



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of August 25, 2021

Call to order and welcome at 7:00 pm by Chair Anne Cannon. There were fifteen speakers and community members present, including five members of the WHCC board (Tyler Fonarow was absent). We've been notified by the City Library that we won't be able to meet in person until 2022. The year's remaining meetings will be held via Zoom.

Minutes were approved as published.

REPORTS

7:05 pm - Urban Forestry Subcommittee, Barbara Ballingham and John Rosswog

Barbara was unable to attend tonight but is very excited to serve as chair of this subcommittee. She will serve as point of contact for urban forester Rick Nelson. She has lived on Sherman for more than 40 years and has worked for USU Extension Service. She will do a great job in helping us take care of our trees. We will also reach out to Laurie Bryant.

We asked Rick Nelson about the sycamore shedding seen around the city this year. He reported that this is something that happens from time to time and the trees are okay.

Please be sure to keep watering street trees in park strips.

Rocky Cox gave a shout-out to Urban Forestry for their work on removing an old tree and planting two new trees last year in his park strip.

7:15 pm -- Salt Lake City Police Dept, Detective Nathan Meinzer

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Top five stats from July: low crime numbers overall, but five car prowls. Be sure to remove valuables. Four mental health calls--please look out for your neighbors! Three cases with custody disputes--families are also struggling. Three burglaries. One assault.

Please register your bike--serial numbers are necessary to prove a bike is stolen.

Det Meinzer has walked through Wasatch Hollow Park, talked to a couple of kids. The bike patrol hasn't had reports of problems and is continuing their regular patrols.

He has also visited the alleyway to the community garden to look at problems reported there. Jamie Stokes will spearhead efforts to clear the alley and help keep it clear.

Thanks to Det Meinzer for visiting both the park and the alley.

Anne mentioned that we hope community members will visit the garden, with the thought that visiting the garden and seeing other community members may help with loneliness issues.

Det Meinzer will plan on visiting the garden during one of our events.

Rocky Cox gave a shout-out to Det Meinzer for helping to solve problems at Clayton Middle School.

SLCPD Online Stats <http://www.slcpcd.com/open-data/crimestatistics/>

SLCPD Bicycle Registration - <http://www.slcpcd.com/bike-registration/>

7:25 pm -- Utah Independent Redistricting Commission (UIRC), Aly Escobar and Gordon Haight

UIRC will be advising the legislature on redistricting issues.

The seven member commission is a result of Prop 4, passed in 2018. Katie Wright is now working for Better Boundaries, which has helped revise. Members were selected by both Republicans and Democrats. They will create twelve maps to send to legislature. These maps will be live—contact URC with comments and they will be changing often. It's particularly important not to weaken the voice of communities of interest. Setting the boundaries for 75 districts is very challenging. Salt Lake is a critical area—particularly how to split it for U.S. Senate seats, since it likely must be split? Hopefully it can be split along CC lines, but input is needed on areas that shouldn't be split. SLC's GIS staff will help residents understand the mapping software for those wishing to make suggestions.

Currently working on schoolboard maps. Within a couple of weeks will start working on state legislative districts. Will it be possible to create an "urban" map as a community of interest.

They will be taking maps around the state for discussion, will be posting maps online within a week. The State Legislature is also creating maps and aren't required to approve the UIRC's maps. We need to give the legislature incentive for looking at the "public's maps" by providing public input. There is always give and take in this process. There are urban, suburban, redeveloping, and rural communities of interest.

West Valley has always been divided into three and needs a dedicated state senator. SLC is split between three school districts so is often represented by people from outside the city.

UIRC is nonpartisan and not driven by incumbent's interests. Looking at demographics and census info.

All presentations will be virtual so it's easy to participate.

Growth has really shifted to southern SL County and northern Utah County, so there will be changes to those legislative maps. Populations and demographics have changed. There is real value in resetting some of those boundaries as that helps make sure that the greatest number of voices is represented.

Will this work result in real change? It won't solve all the problems but it's the only process that could really result in changes and strengthen democracy. The more interest and input there are in these maps the more likely it is that the legislature will not be able to ignore them. This process ends in November.

Thirteen other states have an independent redistricting commission. Most are advisory/recommendation bodies but a few have final say.

The city will also be redistricting this year with an independent voice from each city council district represented on the city's committee. Will start choosing people for that process beginning in October. Community councils set their own boundaries.

In addition to the maps and mapping software, find lists of all events and presentations at their website: Website: <https://uirc.utah.gov>

7:55 pm -- Office of the Mayor, Jamie Stokes, District 6 liaison

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We had originally planned to have Mayor Mendenhall attend but she had a conflict. We will try to reschedule the mayor for September.

The mayor has issued a mask mandate for schools, in order to protect children. City attorneys believe she has the legal ability to do this. Data about Covid in schools and school districts can be found on SL County Dashboard. Statewide utilization of ICUs is currently at 34%. See here for more info on Mayor Mendenhall's mask mandate: You can read more about the Mayor Mendenhall's executive order on masks in schools here:

<https://www.slc.gov/mayor/2021/08/20/salt-lake-city-mayor-erin-mendenhall-issues-order-requiring-masks-to-be-worn-in-k-12-schools-citywide/>

SLC is working hard with the county to identify locations for vaccination events. It's important for the nonvaccinated to hear from people they know. City average is at 60%.

