



# Wasatch Hollow Community Council

## Interview Summary and Index

**Interviewee:** Patrick Frasier

**Interviewer:** Melvin P. Thatcher

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**Location:** Salt Lake City

Summary	
Patrick Frasier has lived in our area since 1993. He served as community council chair from 2012-2014. In this interview he shares his memories of how he became involved in the council and its leadership. He recalls the community issues and the challenges he faced as chair. And he comments on what can be gained through participation in the community council.	

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Time	Brief description
00:00	<b>Introduction.</b>
00:38	<b>Personal background.</b> 58 years old. Born in Independence, Missouri. Lived in Chicago. Moved to Utah 23 years ago.
01:54	<b>Involvement in community council.</b> Invitation from Dan Jensen. Elected to board on first night (2010). Served during term of Mayor Ralph Becker.
03:34	<b>Chairman of [executive] board.</b> Elected chair. Wanted to be in charge. Led to involvement in local politics.
05:11	<b>Community issues.</b> Historical preservation of homes. Changes in Wasatch Hollow Park. Pet owners and dogs. Restaurants and bars coming into neighborhood. Walmart.
07:05	<b>Challenges and more issues.</b> Getting people involved in meetings with police and Mayor's Office reports. Rental property ordinance changed. Snow removal. Attended 90% of mayor's meetings. Community and city issues.
09:50	<b>Attendance and complaints.</b> Low to moderate attendance. Regulars. Occasionally a few new people. Mayor wanted to make a bike friendly environment. Some residents felt they lost parking without notice. Bike lanes working out nicely. Opportunity to participate in redesign of city streets. Complaints afterwards.
12:14	<b>Historic preservation.</b> People proud of homes. Resistant to change. Old



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	floor plans out of date. Bad remodel on Michigan. Replaced by new structure that didn't fit neighborhood. Twelve years later it works. Refreshing of community. Ongoing battle for any community. Block by block effort.
16:01	<b>Open space.</b> Mayor's Office kept council informed about open space study and proposed changes. Dogs and dog walkers. Donner Party camped out in our park. Park a mix of private, public and streambed environment with campers, and partying. Non-native species. Removal and replanting.
19:48	<b>Resident involvement.</b> City staffers made periodic presentations [on open space] in council meetings. Citizen reaction to open space was fairly tame. Held fall festivals. City movies in park. Annual Christmas party involved 15 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> businesses.
22:15	<b>15<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> business community.</b> King's English, Paris, Einstein's, Starbucks, 15 <sup>th</sup> Street Gallery, Fresca Restaurant, Caputo's, Mazza. Tried to keep business council involved with community council.
23:05	<b>Government relations.</b> Encouraged participation by state legislators and city council members -- Jill Love, TJ Martin. Candidate debates. Made effort to create relationship between them and community members.
24:39	<b>Tavern/bar issue.</b> Some opposed. Debated with [City Councilman] Charlie Luke.
25:47	<b>Meetings.</b> Council meetings used computer technology. Prepared agendas. City participated. Open topics. Open [executive board] meetings. An aside: Ralph Becker's stolen bike.
28:11	<b>Gathering citizen input.</b> Created Facebook page. Replicated City Hall communications. A lot of participation. Held meetings in public places. Door to door leafleting. Meeting posters.
30:25	<b>Community member concerns raised outside of meetings.</b> Bike lanes. Pig in backyard. Chickens. Water. Need for public transit.
35:37	<b>Walmart issue.</b> Invited Walmart to share [store] plan. Conversation was about what it could do with the property it owned. Community turned down eco-friendly building.
30:59	<b>Issues recap.</b> Historic preservation, expansion of park for open space, Walmart, neighborhood taverns. Now there is a tavern, The Trestle Tavern has replaced the Fresca Restaurant; the owners changed its format.
42:09	<b>Harman's.</b> TJ Martin owned family grocery store. Harman's experiment with neighborhood grocery store. Ray and owners efforts to communicate with neighborhood. Kept corner grocery store feel. Employed neighbors. Employees park at LDS church. Attended community council meetings and presented plan. Took and used feedback.



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45:15	<b>Community council concept.</b> Great place to get the history, to get to know people, and to voice your thoughts about the community. Representative Brian King and Senator Hatch will take calls from representatives of the community council.
50:20	<b>End time</b>