



# Wasatch Hollow Community Council

## Interview Summary and Index

**Interviewee:** Daniel B. Jensen

**Interviewer:** Melvin P. Thatcher

**Date:** November 6, 2016

**Location:** Salt Lake City, Utah

Summary	
<p>Dan Jensen served as community council chair from 2006-2008. This interview begins with Dan telling why he became involved in community council activities. During his tenure as chair, the main community issues were house remodel regulations (aka Infill Ordinance Overlay) and the Wasatch Hollow Preservation Project (aka Open Space). Dan talks about the role of the council, community and property owner responses, city involvement, and outcomes of these issues. He closes with reflections on participating in the community council.</p>	

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Time	Brief description
00:00	<b>Introduction.</b>
00:30	<b>Getting involved.</b> family heritage. Issue of home remodels.
02:09	<b>Home Remodels.</b> Activities to promote awareness of issue and attendance at community council
04:10	<b>Community response.</b> Some opposed city. Attendance increased. Concern over divisiveness of issue.
05:52	<b>Outcome.</b> Frustrated by lack of city response to formal document submitted to it by the council.
07:39	<b>Involvement with city.</b> Monthly meetings with Mayor's Office.
08:46	<b>Community vote.</b> Proposal put to vote. Some willing to compromise. Kinds of compromises.
10:37	<b>Vote results.</b> Majority in favor of proposal. Some residents were upset. Many were satisfied.
12:16	<b>Wasatch Hollow preservation project.</b> Aims and scope. Mixed feelings about process. Success.
12:57	<b>Gully residence.</b> Joe Knowlton, original owner. Zoning change changed from residential to commercial. Negotiations with city and new owner to preserve the space for community use.



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16:13	<b>Community education.</b> Dr. Arthur Morris hired with Wasatch Hollow Community Association funds. Conducts surveys and education program. Surveys collected information, ideas, and opinions from neighbors. Use of survey results in negotiations with the LDS Church.
19:14	<b>Partnership.</b> Wasatch Hollow Community Council, Wasatch Hollow Community Association, LDS Church, land owner, and developer. Sale of property to city to create Wasatch Hollow Open Space. Thinking ahead.
21:39	<b>Open Space Committee.</b> Diane Fosnocht, chair. Community education through activities and meetings. Sub-committee: Wasatch Hollow Open Space Kids Club.
24:15	<b>Community feelings about open space.</b> Significant number of supporters. Met with Arthur and LDS Church including Stake President Craig Mortensen. Use and value of survey results in winning support of the church.
28:07	<b>Open Space property.</b> LDS Church, 6-8 acres, private developer, ca. 2 acres.
28:49	<b>Creekside property owner concerns.</b> Noise, lighting, privacy, security. Planned for reasonable protection of rights of property owners and rights of the general community. Owners' rights taken into consideration.
31:57	<b>City involvement.</b> Emy Storheim, open space manager, engaged and supported the community. Reflections on city management of the project and the impact of personnel changes. Arthur Morris.
34:06	<b>City-community relations.</b> Mixed reactions among residents about results. Challenges working with City Planning Division. Necessity of compromise.
35:31	<b>Outcome.</b> Mixed feelings. Contrasts experiencing closed and open space. Changes in landscape in restoration phase.
38:41	<b>Other issues.</b> Dogs in Wasatch Hollow Park.
40:31	<b>Reflections on community councils.</b> Reason for community councils. Regrets issue-driven nature of councils. Encourages socializing among community residents.
42:54	<b>Closing thoughts.</b>
43:29	<b>End time</b>