

**Wasatch Hollow Community Council Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2008**

Call to Order and Welcome: 7:05 by Gregg Morrow

Introduction of new Executive Committee members:

Gregg Morrow, Chair
Mark Brinton, Vice-chair
Glenda Cotter, Secretary; will provide minutes for next month's meeting
Anne Cannon, Treasurer
Dan Jensen will serve as an at-large member if the bylaws are amended

Mayor's Office Report: 7:08 by Hank Welch

A selective calendar of city events for April and May and a Good Neighbor guide to SLC government available at this meeting. The major city news includes the following:

Reorganization of the Planning Department in process. The idea is to streamline and simplify the dept., including a one-stop service area called The Center. Information is available on the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Esther Hunter or one of the other senior planners will attend a future WHCC meeting. Volunteers are requested for the Riparian Corridor Overlay Ordinance; Anne Cannon and Susan Whitney are working on those issues already.

The former Domestic Partnership Registry has been renamed the Mutual Commitment Registry. This will provide a record of dependent relations and make it easier for employers and insurance companies, etc., to verify such relationships. About 70 percent are mother/child, sisters, or other family relations.

Mayor Becker is working on issues such as a downtown arts and theatre district, trail systems, and crime and graffiti, with an emphasis on strengthening the Neighborhood Watch Program. Officer Burbank works closely on these efforts.

The mayor will be taking "road trips" with each community council. He plans to meet with WHCC on Wed., May 28 at about 5:00 p.m. All interested will board a bus and see areas of particular neighborhood concern/interest.

Other concerns or comments?

Q. Dick Leining asked about the rules regarding remodel heights for houses.

A. The citywide ordinance is at 28'; the WHC Infill Ordinance has not yet been approved.

Q. Mary Dell Gunn noted that several remodels currently in progress appear to be greater than the 40 percent footprint maximum specified by the city. The property at Logan and 15th East seems problematic.

A. Hank Welch will look into this.

Q. Gregg Morrow asked about the concrete work notices that many in the neighborhood have received. We have many questions about them. How were the numbers arrived at? Are the prices reasonable, as they seem high? Rick Graham asked about making comments to the city engineer.

A. Hank Welch will look into this and report back.

Police Report: 7:22 by Officer Mike Burbank

Officer Burbank reported that he and others had been asked by their sergeant if they were meeting their community's needs. Officer Burbank has come up with, a report that hopefully will be more helpful than the usual statistical crime reports, which will continue to be available. His new report will give general information about crime issues in the neighborhoods; highlight programs such as Neighborhood Watch; and provide specific information and requests such as descriptions of suspect vehicles, etc. Providing the public with more information can help us be more proactive. It was agreed that this is a good idea, and we would like to make it available on the WHCC Web site (the crime statistics are currently available on the SLC Police Web site, and Mel will link to that). It might also be good information to hang on community boards and in other public places. This is seen as a new way to exchange information, as the police can both give and get information.

Q. Gregg Morrow asked about the Neighborhood Watch Program (NWP).

A. This is not Mobile Watch, which provides specific training. The NWP teaches people to put groups together--through block captains, phone lists, and relationships between neighbors, and helps neighbors look out for neighbors. This can help the police department identify suspicious people or activities.

Mark Brinton noted that he liked the new report and the information that is being presented in it.

Office Burbank mentioned that he is the contact for questions.

New Business: 7:35 by Gregg Morrow

Gregg Morrow noted some changes to the new agenda, and asked that people introduce themselves before asking questions. He mentioned some flyers available at the meeting, include "Purge Your Spurge," and the Salt Lake County Watershed Stewardship Plan announcement of two workshops on 4/8 and 5/1. The city is looking for four representatives from each community council area to attend an Emergency Preparedness Class on 4/12 from 9 a.m. to noon. The Utah Food Bank is having a food drive with the help of the Boy Scouts on Sat. 3/29. Please leave donations in a bag on your front walk by 8 a.m. that morning, or take your donations to local Smiths stores.

There is an issue with a duplex owned by Ruth Stone on Bryan Avenue between 13th and 14th East. She found that her duplex didn't have the proper permits, so she is working to obtain those. The city needs WHCC approval/support in order to "grandfather" her permit. Gregg Morrow asked if any community members object to having the community council sign her request. Anne Cannon asked if this was really a duplex and, if not, why it wasn't being called an apartment. It probably is an apartment and that information was simply misstated. She has received the written approval of all her neighbors. Since there were no objections from the community, Gregg will sign for WHCC.

