

## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes for the meeting of March 27, 2024

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

Board members in attendance: Taymor Semnani, Chair; Ian Arnold, Vice-Chair; Marley Bramble, 2nd Vice-Chair; John Rosswog, Treasurer; Tim Komlos, Secretary. Number of community members in attendance: Eleven

6:30 Chairperson Taymor Semnani called the meeting to order

- Minutes of October 25 WHCC meeting approved unanimously.
- Announcements:
  - Assistance is available for home repairs and handyman services for seniors and people with disabilities whose income falls below 80% of median income through the City's Housing Stability Division. Inquire for more information, or how to apply for assistance at [housingstability@slcgov.com](mailto:housingstability@slcgov.com).
  - The Salt Lake Arts annual Living Traditions Festival will be held May 17, 18, and 19. They need volunteers to assist with Artists, Beverages, Bocce Ball, Greeters, Grounds, Kids Area, Production, School Day, and more. Sign-up deadline is April 2, so reach out to [volunteer@saltlakearts.org](mailto:volunteer@saltlakearts.org).
  - Jewish Family Service has no-cost and low-cost programs for people with dementia and their caregivers. For Alzheimer's/Dementia resources, contact Katie Young at [katie@jfsutah.org](mailto:katie@jfsutah.org) for more information ([jfsutah.org](http://jfsutah.org), 801-746-4334)

6:40 Missy Greis, owner of Publik Coffee Roasters and Cafes presenting a Wasatch Hollow Business Spotlight

- There are four Publik locations, but the nearest one to Wasatch Hollow is the Publik Kitchen at 931 E 900 So.
- Missy insists on equitable treatment of the Publik employees. With their "Guaranteed Wage" of \$15/hr (including tips), they will supplement the tip pool on a low-tipping day to ensure employees earn more than double the \$7.20 minimum wage. During Covid, the Publik cafes remained open, and had no layoffs.
  - Missy requests us all to patronize local cafes, bars and restaurants. Go in person to dine in or take out. By not using delivery services like DoorDash, they get to keep the profit that would, otherwise, be siphoned off to an out-of-state corporation. Tip your server in cash.

6:50 Andy Hulka, the Inland Port Principal Planner, presentation on development in the Northwest Quadrant.

- The Mayor has initiated a zoning text amendment to prohibit distribution centers on a former landfill site that is located within the Northwest Quadrant Overlay. The intent of the proposal will allow for future development of other uses allowed by the zoning code.
- The landfill area is at 6780 W North Temple St, which is west of the International Center.
- The goals for this project are to promote growth in the area and expanding the economic base by developing centers for business opportunity.
- For further information, reach out by email at [andy.hulka@slcgov.com](mailto:andy.hulka@slcgov.com) or by phone at 801-535-6608.

7:00 Hannah Barton, Mayor's Office Liaison, presenting for District 6 Councilman Dan Dugan

- SLC's annual budgeting process will start in May. Public meetings have not been scheduled yet.
- The City has been in negotiations with the University of Utah over leasing about 1-1/8 acre to the University for an upfront payment of \$4.2M. The proposal has met with some resistance from neighboring communities.
  - Jim, representing the Yalecrest Community Council, was on hand at the meeting and gave a differing perspective. He referred to the roughly 50 year-old master plan for the Steiner Aquatic Center that calls for the lands of the Sunnyside Park to be used for expansion of the Steiner Center. Leasing it to the U of U would forever remove that expansion.

- The plans would require the removal of seven 70 to 80 year-old Sequoia trees to make way for the baseball park improvements.
- The Friends of Sunnyside Park is a local organization at the head of the effort to stop this development.
- For more information on this issue visit <https://www.slc.gov/parks/sunnyside-park-lease-agreement-faq>

#### 7:15 Hannah Barton, Mayor's Office Liaison presentation

- To speak with citizens in our community, Hannah and associates will be holding "Office Hours" on Monday, April 1 from noon until 2:00 at Caputo's at 1516 So 1500 E.
- The SLC Housing Stability Division is launching their Resident Consumer Protection Complaint Portal to reduce predatory practices. It is a place where residents can submit consumer-related complaints and actively participate in protecting themselves and their neighbors from deceptive practices. For more information, visit the portal at <https://www.slc.gov/housingstability/consumerprotection/>
- If you're looking for a service project opportunity, sign up for one or more of the Earth Day activities that will be held on April 20, 22, and 23. There will be tree planting, trail clean-up, and even a Jordan River float/clean-up. Get more info at <https://www.slc.gov/stewardship/>
- The City has resources to provide affordable housing to keep those costs below 30% percent of your income. To learn more, visit <https://www.slc.gov/housingstability/affordable-housing-resources/>
- The zoning change for the Sugarhouse Tower is still being considered. There is no date set for public debate yet.
- The old Sizzler property at the northwest corner of Sugarhouse Park is owned by the Kum and Go convenience stores. Their request to put a gas station on the lot was denied, so they are looking for a tenant who can afford the rent, that is said to be quite high.

#### 7:20 Final notes

- We need to start planning now for this year's HollowFest. We expect to hold it in October to avoid the hot weather we experienced last year in August.
  - We will consult with community activity calendars to avoid conflicting with other events in the area.
  - We're looking to you to add your creativity by joining the HollowFest Committee.

#### 7:30 Meeting adjourned