



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Interview Summary and Index

Interviewee: Marybeth M. Bowman and Mary Delle Gunn

Interviewer: Melvin P. Thatcher

Date: August 13, 2016

Location: Salt Lake City, UT

Summary	
<p>This interview is with two former chairs of the Wasatch Hollow Community Council about their tenures -- Beth Bowman (2003-2005) and Mary Delle Gunn (2005-2006). Beth tells about the genesis and formation of the community council in 2002. They both recall how they became involved in the council and the challenges they faced as chair and the issues that concerned the community during their tenures. They close with observations on the concept of community council and the benefits of serving in it.</p>	

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Time	Brief description
00:00	Introduction. Interview with two former chairs of Wasatch Hollow Community Council, Beth Bowman (2003-2005) and Mary Delle Gunn (2005-2006).
00:52	Formation. Beth (B): Meeting convened at Anderson Foothill Library by Ed Makowski to float community council idea. Twenty in attendance. A second meeting, held in Wasatch Hollow Park, elected Jill Love chair. Jill vacated chair when elected to city council [November 2002]. Beth was elected as chair [February 2003].
03:10	Boundaries. (B) Unsure how community council boundaries were decided.
04:01	Genesis. (B) Unsure. Different from Wasatch Hollow Association which raised funds for park.
05:00	Beth gets involved. (B) Saw meeting announcement. Opportunity to get involved with community. Stood for chair when Jill stepped down
06:23	Challenge (1): (B) How to increase attendance. Distributed flyers. Created interesting meeting agendas with speakers from city administration. Mary Delle (M) Interaction with city government. Attended Mayor Rocky Anderson's meetings. Mayor's liaison, city council members, department heads came to our meetings.



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09:23	City and community council relations. Good. (B) City participation helped community members know what was going on in the city. (M) Police crime reports. Community reported drug dealing.
10:58	Community issue (1): (B) Concern over land and development issues in neighborhood precipitated by pending sale of Knowlton's property [in the gully] to a land developer. (M) Concerns about cleaning up the area along [Emigration] creek. (B) Whether undeveloped areas should be left open or part of the park arose in most meetings.
13:37	Community issue (1) (cont.). (B) Invited Knowlton's, developer, and city planning department to our meetings. Community response depended on location of residences. (M) Meeting attendees were those who were directly affected.
16:05	Challenge (2). Getting community feedback. Problem with low attendance at meetings. Website was just starting [2005]. Put notices in water and sewer bills. Tried newsletter. Distributed notices in neighborhood.
17:48	Community issue (2): (M) Historic preservation. Worked on infill ordinance for Wasatch Hollow. Surveyed homes to determine overall character of the neighborhood.
19:32	Community issue (2) (cont.). (M) Very contentious issue during Mary's tenure. Well attended meetings with speakers on pros and cons. Vote taken in May [2006] after Mary's term. Record attendance: 312. Vote 72% for and 28% against. Vocal opposition lobbied the city which did not adopt the infill ordinance. Many people stopped attending council meetings.
22:35	Community issue (3). (M) Traffic. Concern over speed on 13 th East and care of trees got Mary involved in community council. Worked with UDOT to lower speed limit. Later the city installed pedestrian activated crosswalks. Restriped the street, and lowered speed limit further. Mary continued to participate in transportation meetings and safety studies..
25:58	Community issue (4). (M) Responsibility for street trees and sidewalk replacement.
27:05	Community issue (5). (B) Streetlights – Happened street by street. Council provided information to street residents about city contacts.
28:54	Community issue (6). (M) Historic preservation and easements [2004]
30:00	Community council concept. (M) Good concept. Core group does the work. More get involved based on issues. Perhaps could be organized differently to stimulate involvement.
32:07	Personal benefits. (M and B) Meeting other community council chairs to learn about other areas of the city.
33:37	End time



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