resources can be found at the following websites:

Water.utah.gov/drought

Conservewater.utah.gov
Slowtheflow.org
Localscapes.com
Conservationgardenpark.com
SLCgardenwise.com

WHCC Local History Resources

Mel Thatcher reported that he's continuing to work on local history resources, including more interviews. These are being added to the community council's website:

<http://wasatchhollowcc.org/>

This is an excellent resource!

Future Meetings

The majority of community members in attendance voted to continue with remote meetings for now.

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

The meetings was adjourned soon after 8:30 pm.

Minutes prepared by Glenda Cotter and submitted 5/23/21