

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

<https://wasatchhollowcc.org/>

Minutes for the meeting of October 23, 2024

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

Board members in attendance: Taymor Semnani, Chair; Marley Bramble, 2nd Vice-Chair; Tim Komlos, Secretary

6:30 Chairperson Taymor Semnani called the meeting to order

- Minutes of October 25 WHCC meeting approved unanimously.
- Recap of how much fun and what a success the annual Hollow Fest was with about 200 people in attendance. Highlights included kids' face painting, local craft artists, the live band, and the Dog Costume contest. We'll be back next year!

6:40 Presentation by Detective Sam Fallows, Salt Lake Police Department email: Samuel.fallows@slcgov.com

- For current statistics and actions, visit <https://slcpd.com/open-data/crimestatistics/> or consult www.SLCPD.com
- Property and violent crimes in Wasatch Hollow this month is down 66% from this time last year.
- Leaving cars running to warm up in cold weather leads to increased auto thefts. Protect against car prowls and theft: Don't leave extra keys or other valuables in your car, and always lock your car. Remind visitors that it happens even in "Safe SLC."
- Report all crimes you witness or experience because resources are allocated according to need as observed in their statistics.

6:55 City sidewalks presentation by David Jones, Engineering Construction Manager, SLC Dept. of Public Services

- Contact: phone – 801.535.6425, email – david.jones@slc.gov, or the department at 801.535.2345 and streets@slc.gov, also file a report on problems with sidewalks and streets and much more at www.myslc.gov
- Per SLC Ordinance 14.32.305, the adjoining property owner is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the sidewalk.
- Payment options for homeowners for sidewalk replacement are:
 - Hire your own contractor, and pay 100% of the cost.
 - Sign up for the city's 50/50 Program, and pay for half of the materials only. The City has a backlog of sidewalk projects and is scheduled through summer of 2025, but reach them at <https://www.slc.gov/mystreet/sidewalk-program/>
 - Call the Department to report a need, and they will place it on an asset management program, which will also provide assistance paying for the repair, but it will also take time to get it on the docket.
 - David will try to send us some generalized estimated costs for replacing sections of sidewalk through the program.
- The Department surveyed all of the city streets and walks to prioritize repair need according to density of defects (number of sidewalk defects per block face). Since the mighty wind storm in 2020 knocked down so many trees and caused such extensive damage to sidewalks, the entire budget has been diverted to fixing those problems. This year the City is able to return to normal operations and put their funding back to work on those identified areas of damage.
- Meanwhile, beware of green-painted sidewalks that announce a possibly dangerous walkway.

7:15 Presentation by Joel Macy on aging in-place and the "Village Movement"

- Joel Macey phone: 801.599.8185 Wasatch Hollow Village website: <https://wasatchhollow.helpfulvillage.com> and the national website: <https://www.helpfulvillage.com/the-village-movement>
- The Village Movement is a membership-driven social network that began in 1999. The Wasatch Hollow Village has been helping its members since 2022.
- The network was created for older adults that want to live in their own homes while staying engaged in social activities within their neighborhood. One-in-three people over 65 years old lives alone. The basic concept is neighbors helping neighbors. The Village puts members in touch with other members with similar needs or who have resources to help with their needs.
- The Village hosts activities for its members to help them with personal and medical needs, provide them with information, and sponsor social gatherings.

- 7:30 Presentation on the Community Safety Forum by Jan Hemming, Yalecrest CC Chair hemmingjan@gmail.com
- The Yalecrest Community Council hosted the forum on September 11 to address public safety and teen behavior that has occurred on school property and in adjoining neighborhoods, and bring it into the public eye.
 - Vandalism is reaching a shocking intensity, while the conscientiousness of these teens is plummeting. Incidents including painting, breaking, lewdness, doorbell ditching, illegal fireworks, a plastic-wrap barricade across 1900 East, and hate-message vandalism at Bonneville Elementary have become very common. Analysis has shown that social media can be blamed for an increasing disconnect between a participant's behavior and their responsibility to the community.
 - Projects initiated during the forum include:
 - Creating a neighborhood task force to record and report incidents and promote awareness of the problem.
 - Increasing patrol in unmarked police cars, and promoting private individuals to patrol as well.
 - Developing liaison positions for information sharing between the SLC Police Department and parent-teacher organizations at Clayton Middle School, East High School, and Highland High School.
 - Reminding neighbors to report all vandalism or violence. Don't assume the matter is too trivial or that someone else will report it. Greater numbers leads to greater attention and resources against the problem.
 - At the WHCC meeting it was noted that civil law allows suing parents to recover losses brought by their kids' actions.
 - Get involved in addressing this growing problem by contacting the YCC at yalecrestslc@gmail.com
- 7:45 Monthly update from SLC Liaison, Hannah Barton Phone: 801.535.6592, email: Hannah.barton@slcgov.com
- The Landscape Equipment Exchange Program will give qualifying SLC residents a voucher to replace their gas-powered yard equipment with new electric equipment. Applications for the lottery-based program are closed, but get on their mailing list so you'll be ready to participate in the spring lottery. Sign up with Clean Air SLC at <https://wordpress.us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5b63e4ef28&id=651c03b85c>
 - Hannah's open office hours, when she meets with community members, will be:
 - Wednesday, November 6 between 3:00 and 5:00 at The Neighborhood Hive, 2065 E 2100 So
 - Wednesday, November 13 between 1:30 and 3:30 at The King's English, 1511 So 150 E
 - Applications for the City's ACE Fund grant are open through Friday, November 1. Grants can be used to support and grow neighborhood and community events in Salt Lake City that contribute to Salt Lake City's unique and vibrant culture and bring communities together to celebrate and learn. File your application at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/44ffa12a28d543989fdf97eb16ec8e68>
 - This election ballot contains two bond issues. They both address shortfalls in services constituents depend on.
 - The City's bond would provide \$730M for upgrades at West High, East High, and Highland High Schools. Learn more at <https://www.sltrib.com/news/education/2024/09/18/salt-lake-city-bond-question-how/>
 - The County's bond would provide \$507M for improvements and new programs in the county penal system. Learn more at <https://www.kuer.org/politics-government/2024-10-25/what-to-know-about-salt-lake-countys-500-million-public-safety-bond>

Announcements

- **No WHCC meeting in November or December. The next meeting will be on January 22 at the Anderson-Foothill Library.**
- **WHCC officers get elected during the February meeting. Elevate your activism by volunteering on the WHCC Board!**

7:50 Meeting adjourned