



## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of June 22, 2022

Called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Don Emerson.

Approved of minutes of May 25, 2022 meeting (posted on WHCC website)

Announcements:

- John Rosswog provided update on Webmaster
  - UCSC student Sameeksha (Sam) Masthigowda has agreed to redesign our site as part of her capstone class for UX certificate.
  - Met with Sam by video conference to go over our site and what she looked for to complete our class objectives
  - We agree it's a good match and Sam is excited to design our website to make it more intuitive to use while spotlighting the history, outdoors, arts, and business parts of our neighborhood.
  - Next steps are for Sam to send us a proposal of work to review and agree to and to get admin access to our website for Sam.
- Still looking for a Secretary for our Wasatch Hollow Community Council board. If you are interested, please contact [whccadmin@wasatchhollowcc.org](mailto:whccadmin@wasatchhollowcc.org)
- Primary Elections coming up for Utah on Tuesday, June 8th
  - Make to get out and vote
- Contact Bill Stone at [billstone5@aol.com](mailto:billstone5@aol.com) (801-661-0663) to sign up for a community Garden spot
- WHCC will help sponsor upcoming 4th of July Celebration
  - Dan Jensen provided an update of the July 4th planning
  - Great community celebration on Kensington Ave and 16th East
  - Volunteers still needed to help setup and to help BBQ

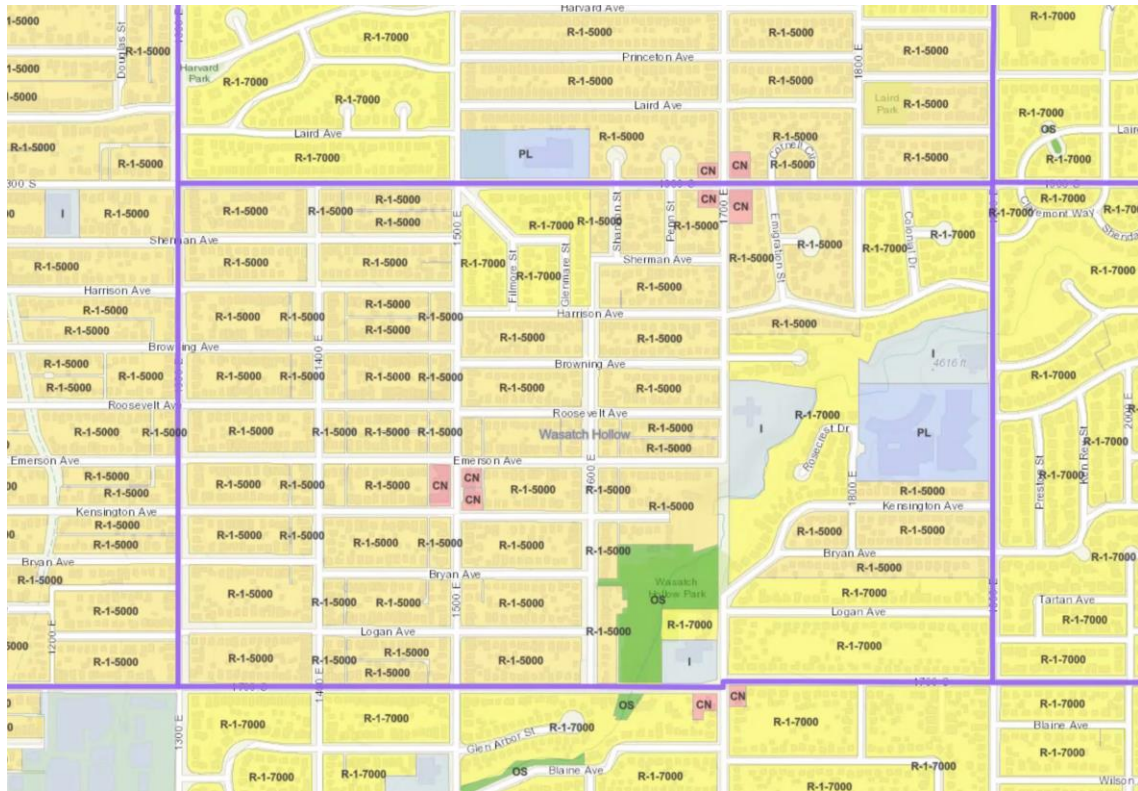
### **7:15 pm Stephanie Duer, Water Conservation Manager, SLC Department of Public Utilities**

- Stephanie was unable to make meeting

### **7:15 pm Affordable Housing Overlay Proposal – Discussion**

- There is a big need to have more affordable housing in order to have a city with workers that support each other
- Affordability is 80% of AMI
- The proposal identifies properties within a quarter mile of a frequent transit root
- Don delineated the process of meetings and feedback

- Seeking Feedback, submit comments at <http://bit.ly/slc-AHI>
- Not going to rush a recommendation for WHCC recommendation
- Feedback from the group:
  - Nathan Crump: united firefighter that works in Taylorsville
    - Could takeaway from the community that we have
    - Huge influx in emergency services
    - Task the water and sewer system
    - Parking space is limited
    - Garbage-can-pick-up services would be more
  - Don Emerson: called out the unity in the design of the houses
  - Dan Jansen: suggested having the Planning Commission come to the next meeting to hear feedback.
  - Don Emerson: advised people go to the next hearing to provide feedback
    - In addition, the WHCC is collecting responses to submit
  - Steven Osborn: would like to learn more about what is designated for affordable housing (we have a map, see below). Worried about people selling and moving out.



- Hannah Barton from the Mayor's Office shared the following link for more details: [www.slc.gov/planning](http://www.slc.gov/planning)
- Beth Thomas-Rosswog: mentioned that the current parking near the busy streets that they want to rezone is already very limited and that people find spots by parking up side streets. For example, the residents that live on 13th East have limited driveway space that can be very

challenging to pull out of, so most of them park on side streets that are a short walk from their houses.

