



## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of September 28, 2022

### 6:30 pm Don Emerson, WHCC Chair

- Called meeting to order
  - Welcome everyone to the first WHCC in-person meeting since COVID
    - Great turnout and did introductions of everyone in attendance
  - Need to wrap up before the library closes at 8:00 PM
  - Minutes Approval of June 22 and August 24 meetings (printouts provided)
- Provided announcements
  - Successful open house at the garden this past weekend, September 24th
    - Good participation with over two dozen members from the community attending
  - New website has been successfully updated ([www.wasatchhollowcc.org](http://www.wasatchhollowcc.org))
    - More streamlined site that will be easier to update and maintain
    - Still in the works of bringing over historical audio interviews from the old site to the new site
  - Sponsoring a Salt Lake City Meet the Candidate Forum at Highland High School on October 3rd, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
    - Attend in-person or there is QR code on the flyer or use the link below to register to attend by Zoom:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_8zfrSmeoTWWxbNq33HA8vA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8zfrSmeoTWWxbNq33HA8vA)
  - Utah League of Cities and Towns coming up at the Salt Palace, October 5th-7th  
[www.ulct.org/events/annual-convention/2022-annual-convention](http://www.ulct.org/events/annual-convention/2022-annual-convention)
  - WHCC Council is still looking for a volunteer to fill the vacant Secretary position for the remainder of the term, which runs through February
  - Election in February for the 2023 WHCC Board
  - Next WHCCC Meeting is on October 26th, which will be the last meeting of 2022

### 7:10 pm Hannah Barton, District 6 Community Liaison, Office of the Mayor

- Not only represents Wasatch Hollow as part of District 6, but also lives in the Wasatch Hollow (16th & Harrison)
- Transportation Committee started a study and had the results
  - 910 North (85% less 28 MPH) 874 South per day (85% less than 30 MPH)
  - Radar speed sign on 16th East starting next week
  - 25 MPH was updated to 20 MPH (only changed where there were 25 MPH signs)
- Outreach program going on
  - Caputo's Market & Deli (15th & 15th) in October
- Homeless Resource Center will have a public engagement period

### **6:45 pm Salt Lake Fire Department Report – Captain**

- Question: What are the risks of bad firers on the foothills like in Boulder?
  - Not as bad as a fire problem because the mountains stayed green this year
  - Dry (yellow) mountains increase the fire risk
  - Have special fire engines (off road) that can climb up the hills
- Did training at the park--wildland fire drills--a couple of weeks ago

### **6:50 pm Salt Lake County Aging and Adult Services – Tracey Gibson, Volunteer Services Program Manager**

- Manages the Millcreek Senior Center
- Contact info: [tgibson@slco.org](mailto:tgibson@slco.org), 385-468-3086
- Website: [www.slco.org/aging](http://www.slco.org/aging)
- Aging and Adult Services office is at the 20th South and State (in the Salt Lake County government buildings)
- Aging Services and Senior Centers are the best kept secret
- 30-year gap with individuals getting services starting at 60 and up to 90
  - Some are digitally connected and others are not
- Serve the isolated through Meals on Wheels to allow senior to stay in their homes
- They do not investigate abuse, but are trained to look for things and will report issues
- Have a number of programs and services that are offered (info from provided handout):
  - The Caregiver Support Program provides information & assistance, free classes, events, support groups, and consultations to all family and informal community caregivers. Unpaid caregivers may also apply for short term respite services.
  - The Community Care Transitions Program provides case management and in home services to individuals who meet age/income eligibility and wish to age in place.
  - Foster Grandparents volunteer with at-risk children in a variety of settings in Salt Lake County.
  - Health Promotion & Education offers evidence based classes to empower participants to stay physically active, manage their chronic conditions, avoid falls, and remain socially connected.
  - The Housing Liaison Program works with seniors who are unhoused or need affordable, low-income senior housing and who are having difficulties applying for housing.
  - Meals on Wheels delivers hot midday meals to homebound adults age 60 and older.
  - The Aging & Adult Services Ombudsman supports and protects the rights of people living in long-term care facilities.

