



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of September 22, 2021

Call to order and welcome at 7:00 pm by Chair Anne Cannon. There were sixteen speakers and community members present, including five members of the WHCC board (Tyler Fonarow was absent). The year's remaining meetings will be held via Zoom.

Minutes were approved as published.

We held the WHCC Garden Open House on Saturday, Sept., 18. Thanks to all who helped and all who attended. It was a joyful event and a good opportunity for the community to get better acquainted.

REPORTS

7:16 pm -- Salt Lake City Police Dept, Detective Bob Norgaard

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Det. Norgaard is taking over for Det. Meinzer. Our area had 14 calls for service: 3 vehicle break-ins, 2 stolen catalytic converters. From a police point of view our area is pretty "boring." Park squad continues to visit WH Park when possible; they visit all city parks—Warm Springs, Pioneer, and Liberty Park tend to be priorities.

Anne observed lights in WH Park near her house, possibly a motorcycle, on Sept 18? Bright white light and blue and red lights as well. Second time she's seen motorcycles at night in the preserve area? Rocky Cox noted that there's been a lot of activity near the 17th East entrance to the park and Wasatch Presbyterian Church around 3:00am.

While the meeting continued Det. Norgaard to see if he could find out more about Anne's observation and reported in Chat: "I have searched everything that I can think of to answer Anne's question about red/blue lights in the preserve and I cannot find anything which says why Police would be there. I searched calls in the area (2) and calls in the surrounding areas and cannot come up with an answer."

7:05 pm -- Office of the Mayor, Jamie Stokes, District 6 liaison

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COVID-19 remains the biggest issue in the community. The mayor's mask mandate was extended by the council; needs to be voted on every 30 days. 43% hospital occupancy in the city. Still working to increase vaccination clinics around the city. Salt Lake County has a data dashboard that links cases to schools; SLC School District has good compliance on mask mandate.

Foothill Trail Master Plan is being paused until at least June 2022 as the city seeks more input from community and tribal members. If you see people working on trails, it is upkeep and not new trail making. Includes areas near the Hogle Zoo and Wire Mountain. Trails that have

been cut are near Huntsman Cancer Institute and JCC. Mayor's Trails Press Conference:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7vD3sRX6qeU>

Jamie added more links in Chat: More info on the Phase 1 of the Foothill Trails Master Plan here: <https://www.sl.gov/parks/trails-natural-lands/fts/>

Also, Tyler Fonarow is a member of the WHCC board and he is taking the lead on the Foothill Trails Master Plan. He would be a great person to talk to if you'd like more information!

New projects: RDA released \$8 million for low-income housing. 8 Million for Affordable Housing: <https://www.sl.gov/mayor/2021/09/21/rda-releases-8-million-to-increase-number-of-affordable-residential-units-being-constructed-in-city/> There will be a virtual information meeting on Friday. Money comes through various funding streams and must meet certain requirements, including spaces for families, nearness to transit zones, spaces for small businesses.

8 Million for Affordable Housing: <https://www.sl.gov/mayor/2021/09/21/rda-releases-8-million-to-increase-number-of-affordable-residential-units-being-constructed-in-city/>. Virtual information meeting on Friday at 11 am. Please click the above link to the meeting.

City still looking for crossing guards. Also Youth Teen Specialist—middle school to 12th grade.

Fire department is having technical difficulties but would like to join us next month.

7:30 pm – District 6 Councilmember Dan Dugan

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Thanks for the garden event—enjoyed it and was able to get some vegetables. Loved watching children pick some fresh vegetables.

Three requirements for COVID mask mandate—we hit the ICU limit and the percentage of infections/100,000. The County ICU rate is at 93%. Given the numbers, continues to support the mask mandate.

Bob Norgaard is a great resource; use him!

Class of nineteen in police academy to join force in Jan., another 22 in June. Some lateral transfers will join in Nov. Still low in officer numbers but slowly improving. Seeing more calls over last year downtown and west side but not in District 6. Continuing to use social workers.

Water conservation—we must all continue to conserve water. The big storms did not effect reservoir levels. City water use is down 15% over last three years; down even more looking further back. Still, our model of using the most and paying the least is not a good incentive for water conservation.

