

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes for the meeting of August 23, 2023

6:30 Vice Chairman Dan Jensen called the meeting to order

- Minutes of June 28 WHCC meeting approved unanimously
- Thanks to the volunteers for organizing a successful street fair
- Mayoral Candidates Debate: September 28th, 6:30 PM at Fisher Brewery

6:35 Update from the Office of the Mayor: Hannah Barton, District 6 Community Liaison

- The HollowFest street fair this past weekend was a big success
- Salt Lake City is in desperate need for Crossing guards (need 20); Job Sharing Works
- This next election will be ranked-choice voting (no primary)
- Liberty Park Open House at 6:30 PM on 8/24
 - Have Park Ideas, survey is online
- Historic Commission and Planning Commission seeking District 6 reps
- September is idle-free awareness month
 - SLC Ordinance states not more than 2 mins of idling
- Salt Lake Homeless:
 - 2 weeks ago West Valley City and Salt Lake City mayors presented winter shelter plans
 - West Valley City will sf 24-hour overflow lodging facilities
 - Salt Lake City, Soth Salt Lake, Millcreek, and Midvale will have a family shelter
 - Affordable housing per HUD is 80% of area medium income
 - Another tier is deeply affordable housing which is permanent supported housing

6:50 Wasatch Hollow Park & Nature Preserve Ideas: Makaylah Maponga, Salt Lake Parks

- Makaylah's contact info: makaylah.respicio-evans@slcgov.com, 385-699-8288 (cell)
- Survey last year to learn the current issues, issues, needs, and goals for the future (no funding yet)
- Many concerns about the dog park being studied by two interns consulting other cities (e.g., Denver)
- Three options created by interns and presented that show better usage of dead space and better utilization
 - All have at least a partial closure of the dog area
 - Need to close off dog area periodically for lawn restoration
- Questions:
 - There once was a coyote in the area, is it still in the park?
 - No info on the coyote in the park, but there are reports of a coyote in the general area
 - What enforcement once boundaries are set? Different surface beside turf?
 - What happens next?
 - Minimal participation so far, thus need for more participation with helping for the next CIP.
 - Please email Bianca Shepard (bianca.covio@gmail.com) if you would like to participate in the Wasatch Hollow Park subcommittee
 - How about dog owner funding with tags?

7:20 Urban Forestry Division Update: Makea Kelly and Nate Orbat

- Salt Lake City has 90,500 trees and 22,500 in park and 68,000 in parking strips.
- Wasatch Hollow has only 2,050 and 90 in Wasatch Hollow Park
 - Urban Forestry does not account for trees in the Wasatch Preserve area
- Urban Forestry provides all planting and care
- If you want a tree, just call 801-972-7818
- “Keep Your Cool” program covers education about xeriscape while watering trees
- Tip: keep rocks away from the tree trunk
- Tip: water bags are a great way to ensure the consistent watering of a tree
- Urban Forestry website: www.slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/urban-forestry-services

7:30 Braver Angels: Laura Arellano & Joe Cook

- Objective is the depolarization of America
- Abraham Lincoln, “I don’t like that man. I must get to know him better.”
- Laura Arellano is team blue and Joe Cook is team red
- Affective Polarization is to shift into one’s own camp with disdain for the other side. This type of polarization has intensified in the last decade.
- Game Theory: cooperative vs competitive, unwilling to admit faults
- Braver Angels Pledge, “we try to understand the other side’s point of view and we engage those that we disagree with looking for common ground.”
- Core values:
 - Respect
 - Humility
 - Honesty
 - Responsible Citizenship
- For more information: www.braverangels.com or text BA to 66866

7:45 Closing Discussion:

- Table HollowFest feedback until next month’s meeting (September 27th)
- Send debate questions to WHCC Facebook site or group email box (whccadmin@wasatchhollowcc.org)

7:55 Meeting adjourned