



## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of May 26, 2021

Call to order and welcome at 7:01 pm by Chair Anne Cannon. There were twelve speakers and community members present, including all members of the WHCC board.

Minutes were approved as published.

### REPORTS

#### 7:03 pm -- Salt Lake City Fire Dept, Station 10, Wade Rockwood

80% of the force is vaccinated; things are getting back to normal. Still wearing masks if out and about in city and on medical calls. Public gatherings still suspended although easing. Call numbers are pretty normal throughout the city.

Anticipating serious fire conditions this summer; please report fireworks by calling the non-emergency dispatch number to report illegal fireworks at 801-799-3000, if you see firework use where prohibited.

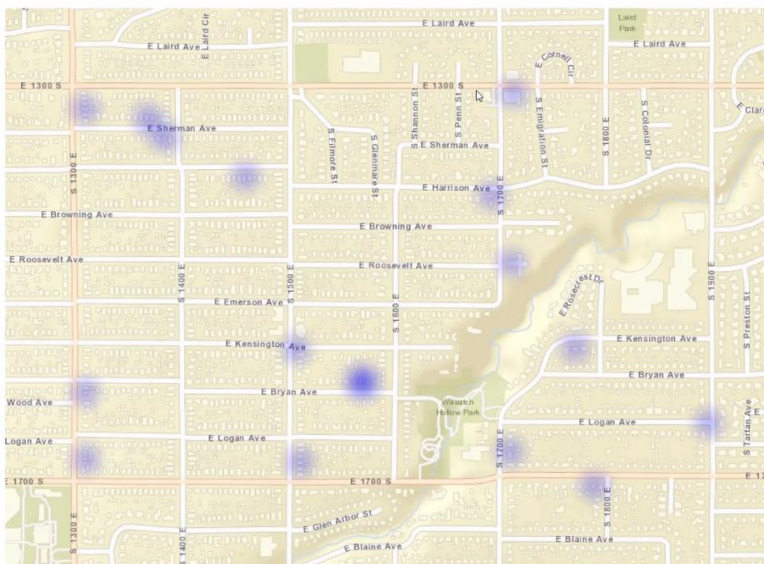
#### 7:06 pm -- Salt Lake City Police Dept, Detective Nathan Meinzer

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Seventeen cases in our area in April, with one home burglary (forced entry); five car prowls; two incidents of damaged property to cars; and one report of suspicious activity.

Heat map (see below) indicates that incidents are well spread out across the CC area and throughout the month.



Bike officers do regularly visit the WH Preserve throughout its entire area. Please reach out to Detective Meinzer with concerns.

Questions: Last year there were problems with fireworks on Kensington Ave between 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> E, at the south end of Clayton Middle School—is it possible to have an event so there are eyes on the alley?

Beth Thomas asked if there is there a 12-month history of crime in the area? Det Meinzer can pull a report that is separated month-by-month. That would be great!

**7:21 pm -- Office of the Mayor, Jamie Stokes, District 6 liaison**

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(Attended even though she is on vacation.)

East side of city is 45-56% vaccinated. West side continues to lag. Can get information if we'd like to host a vaccination event. Thirteen percent decrease in cases across city.

Foothill trails—a lot of new trails have been built, but taking a pause in construction. Likely no more before October. Please give feedback—survey details will be forthcoming. There is a good FAQ page.

From Tyler Fonarow to Everyone: 07:29 PM

Survey: <https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/f621d26644624e29a5c6a896068e8a8e>

SLC Corp: there are many opportunities for volunteer activities in the city. Residents are eager to help. There will be a donation drive to help chronically homeless who are getting housing, in conjunction with the Road Home. Kitchen items are needed for the Magnolia Apartments. SLC Corps (The City's volunteer program) :  
[https://stewardship.slc.gov/opportunities/oJRyBRHeep?branch\\_match\\_id=768170072634024685](https://stewardship.slc.gov/opportunities/oJRyBRHeep?branch_match_id=768170072634024685)

Great video about the mayor's budget plan:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BwWQsi7-PkU>

Racial equity in policing proposals—hire additional social workers, peer court program. \$11 million for affordable housing projects.

Community reinvestment bond—potential for \$50 million for capital projects, including shoring up buildings such as Fisher Mansion, artist-in-residency program in Allen Park.

Funds to convert former water park into a premier park.

More Foothill trails.

**7:30 pm – Urban Forester, Rick Nelson**

One of three area foresters in the city, he is assigned to our community council area.

