

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

<https://wasatchhollowcc.org/>

Minutes for the meeting of April 23, 2025

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

Board members present:

John Rosswog, Chair and Treasurer; Nia Sherar, 1st Vice-Chair; Marley Bramble, 2nd Vice-Chair; Tomi Ossana, Treasurer

6:30 Chairperson John Rosswog called the meeting to order and made these announcements:

- SLC Councilman Dan Dugan will hold his quarterly Town Hall meeting at the library on Wednesday, May 14, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.
- Get current announcements about your Community on the Wasatch Hollow Facebook page.

6:35 Presentation by SLC Fire Department

- In preparation for the wild land fire season, maintain a defensible space. Clear dead vegetation from around your house, clean debris from gutters and roofs, make sure that your garden hose is in good working condition, and that it's accessible.
- Would you like to have someone to come and evaluate your landscaping for fire safety? Do you have questions or want more information on emergency preparedness? Find answers and assistance at <https://fire.slc.gov/>
- April 16 was the Great Utah Shakeout, when emergency personnel practiced for the earthquake that will one day hit us. We are reminded to:
 - Have a 72 hour kit with food and emergency supplies, a first aid kit, medications, extra clothing, and something for your pets as well, such as food, water, extra leash.
 - Rehearse an emergency plan with your family. Determine the safe spots in your house: under some good heavy furniture, within doorways or along an interior wall. Determine a family meeting spot and contact plan for after the earthquake. To build your own 72-hour kit and get more preparedness info, visit <https://www.slc.gov/em/>
- Protect your home and equipment from runaway lithium-ion battery fires. Purchase only name-brand batteries, and use the charger recommended by the battery manufacturer. Remove them from the charger when fully charged. Dispose of old or damaged batteries through e-waste collection. Read these tips from the National Fire Protection Association: <https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/lithium-ion-batteries>
- The SLFD is looking for folks interested in the best job in the world. Start your application at <https://fire.slc.gov/>

6:45 Presentation by Christy Watcher on the Salt Lake Marathon

- This annual event on April 26 had 10,000+ registrants. Supports research at the Huntsman Cancer Institute.
- The event is acknowledged as a very safe event with great support from public safety officials. Runners return to Salt Lake for our marathon because we have the best volunteers, a beautiful running course and great support from the locals.
- Through this year's Green Initiative, the Marathon was able to reduce plastic bottle use by 50% over last year.

6:55 Presentation by Stan Holmes, Outreach Coordinator Utah Citizens Advocating Clean Energy (UCARE) sthomes3@xmission.com

- Last summer Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) requested a 30% rate increase. The Public Service Commission (PSC) reduced it to 18%. However, through additional dockets at the PSC, in the next year or two their increases will total more than 30%.
- RMP's energy mix is about 80% fossil fuels (45% coal and 35% natural gas or methane) and 20% renewable energy.
- PacifiCorp, parent company to RMP and Pacific Power, delivers electricity in six western states: UT, ID, WY, WA, OR and part of CA. RMP serves UT, ID and WY, while Pacific Power serves OR, WA and CA. Every two years PacifiCorp updates its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), a 20 year plan for energy resource procurements. In the past the two sister companies issued the same IRP with the same environmental goals. In March, for the first time, PacifiCorp published separate IRP's, with separate goals, for Pacific Power and RMP. The latest RMP 20-year IRP keeps our coal plants running into the future, at least another 20 years, while Pacific Power's IRP shows green-energy reductions in CO2 emissions of 80%.
- PacifiCorp underwrites the higher cost of Pacific Power's green energy through earnings from RMP's fossil fuel energy.
- RMP should not be granted rate increases to improve their infrastructure and pay for PacifiCorp's liability in other states if they are not going to provide us with more clean air technology. Get more information from this SL Tribune article: <https://www.sltrib.com/opinion/commentary/2023/10/03/stan-holmes-utah-ratepayers/> or visit UCARE's Facebook page.

7:10 Presentation by Ryan Smith, CEO and founder Recyclops

- Recyclops is a specialty recycling provider in SLC and many small communities in Utah and across the country.
- They collect hard-to-recycle materials such as batteries, light bulbs, clothing, Styrofoam, solar panels, textiles, electronics and even plastic film and bags.
- Their work in 30 states diverts two million pounds of waste every month.
- They operate in partnership with local upcycling and recycling organizations.
- Participants subscribe for \$20 per month that provides pickup service every two weeks.
- See all the services they provide at <https://recyclops.com>

7:30 Report from District 6 Community Liaison, Hannah Barton

- The landscaping equipment exchange program will give homeowners a voucher to replace their gas-powered equipment for electric ones. That's a \$299 voucher for a lawn mower and a \$149 voucher for a leaf blower or trimmer. For more information, visit: <https://www.slc.gov/sustainability/landscaping/>
- Utah State University has developed a new water-efficient grass seed that grows really well along the Wasatch Front, and uses roughly 30% less than the average blue grass lawn. Visit: www.slc.gov/utilities/conservation/
- Pothole Palooza has repaired 5,000 potholes this year. Report potholes on your street or bike ride with the [mySLC](#) app or online at: <https://www.slc.gov/mystreet/2023/03/30/annualspringpotholerepair>
- Living Traditions Festival is May 16 through 18. Learn more or volunteer at: www.livingtraditionsfestival.com
- Upcoming budget hearings will be on May 20 and June 3 at 7:00 pm in City Hall. Learn more and get involved at: <https://fy26-slc-budget-slcgov.hub.arcgis.com/>
- If you have questions about these items or what else goes on in the City, ask Hannah at Hannah.Barton@slc.gov

7:40 Wasatch Hollow Community Council Board Elections

- Last month the position of Treasurer was left unfilled due to lack of willing candidates. During the past month, Tomi Ossana stepped up to fill that vacancy. Tonight, she was officially voted in.
- The elected WHCC board members for the next year are as follows:
 - John Rosswog, Chair
 - Nia Z Sherar, 1st Vice Chair
 - Marley Bramble, 2nd Vice Chair
 - Tomi Ossana, Treasurer
 - Tim Komlos, Secretary
- All the activities our community members provide are done by volunteers, and there is always a need for people to pitch in. It doesn't require much time to be a hero. When YOU are ready to join the activism, please send us a note from our email box at whccadmin@wasatchhollowcc.org (website: <https://wasatchhollowcc.org>)

7:45 Meeting adjourned