

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes for the meeting of June 28, 2023

6:30 Chairman Ian Arnold called the meeting to order

- Minutes of March 23 WHCC meeting approved unanimously.

6:35 Report from Captain Paul Koetitz, Salt Lake City Fire Department

- Private fireworks in Salt Lake City are NOT ALLOWED in No Fireworks Zones: East of 900 E, north of South Temple, and west of Redwood Rd. All sky lanterns are prohibited. Protect your neighborhood with a No Fireworks Zone sign available from the fire department.
- In September SLC FD hosts their annual Camp Athena and Camp Prometheus day firefighting camps for women and men ages 16-20. These free camps are a great opportunity to gain insight into a career in the fire service. Sign up at <https://forms.office.com/g/PfrXP4yj3M>
- For info on these and a great resource on your fire safety go online to <https://www.slcc.gov/fire/>

6:45 Report from Bryan Jensen, District 6 representative of the Salt Lake School Board of Education

- After careful consideration by the Board and other stakeholders, Dr. Elizabeth Grant was selected as the SLC School District's new Superintendent. She will replace the Interim Superintendent, Dr. Martin Bates, starting this summer on July 1st.
- Tops on the district's list is student safety. There have been two separate occurrences this spring involving a gun on school grounds. The district will fulfill Dr. Bates' promise to install weapons detectors in all of the high schools. This stringent and expensive measure is required to keep our teenagers safe given the proliferation and easy accessibility of guns these days. The Board also wants to add to the current eight School Resource Officers working district-wide.
- Although many parents voiced the opinion they would like to keep online virtual classes available as an option to traditional, in-person classes, only 66 students were using it last spring. As such, virtual classes will be discontinued next school year.
- Through the district's Child Nutrition Department, meals are available to all children, regardless of income status. Find locations, times, menus, and more at the department's website: <https://www.slcschools.org/departments/child-nutrition>
- The Board is currently engaged in a Population and Boundary Study of **ALL** district elementary schools, divided by quadrants, for possible boundary realignment or school closure. After 1-1/2 years of open houses and opportunities for public comment, the Board is developing a list of viable options for potential boundary changes or school closure. The Options Committee will present the recommended options to the Board in July. The Board will hold a public hearing on the matter in December. Dig deeper into the topic at the District's website here: <https://www.slcschools.org/departments/information-technology/boundaries-and-planning/population-and-boundary-study>

7:15 Andrew Smith, Parley's Canyon Gravel Mining Update

- Mr. Smith lives at the mouth of Parley's Canyon, on the north side, and his family owns a cabin in Mt Aire Canyon. He is bringing the threats of fugitive dust, water pollution, and environmental disruption from the mine to the public's attention.

- Jesse Lassley, owner of Tree Farm has submitted plans to develop his 632-acre parcel on the south side of Parley's Canyon for a rock and gravel mine. KSL News ran this article with information: <https://www.ksl.com/article/50294012/proposed-mine-in-parleys-canyon-draws-concern-from-residents> . Read an article from the SL Tribune that offers an historical perspective on the legal aspects of the mine's extraction rights here: <https://www.sltrib.com/news/environment/2022/05/17/salt-lake-county-mining/>
- Salt Lake County has voted to prohibit extraction in Forestry/Recreation zones. Tree Farm, LLC is now suing SL County.
- Utah Department of Air Quality intends to approve the mine's air-quality plan. In their flawed method to assess the risk of windborne dust, not only did they use a model based on only 20 acres, but they used a wind indicator station at the Salt Lake airport, rather than any of the three wind indicators within Parley's Canyon.
- Comments will be taken by the Utah DAQ until July 27. Mr. Smith asks everyone to send an email to the DAQ project engineer, the DAQ director, and Governor Cox. There is an easy way to do that at this link from www.SaveParleys.org: <https://www.saveparleys.org/help-our-cause-on-june-22/>

7:30 Dan Dugan, District 6 City Council Representative monthly report

- City Council Member Amy Fowler, District 7 (Sugarhouse) has resigned due to the demands of her legal practice that will require her attention in Sanpete County at length. Her seat is expected to be filled in a November election.
- The city budget for the next year has been approved with a 5% increase from \$448M in 2022.
- The free bus passes for students program will be enhanced. Last year 778,000 free rides were given, and they expect a 28% increase next year.
- For those experiencing homelessness, some sanctioned camping is allowed. Officials monitor the locations to try to reduce their problems and maintain sanitary conditions. New permanent housing is going in. The state has begun supporting the efforts with legislation and funding, recognizing homelessness is not simply a Salt Lake City problem.
- Dan and other SLC staff visited Miami, Florida to observe results of their 20 year-old program to address homelessness. SLC's criminal recidivism is high because they have no home to go back to after serving time. Also criminal justice here is handled by the many local jurisdictions, rather than a central, overseeing court. This makes compliance more difficult for parolees. SLC is now trying to relieve pressure on police and fire departments by utilizing more resource officers, social workers, and EMT's to handle street crises.

7:40 Hannah Barton, Mayor's Office Liaison report

- Salt Lake County sandbag drop-off locations can be found here: <https://slco.org/runoff-ready/#disposal>
- Salt Lake City is joining cities and organizations across the country **on September 9th** in recognition of the federally recognized September 11th National Day of Service. Once projects are determined, they will be posted on the SLC website at <https://www.slc.gov/>
- Remember to keep your trees watered through the summer. Even established trees can die from dry conditions. Keep rock "mulch" 6 feet away from tree trunks. Get watering recommendations at: <https://www.slcdocs.com/parks/Forestry/KeepYourCoolFlyer.pdf>
- Salt Lake City is introducing WaterMAPS, a new tool to help residents do outdoor watering more efficiently based on personal landscaping needs. Software was developed by Utah State University to identify water use patterns and identify areas in your landscaping with the capacity to conserve water. The software creates a personalized water use report for each single-family residence in Salt Lake City. To keep this information private, you can only see your own report. Learn more about WaterMAPS at

<https://www.slc.gov/utilities/introducing-watermaps/>

The following sample report gives an idea of the wealth of information contained in the report:

https://www.slcdocs.com/utilities/pdfs/watermaps/sample_report_with_notes.pdf

- In lieu of fireworks, the city is hosting two drone shows this July. On Saturday July 1st at Jordan Park and on Monday, July 24th at Liberty Park. Starting at 8:00pm there will be food trucks and live music. The drone shows will start at 10:00pm. More information can be found at:
<https://www.slc.gov/events/2023/05/17/slcdroneshows/>

7:45 Marley Bramble, WHCC Community Party Report

- After a Covid-19 interruption, our annual Wasatch Hollow Community Party returns on August 19, the last weekend before school resumes. All ideas are tentative at this point, but they include:
 - Close the street at 15th and 15th to hold the party, instead of the flood-disheveled WH Park.
 - Celebrate the community's response to the flood and the reopening of the WH Park.
 - Have a movie after sundown.
 - Have activities such as Salt Lake Fire Department, face painting, arts and crafts, HawkWatch
- PLEASE PITCH IN with your ideas and assistance to plan and implement the party of the year!

7:55 General Questions from the floor

- What has driven the traffic calming efforts on 1300 South?
For years there has been discussion about the safety of pedestrians and school kids crossing 1300 South, then last November a child was hit and killed by a vehicle at 2100 East. Calming measures are planned on 1300 South from Foothill Blvd westward to 1700 East.
- Are debates planned for mayoral and city council candidates in the November 21 elections?
Debates are planned for September, after the candidate-filing deadline. Dates and venues are TBD.

7:58 Meeting adjourned