- The Outreach Program answers questions on issues related to aging, helps individuals enroll in services, provides referrals to other service providers, and assists with Medicare & Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) enrollment, questions, and problem resolution.
- The Refugee Program provides advocacy, resources, and social engagement to older adult refugees who live in Salt Lake County.
- The Rides for Wellness program provides rides for adults age 60 or older with no other means of transportation to vital medical appointments including dialysis, chemotherapy, and others.
- Salt Lake County Senior Centers offer opportunities for learning, socializing, volunteering, community engagement, and wellness for participants. Senior Centers are open to people age 60 or older. There are 15 Senior Centers in the Salt Lake Valley.
- The Senior Companion Program works with volunteers to help frail and isolated older adults age at home rather than in long term care.
- Aging & Adult Services contracts with Utah Legal Services' Senior Citizen Law Center for legal assistance to seniors age 60 and older who live in Salt Lake County. Call (801) 328 - 8891 for assistance.
- Veteran Directed Home & Community Based Services assists veterans who want to remain in their home, but need skilled home care services, case management, and assistance with activities of daily living.
- Volunteer Opportunities provide people of all ages the chance to make a difference in our community. Support a Senior Center, deliver Meals on Wheels, offer friendship to an isolated senior, and more.

### **7:05 pm Village Model for Aging in Place – Joel Macey**

- There is a need to support people that want to age in place
- Create an age friendly community (went over aging stats)
- An issue is with having enough caregivers to support the entire community, as a result, the key is to have diversity—especially with ages (that is, younger seniors and older seniors)—to support the community.
- A Village Model was started 25 years in Bay Hill in Boston
  - Create social groups
  - Engage the entire community
  - Organize volunteers to support the community
  - Village services include:
    - Transportation
    - Referrals to services
    - Social activities

- Limited in-home support (includes, but is not limited to: meals, laundry, home repairs, and pet care)
  - Computer help
  - Friendly calling and visiting
- The Village Model charges a certain amount per month
- It is a non-profit organization that would be created and has its own name

### **7:15 PM District 6 City Council Report – Councilman Dan Dugan**

- Street Calming issue is a big city-wide endeavor
  - Identifying intersections to have signs
  - Speed bump for Sherman Ave has been requested
- Homeless Resource Center Update
- Affordable Housing Overlay (end of the year/January timeframe for the City Council)
- Meeting with President Taylor about plans for the University of Utah and Research Park
- SLC Mobil App, take a picture of issues (e.g., potholes, down trees, raised sidewalks)
- Can always reach out to report issues to Dan at [dan.dugan@slcgov.com](mailto:dan.dugan@slcgov.com)

### **7:25 PM Wasatch Hollow Park Survey Results – Makayla Respicio-Evans, SLC Public Lands**

- Survey (opened for just over 3 weeks) was completed on the Wasatch Hollow Park
- New Signs were put up to clarify hours
- Summary of results in the form of the Engagement Report can be found at the following link:
  - [https://www.slc.gov/parks/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2022/09/WH-Engagement-Report.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0EpvG0ZncfiYeT1rHa\\_hoM6qqIT28XVa2GsHa9ESctWdiNYP2rTv7RHI#:~:text=Over%20half%20of%20survey%20respondents%20live%20within%200.5,a%20dog%20every%20time%20they%20visit%20the%20park](https://www.slc.gov/parks/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2022/09/WH-Engagement-Report.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0EpvG0ZncfiYeT1rHa_hoM6qqIT28XVa2GsHa9ESctWdiNYP2rTv7RHI#:~:text=Over%20half%20of%20survey%20respondents%20live%20within%200.5,a%20dog%20every%20time%20they%20visit%20the%20park)
- Some of the results from the survey that were mentioned:
  - live withing a half of a mile of the park
  - 60% visit Wasatch Hollow Park often
  - 60% support the current hours
  - Off leash dog areas are rare in value
  - Support defined as expand the hours and increase the area
  - Non-support defined the opposite
- Actions that could be taken:
  - Improved signage
  - Some sort of fencing; however, full fencing requires WHCC and City Council approval along with an ordnance change

- Eight people signed up for the working group/subcommittee
- Don met with Tyler at the Wasatch Hollow Park

### **7:35 PM Subcommittee Updates:**

#### **Off-Leash Dogs at Wasatch Hollow Park – Bianca Shepard**

- Met with Tyler that works with the Parks department
- Need to have time to digest the survey results
- Conflict between users of the park
- Potentially missing a portion of users that do not use the park anymore
- There is conflict, but a great sense of community for those that use the park
- To minimize conflict between the groups
- Have a diverse use for the park
- People really enjoy having a place for an off-leash dog space
- Feedback from members in attendance:
  - Enforce the hours (there is no reinforcement; for example, fines)
  - No fence line has been discussed
  - A suggestion, a better more strongly worded sign that explains very clearly that if your dog causes an issue, you will be responsible.

#### **Urban Forest – Barbara Ballingham**

- Friendly reminder that even during a drought, the trees in the park strips need water
- Urban Forestry Website: [www.slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/urban-forestry-services](http://www.slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/urban-forestry-services)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

*Minutes prepared by John Rosswog and submitted 10/22/2022*