



Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Interview Summary and Index

Interviewee: Craig A. Hibberd

Interviewer: Melvin P. Thatcher

Date: July 30, 2015

Location: Wasatch Hollow Community Park, Salt Lake City, UT

Summary	
<p>Craig Hibberd, who was raised in the neighborhood, lived on Bryan Avenue near the park entrance from 1986 to 2001. In this interview he shares his recollections of the formation Wasatch Hollow Community Park.</p>	
<p>Craig begins by describing the unkempt condition of the property where the park would be created and notes its use for various purposes by vagrants and kids. He talks about the original park proposal, the approval process, and the role of residents in bringing the city and the county together to create the park.</p>	
<p>Craig discusses the challenges that were faced and successfully addressed. He notes how the park design accommodated the criteria of the residents and talks about their participation in tree planting in the new park.</p>	
<p>Craig expresses his satisfaction with the outcome of efforts of residents to secure the park and how it has been embraced by the community.</p>	

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Time	Brief description
00:00:00	Introduction.
00:00:24	Background. Future park property unkempt. Partly owned by Presbyterian Church. Salt County responsible for flood control. Various uses: sleeping, hanging out, beer drinking. Anna Cordes' involvement park creation is noted.
00:03:05	Original proposal: About 7 acres. Desired to connect to park upstream by trails. Property owner along "the finger" NE of the present park opposed inclusion of property.
00:04:25	Approval process. City and county were not working together to develop a park. Presbyterian Church offered to donate property. City and county



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	agreed to make flood control improvement part of park design.
00:05:28	Residents' role. Organized informal association to work with city and county. Met in homes. Invited city and county to participate and got them to work together. Proposed funding for flood control upgrades to County Council.
00:08:21	Challenges. Neighbors' concerns about lights, crime, decline of property value due to vandalism and trespassing, and basketball court and drugs.
00:10:50	Concerns addressed. Architect explained lighting. Dropped contested property and basketball court. Community survey by city was positive. People were happy when approved.
00:12:46	Park design. Nancy Boskoff brought in an artist to design the park. Accommodated residents' criteria: 1) leave creek undeveloped; 2) have open space; 3) locate playground and restrooms by street.
00:14:30	Tree planting. Tree Utah donated trees and organized planting with participation of local volunteers mainly around playground and on hill on northwest side.
00:17:02	Assessment. Pleased. People use and are happy with the park.
00:18:20	Other memories. Cupcakes sold to raise funds. Citizens were able to work with city hall.
00:19:33	Park construction. Concerns about park entrance and construction work. Playground area required more sculpting than open area above it. People were fine with it by the time the park opened.
00:22:45	End time