



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Interview Summary and Index

Interviewee: Michael Dodd

Interviewer: Mike Bender

Date: October 25, 2016

Location: Salt Lake City, UT

Summary	
<p>Michael Dodd discusses his time (2014 – present) as chair of the Wasatch Hollow Community Council. He mentions his previous participation in the Central City Community Council when he lived in that area, specifically efforts to engage his neighbors with the council to help resolve some issues with criminal activity in the neighborhood. He discusses how he became involved with the Wasatch Hollow Community Council after his move to the neighborhood in 2009 and how that involvement led to his becoming chairman in 2014. Michael discusses his interactions with the mayor’s office, city employees and the community’s city council members and how those interactions have changed over the years. He highlights the council’s role as a conduit between community council members and city government, and how working through the council can be a useful tool in getting things done. Finally, he discusses future plans for the council and using different methods to increase both community and business involvement with the council.</p>	

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Time	Brief description
00:00:00	Introduction. Michael introduces himself. Lived in Utah for 25 years, lived in Wasatch Hollow since 2009.
00:00:40	Initial Involvement with Council – Discusses involvement with Central City Council pre-2009. Impetus to participate in WHCC was repaving of 1700S.
00:02:12	Key Issues – discussion of several issues addressed during tenure as chair including Wasatch Hollow Park, off leash areas, Wasatch Hollow Preserve (mentions communication from city regarding starting construction), Emerson and 1700E intersection, 1700S crosswalks, grate on creek in park
00:07:00	Experience as chairman – mentions transition to chair when newly



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	elected and the help provided by Anne Cannon during this period. Discusses the contacts made over the past two years and how they have been useful in assisting in issue resolution. Talks about efforts to increase attendance at meetings.
00:09:15	Decision to run for board - Discussion of how he decided to run for the board.
00:11:10	Experience with community involvement – Discusses issue driven attendance vs core attendance. Mentions informal discussions with residents regarding attendance.
00:13:31	Engaging with the community - Discussion on using social media, email and website to keep the community engaged outside of meeting attendance.
00:16:40	Council role in the community – Mentions several community boards that have impact on the community and additional contacts from inside and outside city government. Discusses role of the council as a bi-directional information sharing entity between residents and city government. Mentions the ability to access appropriate resources when residents may not be sure who to ask for help resolving a problem.
00:20:20	Experience with city – Talks about community council ability to directly impact development decisions in the past, and some distancing of mayor’s office from council.
00:21:58	City responsiveness - Mentions typically excellent responsiveness of city officials when contacted. Speaks to benefit of working through council when dealing with the city as representative of multiple residents.
00:24:47	Anecdotal example - Tells story of how the Emerson curb and drainage installation happened.
00:30:05	Difference the council makes in the community – Discusses the role of the council as an information provider, and the impact it can make on resolving local issues. Tells story of experience with Central City Council and how it positively impacted that neighborhood.
00:32:40	Ideas for the future of community council – Potential role of the city in helping fund local councils. Mentions the active role of city council members that have provided funds
00:33:59	Community Engagement - Discusses desire to more broadly engage the community in the activities of the council. Talks about role of winter social in this effort and the current effort to raise visibility with local businesses. Mentions Harmon’s donation and 15 th Gallery



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	donation.
00:35:47	Grant application - Talks about grant application for city's Signature Event fund to help fund 2016 Hollow Fest and plans for that event.
00:37:55	Non-profit status - . Mentions attempt to receive 501c3 status and why that would be valuable to the council.
00:38:52	Closing remarks. Thanks several people that have been helpful during his tenure.
00:39:42	End time