Urban Forestry plan is good—more trees in the city on both public and private land. They aid in street calming, have a positive effect on mental health, and help absorb storm water. Trees help cool the city; city promoting planting and preserving trees!

Anne introduced our urban trees subcommittee.

We've been asked about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in neighborhoods: ordinance passed in 2018 to help with housing shortage in city. Easy way to add units; allow to age in place, have a small income, more housing. Two types: attached (no permitting required for mother-in-law apartments although license required) and detached—requires conditional-use permit, there are restrictions for what can be done. There were eight applicants in District 6 in last reporting period, only two have been built. Legal on-street parking is an approved solution for parking for ADUs. However, there are not enough for these to improve the housing problem. The owner of the property must live in either the home or the ADU. Height of ADU cannot be higher than primary residence; must abide by other setbacks. Anne asked if there are concerns about ADUs negatively affecting residents how we can make our concerns known? Neighbors can make a complaint during public-comment period to the planning commission; can also make comments at public meetings.

George Chapman included the following in Chat: The 23mb ADU report is on georgechapman.net in downloads page. I can't send big 20+ mb files by email. Urban Forestry report is 9mb. There is also a police report on catalytic converters and the Legislature is planning an updated scrap metal bill to fight the exponential increase on the converter thefts. It was discussed at last Wednesday's Interim Law Enforcement meeting and you can download reports from that le.utah.gov location.

1700 South is not striped 1700 E to 1900 East. There are three options being considered, mostly with regard to striping for bike lanes and impact on parking. There is a survey that neighborhoods can take—city is hoping for feedback! <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/1700s-design/>

Still money available to help prevent evictions. \$8 million remains available; call 211.

Trails Master Plan was completed; the cuts that have been made for new trails seem appropriate but do cause “scarring” problems. Some of the “legacy trails” have erosion problems. “Social trails” can be problematic and also might have erosion problems. More signage is needed, although signs have been vandalized. More info on Phase 1 of the Foothill Trails Master Plan here: <https://www.slc.gov/parks/trails-natural-lands/fts/>. Phase 2 includes area near Ensign Peak.

Foothill Village update: developer is not currently entertaining plans for additional stores or apartments. Will work on beautification project near former Steinmart Store.

Lamplighter Square: working with DABC but no further information on any apartments.

Don Emerson noted the District 5 election and debate. Darin Mano is incumbent, has four challengers. Debate will be on Zoom next Wednesday night (Sept 29) at 7:00pm. Register for Zoom in advance.

The District 5 candidates debate will be a Zoom webinar.

When: Sep 29, 2021 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Topic: SLC Council District 5 Candidate Forum

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__NzEa_IYRfev5uDMQ35GMg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Anne noted that it's been great to have two city councilmembers representing parts of Wasatch Hollow Community Council, which includes both District 5 and District 6.

8:00 pm – Review of the year's events and suggestions for future meetings

Events sponsored in part by WHCCI and other entities in the community:

Ice Cream Social

Bands and Burgers

Luau in September

Garden Open House

What would the community like to see us do? How can we involve more members of the community?

Dan Jensen: pickleball court in WH Park. Dan Dugan suggested we work with other districts to work on a CIP. Existing tennis courts can also be striped for pickleball courts. Micro-grants can be used for this.

Pandemic has made it more difficult to think about events.

Is there interest in a 15th/15th event to work with business community?—that would be healthy and helpful for all.

Good that we were able to get the WHCC active again.

Fliers have been good; flowers and produce on Sat mornings and Tues evenings have been good.

Cross-country ski event through the Preserve with hot chocolate stations—if we get snow?

Tour of our local urban forest. Learn about existing trees, identify spaces for new plantings. City removes stumps and pays for and plants trees in park strips.

History tour of neighborhood, perhaps with Laurie Bryant?

Continuing with smaller events seems great.

We'd love to get more info from the community on these and other ideas.

Noise ordinance discussion ongoing in the city.

8:16 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 October 27 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

The meetings was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Minutes prepared by Glenda Cotter and submitted 10/7/21