

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes for the meeting of October 28, 2023

Anderson-Foothill Library

1135 So 2100 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Board members in attendance:

Dan Jensen, Vice-Chair; Marley Bramble, 2nd Vice-Chair; John Rosswog, Treasurer; Tim Komlos, Secretary

Number of community members in attendance: Ten

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

- Minutes of September 27 WHCC meeting approved unanimously.

6:32 Dan Dugan, District 6 City Council Representative monthly report

- Utah voting day is Tuesday, 11/21, which is two weeks later than prescribed to provide extra time to give candidates time to prepare for the special election to replace Chris Stewart.
- Salt Lake will hold ranked-choice voting for municipal offices. Learn more about ranked-choice voting at this info page from SLC: <https://www.slc.gov/attorney/wp-content/uploads/sites/4/2021/06/RCV-FAQs.pdf>
- With redevelopment in the city, gentrification is displacing Salt Lake's population. The SLC Council is developing the *Thriving in Place* plan, which will strive to reduce homelessness and prevent residents' displacement, and provide resources that would allow them to remain housed. Learn more about the issues and efforts at the SLC web page: <https://www.slc.gov/can/thriving-in-place/>
- Affordable housing remains a thorny problem. Today's household needs two incomes to afford an average home. Insinuating 2-, 3-, and 4-plex multi-family dwellings into the city's existing R-1 (single-family dwelling) neighborhoods would change their character forever and may not be the answer. Likewise, allowing oversized ADU's could impact our neighborhoods. Read about the history of Salt Lake's affordable housing challenges, the City's discussions on the matter, and new proposals to make more available at the SLC Planning Commission page: <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2023/03/08/affordable-housing/>
- The City provides resources for those experiencing homelessness.
 - They have installed temporary structures to provide a tiny house for 50. Each resident is vetted by the city, and the site is managed for security, maintenance, etc. Learn more at: <https://www.slc.gov/temporaryshelter/>
 - They are collaborating with the State and other local jurisdictions to expand resources statewide. They've provided \$4M in grants for improvements for 291 beds in two facilities in the city that provide community and behavioral health care for seniors and other age groups at risk of homelessness. They have also granted \$2M to a facility in Sandy that provides similar services. For details visit: <https://www.slc.gov/can/2022/09/30/hhgf/>
 - They are working with the Volunteers of America who is requesting Conditional Use approval for a new clinical detoxification/recovery facility that will serve 165 teens and young adults as described here: <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2022/01/21/volunteers-of-america-voa-detoxification-clinic-conditional-use-for-a-large-group-home/>
- Regarding a proposed parking lot at Guardsman Way, it has been determined that the University of Utah owns the property, and they are entitled to build the parking lot on it if they choose.

6:55 Josh Rebollo (substituting for Hannah Barton), Mayor's Office Liaison report

- Arts, Culture and Events Fund grant applications for next year are being accepted during the month of November. The city will hold information sessions in the coming weeks. Learn more, and submit your event at the SLC ACE Grant page: <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/ace-fund/>
- In recent months coyotes have been spotted more often along the east bench. They've killed pets near the Capitol, in Tanner Park, in Sugarhouse Park and south to Sandy. Read these wildlife tips provided on the SLC Parks page: <https://www.slc.gov/parks/winter-wildlife-awareness-tips/>
- The Salt Lake City Arts Council is accepting applications for the Project Support Grant, which assists arts and cultural nonprofit organizations located in Salt Lake City that demonstrate a positive impact on the community. For more information, see the SL Arts web page: <https://saltlakearts.org/grants/project-support/>
- Have you checked out Main Street on a weekend while it was closed to traffic or the summertime Open Streets that transformed parts of 200 East into a pedestrian green space? SLC has gathered input and survey results to develop a conceptual design vision to transform Main Street from South Temple to 400 South into a Pedestrian-Transit Mall. The vision dates back to a 1962 plan and is being updated using the Together on Main Street survey. Learn more at the city's overview page: <https://open-main-street-deagis.hub.arcgis.com/>

7:10 Dan Jensen (substituting for Clark Jensen), Wasatch Hollow Community Garden Update

- The Garden may have a limited number of 4 x 8 beds available for next year. This year the gardeners honey, eggs, and lots of produce to eat and share with other community members. See details about the garden at their FaceBook page. For information about renting a bed for yourself, contact Bill Stone at billstone9@aol.com

7:15 John Rosswog, Wasatch Hollow Community Council Website Report

- Get the latest news about your community from the WHCC Facebook page
- Dig deeper into our community info through the website at: <https://wasatchhollowcc.org/>
 - Get historical pictures and stories, and read blogs that pertain to our neighborhoods
 - Listen to interviews and stories of our past through the Oral History Project recordings
 - Learn about upcoming local events
 - Review past meeting minutes and upcoming meeting agendas of the WH Community Council
 - Contact the WHCC Board with comments or items to post on the website

7:30 Closing notes

- Water your trees! Water them now and through the winter.
- The next WHCC meeting will be after the Holidays on January 24, 2024.
 - Voting for new officers in the following meeting in February.
 - Be a mover and shaker in the community: Become a member of the WHCC Board!

7:35 Meeting adjourned