Every CC is being asked to set up an Urban Forestry Subcommittee—city is actively looking for volunteers to work with department to help care for our trees. They can teach classes (including pruning classes), and watering to keep newly planted trees alive. Can help identify areas that might need more trees.

Questions: Are sycamore trees discouraged? No, the city likes large trees.

How to effectively water trees during the drought, especially with xeriscaping? Residents are encouraged to continue watering trees—they don't come back! Urban Forestry loves large trees and will plant them if neighborhoods want them. Park strip sizes may be a determinate

Who's responsible for watering? Residents need to provide water, city can take care of anything else, including removal, pruning, insect issues, etc. City prefers to do the pruning or get permits to have an ASA arborist prune on any larger pruning issues.

City lost over 3000 trees to last fall's storm. Clean-up has just been completed and only now starting regular maintenance. Will take several more years to plant replacement trees.

Take names of residents who are interested in trees and get them involved/put them in touch with the city!

### **7:42 pm -- District 5 Councilmember Darin Mano**

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[http://www.slcdocs.com/council/2021\\_Mtg\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.slcdocs.com/council/2021_Mtg_Schedule.pdf)

Currently in the middle of budget season; councilmembers must now deliberate on the mayor's proposals. Things can change during this process (an example is the call for racial equity in policing that occurred last year). City will get \$86 million from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) spread out over three years. They have found that those dollars are less flexible and have more restrictions than initially thought—must be used for COVID recovery. Mayor has recommended new positions and increases in services to residents; more open lands and parks and better maintenance. Mayor has proposed that public lands division should become a full department—ten new people should be hired. Park impact fees help with that. Should there be a tax increase to support this? Will growth in city provide enough increased funds to hire and keep new people?

ARP: Small business support, mortgage and rental assistance, etc.

Could the money provide better maintenance? ARP money could not.

Other issues: small cell towers, off-street parking.

Residents indicate that the city cannot acquire enough open space to provide needs for high-density housing. Keep trying—this is important to everyone!

Four open space/public land parts of city plan (see last meeting notes)

Would like to see city staffing support this!

Additional planners in planning department.

Additional \$ to public safety.

Replace aged vehicles for fire department.

Our CC is most interested in continuing to preserve/protect WHPark and Preserve.

More cars, more people, more development—what is city proposing for public transit? Will continue with funding of existing routes but hasn't seen proposals for new high-frequency bus routes. (9, 2, 21 are existing HF routes)

Research Park is an issue for the city, redevelopment planned—more investment through RDA to increase transit in that area.

4<sup>th</sup> West Trax Line is high priority for the mayor.

Even if UTA doesn't break even, transit is good for the city. Can ARP funds be used for that?

Question: With tenfold increase in public lands use because of COVID, can argument be made that ARP funds be used for increased public staffing? Golf use has really increased during COVID, seems ARP funds could be used to support that..

### **8:04 pm – SLC Micro-grant Funding to WHCC**

WHCC received a \$1500 micro-grant from SLC (thanks to Anne Cannon and John Rosswog for writing this grant—with funds designated for the following uses:

Increase participation in CC: Flyers for upcoming events, including the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration (\$180)—that event can use help setting up, cleaning up, \$ will help with cost of entertainment (Rob Ricks and his group), and or food. Event will be Sat, July 3, perhaps 380 people? band will start at 12:30, food begins at noon, prob last until about 2:00pm, 1600 East between Kensington and Bryant, reach out to Greg Morrow if interested in volunteering: Gregg Morrow - Independence Day Celebration Volunteering - 801-971-9865 - gemorrow@gmail.com; September Wasatch Hollow Fest,

Website fees and xmission fees

Community garden—vases to deliver flowers to community, produce scales to help donate produce, feeder for chickens, canning supplies for honey, art supplies to decorate garden (painting rocks)

### **NeighborWorks Salt Lake**

Jasmine Walton attended with information about a nonprofit organization called NeighborWorks Salt Lake. They are gearing up for their annual paint-your-heart-out event that offers neighbors the opportunity to have the exterior of their home painted for free. If you or someone you know is interested please let her know.

To qualify, resident must be: over age 65, low income, veteran, disabled. Professional painter helps with paint choices; volunteers will meet 8/14 to paint a home in the neighborhood. Lion's Club provides breakfast. Contact [Jasminew@nwsaltlake.org](mailto:Jasminew@nwsaltlake.org), 801-539-1590, application at Nwsaltlake.org or Jasmine will provide application.

### **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 at 8:19 pm.

*Minutes prepared by Glenda Cotter and submitted 6/18/21*