

## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

<https://wasatchhollowcc.org/>

Minutes for the meeting of June 26, 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: 16

6:30 Chairperson Taymor Semnani called the meeting to order

- Minutes of May 29 WHCC meeting approved unanimously.

6:35 Monthly update from SLC Liaison, Hannah Barton

- Reconstruction of 2100 South is ongoing. The street between 1100 East and 900 East will be WESTBOUND ONLY until mid-August. Overview the project at <https://www.slc.gov/utilities/projects/2100-south/>. Support local businesses. Eat lunch in Sugarhouse!
- To support the new University housing on Foothill, work on underground utilities on Sunnyside will proceed from July 8 until September 2. The road will be reduced to one lane each way with a speed limit of 15 MPH. You can direct questions and comments to Sherri Somers, Construction Project Manager, University of Utah at (801)585-5826 or [sherri.somers@utah.edu](mailto:sherri.somers@utah.edu)
- Apply to receive money for a new e-bike through a lottery. Applications will be taken for one week in July. Sign up for the Clean Air SLC Newsletter to be notified when applications open at [www.slcgreen.com/ebike](http://www.slcgreen.com/ebike)
- Four optional plans have been drawn up to enhance public use of the City's recent acquisition, Allen Park, and they would like your input. See the plans, and take a short survey to give your opinion on the park's future at <https://gsbsconsulting.mysocialpinpoint.com/allen-park-asset-map/4oli>
- Most of Salt Lake and ALL of Wasatch Hollow is a NO FIREWORKS zone. Avoid fire hazards, and join the fun with the City's Aerial Drone Show Friday night, July 5th 8:00 until 10:30 pm at Jordan Park, 1060 South 900 West.

6:40 Monthly update from SLC Councilman Dan Dugan

- The City has passed the \$5M budget for fiscal year 2024/2025. Features that Dan mentioned include funding for a Jordan River cleanup, Parking strip and median cleanup on the City streets, the Livable streets program to enhance safety for pedestrians and bicyclists, as well as providing bathrooms and showers for citizens experiencing homelessness, which is a thorny problem with no easy solution.
- UTA's Student Hive pass is continued this year, providing FREE transit passes for Salt Lake students and their parent/guardian as well as discounted transit passes for everyone else. Sign up for your pass today or learn more at <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/hivepass/>
- The City will install a roundabout near Hogle Zoo at the intersection of Emigration Canyon Road and Crestview. Though the mostly-quiet streets of District 6 are regarded as a low priority, traffic calming efforts will come to Wasatch Hollow. To learn more about traffic calming efforts in your neighborhood, visit <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/plans-studies/livable-streets/>
- The City is addressing the ongoing problem of noise ordinance violations at the U of U and downtown.
- A question was asked whether the U of U's purchase would affect our tax base, but Dan had no insight on that.

6:50 Presentation on Wasatch Hollow Park by Joe Ramos, Operations Manager for SLC Public Lands

- Joe has worked for the Department for just a year, but has jumped into his job with both feet.
- FEMA has authorized funds to restore the park from flood damage, which explains why it has taken so long.
  - The parking lot has already been repaired. The sidewalk will be repaired and expanded to 6 feet for its entire length. Damaged sprinklers and landscaping will be repaired.
  - All work should be done this year and has to be performed by private contractors, per FEMA requirements.

Joe Ramos (continued)

- Additional park entrances are actively being looked at. No timeline yet. A question was asked “What happened to the CIP funds that were approved 4 years ago”? Joe didn’t have an answer, but will look into it.
- Question: “What about the dog park and enforcement of regulations”? There are three proposed solutions for accommodating dogs in the park, which were reported on in the WHCC minutes June of 2023.
  - Find more info on park entrances and provisions for dogs and people to coexist in the park peacefully at <https://www.slc.gov/parks/wasatch-hollow-access-and-amenity-improvements/>
- Question: “Can we get more enforcement to help eliminate the dogs and bicycles that regularly enter the restricted Open Space area?”
  - The City has added three new rangers for a total of 18 who work split shifts and cover six parks.
  - The rangers only monitor and remind violators of the rules. They have no enforcement authority.

7:05 Presentation on the Wasatch Hollow Community Garden by Clark Jensen

- The garden is located at 1616 Kensington and is located at the south end of the alley.
- There are 21 planter boxes that are allotted by neighbor Bill Stone at the beginning of the growing season.
- With automatic sprinklers, they grow fruits, vegetables and flowers, and they even have chickens.
- The chickens provide more compost than eggs. Since a recent attack by raccoons, production’s been reduced.
- Inquire about the garden with Clark Jensen at [clark.jensen3@comcast.net](mailto:clark.jensen3@comcast.net) or Bill Stone at [billstone5@aol.com](mailto:billstone5@aol.com)

7:15 Presentation by Barbara Ballingham, Community Outreach Coordinator for SLC Urban Forestry

- This summer we are reminded to “Keep Your Cool” and take care of the trees.
- If you are going to cut water use in your yard by xeriscaping or other measures, be sure to continue to provide enough water for the trees on your property. It takes a lot more water than you might think.
- Put mulch at your trees to conserve water, but don’t let it touch the tree, and don’t use rocks, which retain heat.
- More water grows better tree bark, which provides better resistance to fungus and insects.
- There is a lot of information on caring for your trees at the SL Urban Forestry website here: <https://www.slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/>
- The USU agriculture Extension Service has so much info about selecting trees to plant and caring for them at: <https://extension.usu.edu/yardandgarden/trees-shrubs/>

7:20 Presentation on Fox squirrel proliferation by John Rosswog

- Non-Native Fox squirrels are long, large and have mostly reddish fur. They first came to our area about 2011.
- They have hedged out our native Red squirrels, which are actually grey and are smaller than the Fox variety.
- Don’t feed them. Cover your garden. A wide metal band around a tree will stop them from climbing it.

7:25 Marley Bramble HollowFest update

- This year’s HollowFest will be held at 10:30 until 12:30 on October 19 in front of the shops at 15th and 15th.
- 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/>

7:30 Community Comments and Questions

- Who pays for the new Sports and Entertainment District? SLC and SL County will pay nearly \$1B earned through a sales tax increase this will pay back a 30-year bond that will be issued by the City. 67% of the cost will be borne by people who don’t live here. Through the Legislature’s Capital City Revitalization Zone bill (SB 272), it established a Revitalization Zone Committee to make decisions on this development project.
- Taymor Semnani spoke as a community member in support of traffic calming and Councilman Dugan’s efforts to bring the projects to District 6. Not everyone is in favor of it, but it is proven to make streets safer for people walking or rolling on bikes and scooters. Calming also makes neighborhoods more tranquil and pleasant.

7:50 Meeting adjourned

NO MEETING IN JULY! OUR NEXT WHCC MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 28.