SLC has many ways to get involved with open space efforts. There will an effort/event on Sept 7.

The city looking for crossing guards! These are paid positions.

"Know Your Neighbor" focuses on helping refugee families integrate into the community.

CIP application window opens Sept 1. Individuals and groups can request capital improvements: grants range from \$50,000-\$500,000. These don't have to be polished and perfect, city will help applicants arrive appropriate financial numbers.

Councilmember Dugan reports there is a need for people to help with after-school programs. These are paid positions. There is a blood shortage—look at Red Cross sight Low-water turf seed will be available soon. There are a number of projects and rebates available to help with redoing park strips.

Here are the links Jamie mentioned in her presentation:

- Read more about the mayor's mask mandate here: <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/2021/08/20/salt-lake-city-mayor-erin-mendenhall-issues-order-requiring-masks-to-be-worn-in-k-12-schools-citywide/>
- View Salt Lake County's data dashboard (which includes school-by-school case rates) here: <https://slco.org/health/COVID-19/data/>
- Check out volunteer opportunities, including Allen Park workdays, here: <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/slc-corps/>
- Apply to be a crossing guard here: <https://external-slcgov.icims.com/jobs/5310/school-crossing-guard---part-time/job?mode=view&mobile=false&width=1793&height=500&bga=true&needsRedirect=false&jan1offset=-420&jun1offset=-360>
- Apply to be an afterschool group leader here: https://ats1.atenterprise.powerschool.com/ats/job_board_form?op=view&JOB_ID=2300197586&COMPANY_ID=JA002647&redirect_qs=&redirect_qs=APPLICANT_TYPE_ID%3D00000002%26COMPANY_ID%3DJA002647
- Help refugees get to know the community by joining the Know Your Neighbor program. Sign up here: https://volunteer.samaritan.com/custom/525/volunteer_home.
- Learn more about the CIP process here: <https://www.slc.gov/can/cares/capital-improvement-program/>.
- Donate blood: <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html>.
- Read about water-wise rebates here: <https://utahwatersavers.com/>

8:10 pm – Community Garden Events and Updates

We had a group of young people in the community help out at the garden. They were taught how to clip flowers and took them to community members. These will be available at garden on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10-11 a.m. These are great opportunities to see the garden and learn about what's going on there.

We're planning to put out a produce table and are hoping to donate to Utah Food Bank via QR code. The table will be corner of 1600 East and Kensington.

Sat, Sept 18, 11:00am-3:00pm we will be welcoming visitors to the garden. Will distribute flier with details. We will have vases for flowers, fresh produce, and honey from the beehives. We also plan to have a painted rock art activity for children and adults and a gardening library available.

We would love help—we need help!!—distributing fliers in the community. Please email WHCC's board members if you can help!

8:10 pm – Suggestions for Future Meetings

Jenny Elizabeth asked if there are plans to take better care of the park? There are many large dirt patches and weeds that are killing the grass. Dogs are causing problems. Large machinery damaged the grass. Darin Mano suggested submitting a report on SLC Mobile App or via the city website version:

<https://saltlakecityut.citysourced.com/>

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/slc-mobile/id790019118>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.citysourced.saltlakecityut>

They are usually pretty quick to respond. Contact Jamie Stokes or Councilmembers Mano or Dugan if you don't get help at the app.

Perhaps there needs to be a reduction in hours for dogs or numbers of dogs. We need to let SL County know about problems with dogs. As Darin Mano noted, this is a larger policy discussion. There are new staff in Public Lands department just coming on board and we should let them know about concerns. Tyler Murdoch is the administrator for WH Park and should also be informed. Park has seemed neglected for the last two years.

Beth Thomas suggested that it would be good to hear from UCAIR about our air quality.

Darin Mano, the District 5 councilmember, attended the meeting but did not present. He did let us know about the District 5 Candidate Forum. This will be of interest to the residents of WHCC who live in District 5.

District 5 SLC Council Candidate Forum

Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Time: 7pm (tentative, but most likely)

Location:

Multipurpose Room 1-030

Salt Lake Community College - South City Campus

1575 S State Street

Salt Lake City, UT 84115

Map: http://www.slcc.edu/facilities/maps/300/301_SCM_FL1.pdf

Our criteria for a location was 1) Within District 5, 2) Affordable, 3) Quality Internet access, 4) A/V capability and support, and 5) Close to transit and parking

The event will primarily be an online event broadcast via a Zoom or a similar platform as well as Facebook Live. But we will have space for a small, socially-distant and masked in-person audience.

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<https://www.facebook.com/SLCDarinMano>

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

8:29 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 September 27.

The meetings was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes prepared by Glenda Cotter and submitted 9/8/21