- Don Emerson: stressed that we need to keep in mind that the price point of our neighborhoods might not be attractive for developers
- Anne Cannon: questioned how do you in force laws related to affordable housing and rentals.
- Beth Thomas-Rosswog: questioned if people moving into future multiplexes would even consider using the bus line?
- Don Emerson: mentioned that the overlay rules of being near busy streets with bus routes that change might not be the best approach; a better approach that might be better could be a quarter of a mile from a grocery store.
- Dan Jensen: said that a Trax line is a better indicator
- Anne Cannon: mentioned that we do have lot sizes that would be affected by the affordable housing overlay.
- Dan Jensen: emphasized that each housing unit would need to provide their own parking
- Rocky Cox: stated that this is a bad idea. Too many people and buildings on small lots, clogging up parking on these quiet tree lined streets....NO NO NO
- Bianca Shepard: mentioned that the affordable housing requirements that the price being for example 80% of \$1 million is hardly affordable.
  - plus, there is so much underutilized space in the downtown area
- Cheryl Baird: stated the need to figure out traffic for example with Research Park and the need to have people live closer to where they work.

#### **7:45 pm Councilman Dan Dugan, District 6**

- Dan was unable to make meeting

#### **7:45 pm Off leash Dogs Issue:**

- First step is that in the next month, the City will put out new signs to make the off-leash hours more clear
- The City is also going to help with a survey.
- Lina Nilsson: asked for more details on the working group for the dog park of Wasatch Hollow Park
- Mike Gruenhagen: stated "Thanks for speaking up, Lina! I'm interested in more information on this, too! Also appreciate the nods from other dog lovers/companions."
- Steve Osborn: provided an update on Wasatch Hollow park and the dog committee.
  - Any change will take 9 months.
  - The lawn has been torn up by overuse
  - Looking at what other parks are doing
- Erin Gosekamp: asked if there is a balance of representation on this working group/ committee?
  - Residents living within the WHCC boundaries can join the committee
- Karen Alderman: stated that the commitment is to have better discussion

- Lani Murakami: is a resident from nearby Yalecrest and is a avid user of Wasatch Hollow Park provided the following valuable feedback:
  - Part of the reason for the torn-up lawn is that the City did not water last year
  - Having an off-leash park is a tremendous resource for the neighborhood
- Lani Murakami stated that we need to think about walkability in the neighborhood for the dog areas
- Daniel Levetan: pointed out that if you fence in a dog park area, there can be issues with some dog owners watching their dogs. Open areas force dog owners to watch their dogs more closely.
- Beth Thomas-Rosswog: stated we might have overuse because we have a lot of people with dogs coming to the park from outside of the area now.
- Bianca Shepard: spoke up about how Wasatch Hollow Park was a place where her kids used to play until her son who was carrying a stick was accidentally bitten by a dog.
- Krista Crump: asked “What is sugar house park for?” which brought up discussion on whether we should have some parks more as dog parks and other parks for other recreational uses.
- Kim Turner: brought up that “the dog park encourages building community and friends and the openness fosters more responsible dog owners.”
- Suggested that there needs to be an investment in watering the lawn
- Krista Crump: mentioned, “There is not many places here that dogs can go. There are a lot of parks nearby.”
- Gil Podolsky: talked about the importance of the dog park and building community.
- A remark about building fences for the people, “People fence! Yes #fencethepeople”
- Talk about how 10am to 5pm is plenty of time for other activities during on-leash hours
  - The park is still open to non-dog owners most hours of the day!
  - 10am to 5pm is plenty of time to have an after school soccer was a response to Dan once using the park to host soccer practice.
- Beth Thomas-Rosswog: stated in the chat, “We used to volunteer every week taking care of the park playground area- there was so much dog doo all the time near the playground that we gave up on it. I don’t care if there are dogs- I just want people to clean up after their pets.”
- Bianca Shepard: inquired, are we able to impact other parks?
- Erin Gosekamp: asked, “Is the survey being created specific to this park - that is, is the target audience people within Wasatch Hollow and those who use it? Or will it be distributed to the areas also mentioned (e.g. Sugarhouse)?”
  - Current word is that the survey will include multiple parks so the City can get all the feedback they need.
  - Erin clarified that her question was just about the survey and its logistics. There is a worry if the survey is for multiple parks, our views might not be specifically addressed. The answer for Sugarhouse might not be the best for Wasatch Hollow and vice versa.
- Cheryl Baird: asked, “What about fencing in the children’s play area?”
- Jared Zitnay: brought up that there's so much discussion about people coming from "outside" to use the park. My understanding is that it is a city park, owned and administered by the city, and paid for by revenue generated across the whole city. By the definition of the Wasatch Community, I am coming from "outside", but I live much closer to the park than much of the Wasatch Community and consider it to be part of my neighborhood.

- Cheryl Baird: suggested that extending the off-leash hours could alleviate some of the crowding during peak hours.

**8:15 pm Hannah Barton, District 6 Community Liaison, Office of the Mayor**

- Shared the following link that contains a city map delineating where fireworks are prohibited: <https://slcgov.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b78d773f90364401a4c1b7a2c28865e0>
- Adopt a Storm drain review program, [www.slc.gov/utilities/adoptastormdrain](http://www.slc.gov/utilities/adoptastormdrain)
- Went over the Mayor's budget
- Rocky: question for Hanna on the construction on 8th South (Sunnyside) and Foothill, taking a lefthand turn on to go southbound.
  - They are repairing the road there to provide better traffic flow

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

*Minutes prepared by John Rosswog and submitted 7/21/2022*