

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes for the meeting of January 24, 2024

Anderson-Foothill Library, 1135 So 2100 E, Salt Lake City, UT 84108

Board members in attendance: Ian Arnold, Chair; Dan Jensen, Vice-Chair; Marley Bramble, 2nd Vice-Chair; John Rosswog, Treasurer; Tim Komlos, Secretary

Number of community members in attendance: Eighteen

6:30 Chairperson Ian Arnold called the meeting to order

- Minutes of October 25 WHCC meeting approved unanimously.
- Announcement: Officer elections will be at the next WHCC meeting.
 - Due to work constraints, Chairman Arnold will be unavailable to serve another term.
 - Individuals wishing to serve the community are encouraged to contact the WHCC Board at whccadmin@wasatchhollowcc.org, or attend our next meeting on February 28.

6:32 Andrew Johnston, Director of Homeless Policy and Outreach presentation on Sanctioned Camping pilot program

- “Sanctioned Camping” in SLC is an effort to acknowledge the needs of those living on the street, in tents, or in their cars. Establishing group campgrounds for those experiencing homelessness is NOT under consideration.
- Studies show that having a secure, personal space to call home is the first step in restoring self-sufficiency.
- As reported last meeting, 50 temporary, state-owned micro-shelters are set up on a city-owned lot at 6th West and 3rd South. They will be relocated to a state-owned property before summer, and the number doubled.
- Residents are selected, and this project is monitored and maintained by SwitchPoint Community Resource Center, which is a non-profit organization that has helped Utah communities change the face of poverty for many years. Learn more about their operations and donation opportunities at <https://switchpointcrc.org>

6:55 Landon Clark, Sugarhouse Community Council Chair presentation on the proposed Sugarhouse Skyscraper

- The Wells Fargo building at 100 East and 2100 South has been sold to Harbor Bay Ventures, a Chicago-based company that intends to build a 21-story residential tower on the corner.
- Their request to increase the allowable building height in Sugarhouse from 105 feet to 305 feet is currently being reviewed by the SLC Planning Division.
- SLC District 7 Council Member Sarah Young was not at our meeting, but shared this information by email:
 - Council staff has indicated that this project is in the prescreening stages of being submitted to the SLC Planning Department, where you’ll find meeting dates throughout the planning process.
 - The Petition Numbers that have been assigned but are not yet available online until fully accepted are PLNPCM2023-00960 and PLNPCM2023-00961.
 - Once fully accepted, you can log into the [Citizen Access Portal](#) and review the application status.
 - The public is welcome to submit comments to the [Planning Department](#), and may copy Ms. Young at Sarah.Young@slcgov.com if desired.
- A comprehensive article written by a private individual is available on nextdoor.com at https://nextdoor.com/p/S59Tz-5d5hCB?view=detail&init_source=search&query=skyscraper
- Public comment is open until February 6th and more information can be found at the SLC GOV website at <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2023/12/26/openhouse-00960/> and the sugarhouse community council site at <https://sugarhousecouncil.org/proposed-project-at-old-wells-fargo-parcel/>
- The developers will speak at a meeting at Highland High School at 6:00pm on January 31st.

7:15 Hannah Barton, Mayor's Office Liaison report

- To speak with citizens in our community, Hannah and associates will be holding "Office Hours" on Thursday, February 22 from 10:00 am until noon at the Logos Coffee Bar within the Emigration Café at 1709 E 1300 S.
- The City will divide \$10,000, and distribute it in micro-grants chosen to foster community engagement and increase diversity and involvement. This link has more info:
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=ff7155a128&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1789444746506854730&th=18d562841cbae14a&view=att&disp=safe>
Applications for these grants will be accepted through February 15. You can apply via these links:
[Link to the Micro-Grant Application](#) <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/db3a6776d2294beb98a4fe210b3cf2f1>
[Link to the Innovation Grant Application](#)
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/6ea4fa70ccd8496abbb45a9ab73010eb>

7:25 Dan Dugan, District 6 City Council Representative monthly report

- Utah continues its own Point-In-Time Survey and study of people experiencing homelessness. The goal is to count and interview every person in Utah experiencing homelessness. Information gathered will help policymakers set benchmarks to measure progress toward ending homelessness and help plan services and programs to appropriately address local needs.
- Salt Lake City continues to engage other jurisdictions in the problem of homelessness through state legislation and cooperation with other communities.
 - Utah SB499 requires all counties with a population of at least 175,000 people to prepare for helping unsheltered residents in the winter. The new requirement will begin in 2024, affecting Weber, Davis, Utah and Washington counties.
 - SL County manages a homeless mental health facility. An estimated 20 to 25 percent of the U.S. homeless population suffers from severe mental illness, compared to 6 percent of the general public.
 - Salt Lake City collaborates with the Other Side Academy and Alliance House, both of which provide shelter to homeless individuals who are working to rise above their incarcerated or addicted pasts. In addition, SLC has loaned \$2M to Sandy City towards a new homeless shelter.

7:35 Sam Fallows, SLC Police Detective monthly report

- Property crime for December in our District 6 was down compared to a year ago, and last month we had no reports of violent crime. Statistics from 2020 thru 2023 show constant, marked declines in offenses.
- SLPD is updating its crime statistics website and bringing it in-house. Find statistics from across the city at: <https://slcpd.com/open-data/crimestatistics/>
- Citizens are encouraged to report all crimes, significant or not, to maintain statistics and help muster resources. Nobody at SLPD monitors NextDoor.com for crimes that may be posted there.
- Use the SLCMobile app on your iPhone or Android to report problems within the city such as graffiti, damaged street signs or signals, or pot holes and to see what action has been taken on them. Go online to report speeding or run stop signs whenever you see them using SLPD's SpeedWatch at: <https://slcpd.com/community-engagement/speedwatchslc/>. To report a critical crime or an emergency, always call 911.

7:45 Anne Holman, Co-owner of The King's English Bookshop presenting a Wasatch Hollow Business Spotlight

- The shop opened in 1977, and was a leading influence in the reinvention of the businesses on 1500 East between Emerson and Kensington Avenues. Today there are seven thriving businesses selling food and drinks.
- Shop owners have joined to form the 15th & 15th Business District, which advocates for street and lighting improvements as well as safety measures for their neighbors and patrons.
- Co-owner Cal Crosby manages the non-profit BrainFood Books, which has given 23,000 free books to children.

7:55 Meeting adjourned