

**1 Wasatch Hollow Community Council Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2008**

Call to Order and Welcome: 7:02 by Gregg Morrow

Executive Committee members in attendance:

Gregg Morrow, chair; Mark Brinton, vice-chair; Anne Cannon, treasurer;
Glenda Cotter, secretary.

Approval of Minutes of 22 October 2008 meeting:

Minutes were unanimously approved as published.

General Announcements

A number of Boy Scouts were in attendance, and they were welcomed.

Police Report: 7:08 by Detective Josephson

Detective Wierman introduced Detective Josephson (799-3336), who is newly assigned to our area. Please be in touch if there are questions or concerns.

There were five car prowls—please do not leave items in plain sight inside your car! There were also two vehicle vandalisms—windows were broken.

The house number of the Kensington incident is still not public, as the investigation is ongoing.

Mayor's Office Report: 7:13 by Lisa Harrison

Lisa thanked the detectives present and noted that they do a fabulous job!

The mayor is grateful for community involvement in councils, and thanks all who participate. Mayor Becker has issued a statement that requests for assistance by families in need have increased by 17 percent. Information about and on-line applications for food-stamp benefits and other assistance can be found at www.utahhelps.utah.gov. If you are looking for ways to help this season, the Utah Food Bank, Crossroads Urban Center, and St. Vincent de Paul are all good place to donate. Wasatch Presbyterian Church collects donations the first Sunday of every month, Uintah Elementary is currently collecting, and Smith's and Jiffy Lube locations collect for the Utah Food Bank.

Remember that there is free two-hour parking downtown during the holidays.

The city has a special-assistance registry for those acquiring special help in the event of a disaster. You can register by calling 211 or at www.specialneedsutah.org. This information will be given to CERT-trained individuals (the city does keep track of those receiving training). Contact Lisa if you are interested in CERT training.

The Gang Reduction Forum met and is looking to implement new programs to help mentor at-risk children.

The last series in the discrimination program is on December 11.

Dan Jensen has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the mayor in recognition of his service to the community.

The city is soliciting comments on its Web site regarding proposed improvements to 1300 East.

Lisa can be reached through the mayor's office at 535-6338 or by e-mail at lisa.harrison@slcgov.com.

Wasatch Hollow Community Association (WHCA): 7:30 by Dan Jensen

WHCA was originally formed to create Wasatch Hollow Park (WHP). The community council (WHCC) was formed several years later, and though they seemed to have merged for several years, there have always been two organizations with separate bylaws and slightly different boundaries. WHCA is the 501-c-3 organization, and has filed taxes for the past two years. The old EIN has been reinstated. Separating the two makes it possible for WHCA to address primarily WHP and open space issues. Though the two groups should continue some kind of relationship, WHCA can accept tax-deductible donations, while WHCC cannot. Getting and maintaining 501-c-3 status is not trivial, so it's important to preserve that legacy. Members of WHCC can become members of WHCA by signing the sheet available tonight. Activities include a recent clean-up of WHP, as well as some plantings. The next meeting will likely be in February.

There are concerns within the community that having two organizations with very similar names, purposed, and boundaries will create confusion, and extra effort needs to be made to insure that community members understand that there are two organizations.

Bylaws: 8:09 by Gregg Morrow/Mark Brinton

Various executive committees have been working on changes to the bylaws for about two years. We would like to present and vote on those proposed changes tonight. Mark Brinton briefly highlighted the changes to the bylaws, including the following:

Although WHCC does not have nonprofit status, it was decided that "not-for-profit" language be retained in the bylaws.

Article 3.4 was amended as follows: "The Executive Board shall give all the eligible members at least two weeks' notice of the date, . . ."

Article 4.8 was amended as follows: If a vacancy occurs in the office of Chair, the Vice Chair shall become Chair for the balance of the term.

Article 4.10 was questioned regarding other reasons for the removal of a member of the Executive Board, and it was agreed that language is probably needed to deal with malfeasance and accountability. However, it was determined that this issue should not delay approval of the revised bylaws. The Board will look at examples from other councils and recommend revisions to this article at a later date.

Gregg brought up a proposal by the mayor's office that the city deal with land-use issues and use community councils to solicit opinions. There was general disagreement with the idea that community councils should be in some way restricted from bringing issues to the city. The voice of community councils should never be limited, and it was decided that the city be asked for clarification of this request.

The amended bylaws are available as a separate attachment to the minutes. The proposed and amended bylaws were unanimously approved.

Other Business:

The new bylaws made provision for the position of Second Vice Chair. As that position had previously had Dan Jensen voted to it pending approval of the bylaws, he was seated to that position.

The next WHCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28. The next meeting of the WHCC executive committee will be Thursday, January 8.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned prior to 9:00 p.m.

Prepared by GC