Emergency Preparedness Presentation: 7:44 by Rick Graham

Rick Graham is a community member who works for Questar; he brought information regarding natural gas issues in the event of an emergency, including the following guides:

Family Emergency Preparedness, Earthquake Preparedness, Furnace Preparedness, and a “Scratch and Sniff” test. He urged everyone to have a plan for power outages, including a backup heating plan, and presented information of wood-burning fireplaces, pellet stoves, kerosene heaters, and unvented natural gas heaters. He also discussed possible “deadly practices,” including using candles as a heat source, poor ventilation, turning stove burners up and/or leaving the oven door open, lighting barbecues indoors, spilling kerosene fuel, storing combustibles around water heaters and furnaces, lack of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and storing gasoline, kerosene, and other fuels indoors (do not do this!). He also noted that proper insulation is the best way to save money on heating bills. You can add new insulation over old, and there are rebates available from the gas company to help with this. It’s a good idea to replace you old hot water heater after about ten years.

Q. It was asked if pellets are hard to get.

A. Best to buy in quantity, though they burn very efficiently.

Is there other Emergency Preparedness training we could provide?

Proposed Communications Committee: 8:13

Could the Communications Committee help with block captains for every neighborhood? Arthur Morris asked about a schematic showing the block captains.

The Communications Committee is new, there is a sign-up sheet going around for people who would like to work on this group. It may include writing newsletters, meeting notices and short articles for the *Sugar House Journal*, and other ideas as we come up with them. We would like to make information more readily available to the public in the hope that we can generate more interest among members of the WH community. All who were present expressed their support for this new committee.

Dan and Michelle Jensen and Gregg Morrow offered to serve as street captains. Mel Thatcher suggested that we ask others in our community, too, and Gregg mentioned that we would really like to get more people to attend our monthly meetings. If people have ideas they should contact members of the executive committee, as all names and numbers are on the Web site.

Report on Web Site: 8:22 by Mel Thatcher

There are 24 registered users of the WHCC Web site, and 150 people on the e-mail list. There is a new page for community history, which includes a series of photographs from the Wasatch Presbyterian Church. There are also plans to add photos of the “Stake Ranch.”

There is a new page called Community Culture, where it is hoped particularly that performers, artists, etc., in the community will post information. There are currently pages for Steve Hailes, author, and for Karl Pace and Martha Klein, both artists. WHCC members are encouraged to post here.

Gregg noted that Mel is doing a great job with the Web site.

Open Space Committee: 8:29 by Anne Cannon

Emy Storheim, the planning manager for the Salt Lake City Open Space Lands Program, will attend the April meeting. It appears that Kensington Cove LLC is now a willing seller of the property at 1665 Kensington, and she wants to again solicit community support. The city and the

community, working together, will have to arrange for the care of this property.

Arthur noted that there are grants that we can apply for to help with stream restoration. Mel wondered if the LDS Church is still considering their land match and Anne replied that she didn't know. Mel also wondered about the concerns of residents who were opposed to the acquisition and the continued fear of trails across private property. This concern needs to be laid to rest, as no such plans are being considered. Anne noted that the Open Space Committee had hoped to direct people *away* from private property.

Treasurer's Report: Anne Cannon

WHCC is currently operating with no funds, in essence, as what money remains was contributed toward Wasatch Hollow Park. Annual expenses include the cost of a Post Office Box, Web site, Utah State license, and community mailings. There are at least \$130.00 and possibly as much as \$200.00 in annual expenses. We need community support. There is also a need for funds to provide continued care and enhancement of the Park.

Steve Osborne mentioned that he heard that the city gives grants to support community councils. Anne noted that the city provides for the cost and mailing of flyers up to four times per year. Gregg said that the Executive Committee needs to discuss the funding issues. Sue Morrow noted that there needs to be an annual accounting of the funds and Arthur suggested that April's meeting will be a good time to increase the awareness. We should encourage people to attend this meeting. Mark Brinton reported that he is working through the documents related to the nonprofit status of WHCC. Following that he will continue work on new bylaws.

Community Priorities: Gregg Morrow

The mayor has asked each community council to let him know what is important to us. Gregg asked that people let him know, and suggested such possibilities as emergency preparedness, open space, infill, street parking, crime and Neighborhood Watch.

Mark Brinton reported that he checked on the WHCC infill ordinance overlay. It is still progressing through the planning department's review process. It hasn't been forgotten, but is just going slowly. The planning department expects to finish its review within the next several months.

Adjournment: 8:47

Prepared by GC