

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

<https://wasatchhollowcc.org/>

Minutes for the meeting of April 24, 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 Rosswoog, Treasurer; Tim Komlos, Secretary. Number of community members in attendance: Ten

6:35 Chairperson Taymor Semnani called the meeting to order

- Minutes of October 25 WHCC meeting approved unanimously.

6:40 Presentation from DonorConnect

- April is Donate Life Month
- **DonorConnect** (formerly Intermountain Donor Services) is the federally designated, nonprofit community service organization dedicated to the recovery and transplantation of organs and tissues for Utah, southeastern Idaho, western Wyoming, and Elko, Nevada. Their service area encompasses more than 3.9 million residents, 90+ hospitals, and three transplant centers.
- 103,000 people are on the national transplant waiting list, but last year only 46,000 transplants were performed. 85% of the people on the list are waiting for a kidney. One donor can save eight lives and enhance 75 others.
- To learn more about organ donation and how you can help, [visit https://www.donorconnect.life/](https://www.donorconnect.life/)

6:40 Lauren Barlow, the SLC road Safety Committee Chair presentation

- Not long ago 11 year-old Winnie Wolfram was hit by a motorist and killed in the crosswalk at 1300 South and 2100 East. That has led to an intensive push toward making Salt Lake's streets safer for all pedestrians. This intersection, which has a reputation for being dangerous, has been studied for solutions to the problem. Redesigning the crosswalk will likely be forthcoming.
- You can track injuries and deaths from vehicle accidents in SLC using a Google Maps filter at <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1IHB-YP2FgVnuo46u3GLyOmaYLkfXDjO&ll=40.74328022872036%2C-111.83332044503693&z=17>
- The committee has brought new safety measures to Bonneville Elementary that include a creative solution to move school pick-up and drop-off congestion away from the front entrance where most kids are walking, as well as additional funding to add another crossing guard.
- Learn more about Salt Lake's commitment to make our city a safer place to walk and ride at <https://sweetstreetslsc.org/>
- If you have questions about your own street, you may contact Lauren at laurensbarlow@gmail.com

7:00 Detective Sam Fallows, Salt Lake Police Department update

- With Covid the SLC PD lost 118 officers in 2021 and the department is still recovering. Rebuilding a qualified staff has been a challenge for them and law enforcement nationwide. This is why there have been so few patrols on the street throughout the city lately.
- The police would like to encourage our help through citizen monitoring.
 - To request speed monitoring of your neighborhood streets don't call the non-emergency number, go to <https://slcpd.com/community-engagement/speedwatchslc/>
 - To report a property crime go to <https://slcpd.com/>. Right there on the home page are links to file a crime report, get crime statistics, and register your bike. Caregivers can go there to register a person with special needs who might wander from home and become lost.
 - Use the **SLCMobile** app to report graffiti, homeless encampment, potholes, and damaged traffic signs.

6:55 Jesse Stewart, SLC Deputy Director of Public Utilities presentation on the 2020 Street Lighting Master Plan

- The plan was developed to enhance lighting and, thereby, safety for street traffic and pedestrian ways. Special concern is given to high-conflict areas such as schools, parks, and bus and transit stops
- The plan identifies priority projects with an eye towards lighting underserved communities more equitably.
- Design considerations are meant to
 - Increase energy-efficiency, and provide lighting with purpose that reduces unneeded lighting.
 - Use targeted lighting systems to reduce light pollution and trespass into adjacent areas where it's unwanted.
 - Ensure light sources provide the appropriate brightness and color (color similar to incandescent light bulbs).
 - Utilize lighting that is beneficial to wildlife in the city, that reduces upward light-cast to help keep our skies dark to help migrating bird populations, and that provides safe spaces for pedestrians.
- Check out the interactive map, and add your input with the Lighting Plan survey at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/e842e2a45c714e2f9af5cee2103b7aa6>

7:20 SLC Councilman Dan Dugan making his presentation and that of SLC Liaison, Hannah Barton

- SLC will help replace gasoline yard implements with electric ones. Candidates are selected through a lottery, so sign up right away. Start the process at <https://www.slc.gov/sustainability/landscaping/>
- We're in the midst of SLC's Pothole Palooza! In one week workers repaired 6,749 potholes among the roughly 19,000 they fix annually. The best way to tell the City about pothole problems is using the **SLCMobile** app.
- To speak with citizens in our community, Hannah and associates will be holding "Office Hours" on Monday, May 6 from noon until 2:00 at Tulie Bakery at 1510 So 1500 E.
- The SLC 2025 Budget process is underway. Dan's priorities are traffic calming, and street repairs. Learn more about the budget process and timeline, and get involved at <https://fy25-slc-budget-slcgov.hub.arcgis.com/>
- Dan has access to funds to enhance community outreach and involvement. We'd welcome your creative ideas.
- Commercial property owners at the old Red Robin on Foothill Blvd requested a rezone of the three residential properties on 1300 So, just east of the Top Stop, but the SLC City Council denied the request.
- As part of the Foothill Village makeover, the old SteinMart building will be torn down to provide an arcade and welcoming access to Curtis Park, which is on the west side of the mall. See the developers' vision for the rejuvenated mall at <https://fhvdevelopment.com/>
- To provide a place for the 50 temporary micro-dwellings, the City has extended by two months, use of the land allotted for the purpose. This will allow the State time to find and improve a new site for relocating the dwellings to help our citizens experience homelessness.

7:35 Marley Bramble HollowFest update

- We're still settling the date for this year's HollowFest. There are always conflicts on any given day, but we want to avoid holding our party during other major events, such as a marathon in the area, or a U of U football game. At this point, we expect to hold it in early October.
- The Fest will likely be held on 1500 East, since the Wasatch Hollow Park is still in need of repairs.
- There are many opportunities for volunteers! We plan to offer space for local artists and booths for children's activities, and we could use your help. Send us a note from our website: <https://wasatchhollowcc.org/>

7:40 John Rosswog, presenting the WHCC Treasurer's Financial Review

- Last year the WHCC received a \$2,000 cash donation in memory of Boyd Tangren and an in-kind donation of \$293 from Xmission
- For the 2023 HollowFest, spent \$2,500 to cover the ACE grant received on 2/26/2020
- All caught up on grant funds from the COVID year that needed to be sent
- Have a projected balance of \$3,900 in expenses for 2024 to over HollowFest, Signage, and Operation expenses

7:45 Community Comments and Questions

- Concern was expressed for the plan to make Kensington a bicycle and pedestrian byway, especially where the street is so narrow between 1400 and 1500 East. Usually cars are parked on both sides, and there is not enough room for vehicles to pass, which is also safe for bikes. Dan Dugan will relay the concerns to the city planners.

7:55 Meeting closed