

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes for the meeting of September 27, 2023

6:30 Treasurer, John Rosswog called the meeting to order

- Minutes of March 23 WHCC meeting approved unanimously.

6:35 Lieutenant Andy Leonard, Salt Lake City Police Department report

- A bomb threat shut down The King's English book store for a full day on 9/24. The threat, from an untraceable account, probably originated from a hate-generating "bot" program as a way to terrorize the proprietors for hosting a Children's Story Time with a drag queen. The same account has been used to send similar threats to various locations around the country. The SLPD Canine Unit searched the store and environs. The in-depth search "gave zero indications" of any type of explosive, and the threat was considered insignificant. Though the SLPD SWAT team and the FBI were notified, neither force was called out due to the unsubstantiated threat. You can help The King's English recover from the upset in business by donating to their free book program at www.BrainFoodBooks.org

6:50 Hannah Barton, Mayor's Office Liaison report

- With help from Utah State, SLC's new pilot program to house the homeless will consist of 25 temporary structures, each with two one-person domiciles. The structures are temporary and mobile, and they fold flat for storage when not needed. The program requires shutting down or relocating the units after 180 days. They will be shared by other Utah cities with a temporary housing need. They supplement another 625 beds that come online this winter in addition to the existing facilities statewide.
- Traffic-calming construction on 1300 South will happen in three sections, each section taking a week to complete substantially. Through traffic on 1300 South should be able to resume by October 16.
- The 2100 South repaving project will also upgrade deep utility lines and a 100-year-old sewer line. The greatest impact of construction will be between 1300 East and 1000 East with only one lane in each direction through October. Beyond that, expect restricted lanes and limited left turns at Highland Drive into 2024.
- SLC has about half of the grade-school population it had in the 1950's, and the SLS District has too many elementary schools. The Salt Lake School Board will hold public meetings to discuss the necessary closures. Learn more on the subject at <https://www.slcschools.org/departments/information-technology/boundaries-and-planning/population-and-boundary-study>

Attend a meeting near you at:

Saturday, Oct. 7: 9-11 a.m.

Glendale Middle School, 1430 Andrew Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84104

Spanish translation available

Wednesday, Oct. 18: 7-9 p.m.

Northwest Middle School, 1730 W 1700 N, Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Spanish translation available

Saturday, Oct. 21: 9-11 a.m.

Franklin Elementary, 1115 W 300 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84104

Meeting will be conducted in Spanish with English translation.

Wednesday, Oct. 25: 7-9 p.m.

Hillside Middle School, 1825 E Nevada St, Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Spanish translation available

7:10 Dan Dugan, District 6 City Council Representative monthly report

- Take a look at streets that already have had traffic-calming features installed to see if you'd like some of their features on your street. Some of them are:
 - 400 East between Westminster and Hollywood
 - 1000 East between Hollywood and Ramona

- 800 East between 1300 South and 1700 South
- Browning Ave and Roosevelt Ave between 1100 East and 1300 East
- Do you still have potholes in your neighborhood? Photograph them and send them in on the SLCMobile app. Download the app, and stay in touch with the City at <https://play.google.com/store/search?q=slcmobile&c=apps>
- Dan voted against more flag lots that allow building a new home on the back of a deep lot until a committee can first study the single-family zoning regulations and demands on our existing residential neighborhoods.
- Have you had a law violated against you? Report it to the police. The record will support influence of the SLPD.
- With winter approaching, remember: Don't invite theft by warming up your car by leaving it idling unattended!

7:35 John Rosswog, Wasatch Hollow Park Survey Report

- Partygoers at the WH Community Party filled out surveys and submitted these suggestions:
 - Dog park cleanup. Limit off-leash areas, or at least delineate designated dog areas
 - Restore the lawn/soccer field. Add more "non-dog" grass areas for children's play
 - Additional nature restoration in the preserve
 - Repair the gates and add signage to restrict the preserve to pedestrians and not pets
 - Add more children's play equipment
 - Add children's nature activities
 - Return the movies in WH Park
 - Hold monthly music festivals
- In the survey, they expressed these concerns about the WH Neighborhood in general:
 - Safety and security. Preventing car break-ins
 - Revised street parking plan with regard to traffic calming measures
 - Speed bumps on Sherman Ave
 - Improving sustainability and recycling efforts
 - At Clayton JHS, parking lot control – use the chain barricade when not in use to prevent loitering and reduce using the lot for fireworks
- Attendees at this WHCC meeting had these suggestions for the next WH Community Party:
 - Add a WH Winter Party during the holiday period.
 - Access additional funds from the City to promote community involvement
 - Develop a Party Planning Committee and get volunteers to share the burden of hosting a huge party
 - Donate to one or more Scout troops in trade for providing a set-up and take-down team
 - Two hours seemed like a good amount of time for having the party
- PLEASE PITCH IN with your ideas and assistance to plan and implement the next party of the year!

7:45 Taymor Semnani and James Alfandre addressed the attendees. Dan Dugan declined because he is a standing Salt Lake City Councilman. Taymor asked us to post candidates' website addresses as well as other resources.

- Youtube link to the District 6 candidates' debate: <https://www.youtube.com/live/wdn5k-tr-7o?feature=shared> (Fast forward to 41 minutes to get to the start of the debate.)
- Results of a survey by Sweet Streets, an organization dedicated to changing land use and transportation from auto-dependency to people-first: <https://sweetstreetssl.org/news/salt-lake-city-election-surveys-district-6>
- James Alfandre's website: <https://jamesalfandre.com/>
- Jack Bellows appears to have dropped out of the race. He has no political presence on the internet.
- Dan Dugan's website: <https://www.votefordugan.com/>
- Taymor Semnani's website: <https://taymourforslc.com/>

7:50 Meeting adjourned