

Wasatch Hollow Community Council Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2008

Call to Order and Welcome: 7:07 by Gregg Morrow

Executive Committee members in attendance:

Gregg Morrow, chair; Mark Brinton, vice-chair; Glenda Cotter, secretary; Anne Cannon, treasurer. City council member J. T. Martin also attended.

Approval of Minutes of 25 June 2008 meeting:

Minutes were amended to state that WHCA may have lost its nonprofit status, but would like to take steps to ensure its status in order to provide tax benefits to community members wishing to make donations. The minutes were approved as amended.

Mayor's Office Report: 7:17 by Hank Welch

August is a relatively calm month, relatively speaking. The last of the Pioneer Park movies will be on Friday night; the Twilight Concert Series continue to take place on Thursday night. The Farmers' Market is on Saturday, the People's Market on Sunday at Jordan Park. The State Fair is Sept. 4-14.

The planning commission will meet on Sept. 10 to discuss the WalMart rezoning. Please submit comments in advance; these will become part of the public record. An intense discussion is anticipated.

There have been questions about the sidewalk replacement. J.T. Martin reported that there has been a lot of resident opposition. There is an over-time payment plan, and financial help for hardship cases. District 6 residents can expect the support of Councilmember Martin if any damage results from the work.

The city is making free tickets available for the Tanner Gift of Music Concerts on Sept. 19 and 20; Hank Welch will drop some of these at the Anderson-Foothill Library on a first-come/first served basis. Mel Thatcher will send out an email notice once Hank lets him know that the tickets are available.

Police Report: 7:36 by Officer Derek Christensen

Officer Burbank has been promoted to sergeant. Officer Christensen will be happy to address concerns or problems until a replacement can be found, probably in October. A suspicious red Honda had been reported in the neighborhood, but that seems to have checked out satisfactorily.

Committee Reports

Community Garden: by Dan Jensen

The pumpkins are growing, and the cherry tomatoes have been harvested. There is still no permanent water supply.

Community Party:

More help is needed from community members. Please call Natalie Clawson if you are available to volunteer.

Emergency Preparedness: 7:45 by Steve Osborne

Steve circulated an Emergency Preparedness handout with recommendations for an emergency shelter, as well as an auto emergency/car survival kit. This is quite a complete list of supplies.

The seven-week CERT classes begin on Sept. 16. The cost is \$20 for residents and \$65 for businesses. Contact the SLC Fire Department if interested. End-of-summer Neighborhood Parties are a good opportunity to discuss emergency preparedness issues with your neighbors.

Open Space: 8:04 by Anne Cannon

Wilfred Goodwill, the owner of the property at 1665 Kensington Ave., died last week. His wife is now the owner, and his grandsons (in Arizona) would like to find a solution. Anne has spoken with a couple who would like to purchase the home and about 1/3 acre of the surrounding property.

The Open Space Committee meet three times in July and August, although at this point there is nothing definite to report, and no plans have been filed by the property owners. Four options seem clear from those meetings:

1. Purchase 1.97 acres for \$2.4 million, tear down the house, and restore the property's natural values.
2. Purchase 1.48 acres with a city contribution of \$800,000, which leaves the community to raise \$500,000 to \$700,000. The property owner would retain (or sell) the home and 1/2 acre.
3. Purchase 1.17 acres by the city, with the property owner to file for development of two .4 acre lots and build two large homes for sale. This would require some sort of easement for a second driveway, and a lot of fill. This may be the most likely solution.
4. Property owner to file a PUD for five building sites, each of .25 acres, with the city to purchase a remaining small piece. Dollar amount needed for this outcome is unknown.

Is there anything the WHCC needs to do, at this point? The city's position is that they have offered fair market value for the property without the house. Most members of the Open Space Committee do not favor development. The property owners would likely be satisfied to build a second home, sell the two properties, and sell the remaining undeveloped land to the city. However, without community support for this option they will likely push for the larger PUD.

Community donations can be made through Salt Lake City or Utah Open Lands (UOL) and either will be considered tax deductible. Donations to UOL might be best.

Bylaws: 8:28 by Mark Brinton

There are two separate organizations, Wasatch Hollow Community Council (WHCC) and Wasatch Hollow Community Association (WHCA). The latter definitely had 501(c)(3) status at one point, though such status is now unclear. Some members of the community feel there is a mean-spirited effort on the part of WHCC to dissolve WHCA. Members of the Executive Committee are only trying to figure out the status of

the two organizations. The only agenda is to be legally accurate. Brinton strongly encouraged WHCA to follow its bylaws, which state that an annual meeting must be held in September and trustees elected then. WHCC supports the ongoing efforts to reestablish WHCA and to pursue its 501(c)(3) status. There may be a future date at which the two organizations could be merged, but the issue of the separate bylaws will need to be resolved.

Adjournment: 8:56 p.m.

Prepared by GC