

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

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Minutes for the meeting of June 25, 2025

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

Board members present:

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

34 community members in attendance

6:30 Chairperson John Rosswog called the meeting to order

- Minutes from the May 28 meeting approved
- Announcements:
 - Jolley's Corner has opened their summer feature and is serving Iceberg shakes outside on 1300 South.
 - Shake Shack just opened at Foothill Village amid all the remodeling.
 - Tomi Ossana is our new treasurer, and she's jumped right in and has gotten our Utah State tax-exempt status approved.
 - Learn about events like Cloud Gazing Club meetings, wildflower walks, or clean-up and stewardship sessions for your favorite park in town on the SLC Public Lands Calendar at: <https://www.slc.gov/parks/calendar/>.

6:40 Presentation by James Alfandre, the SLC Parks, Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Trails (PENUT) advisory board member representing District 6. Contact him at: james.alfandre@gmail.com

- The board advises the mayor's office on leveraging natural resources and urban forestry to improve quality of life.
- James is a District 6 resident, parent, and business owner who's passionate about outdoor recreation and conservation.
- He emphasized the importance of using and preserving natural resources for current and future generations and noted District 6 has been somewhat overlooked in terms of recreational amenities (e.g., lack of splash pads, pickleball courts).
- He provided updates on the Foothill master plan for trails and amenities, and ongoing design critiques for Donner Park and Sunnyside Park. Find details here: [Foothills Plan Main Page | Public Lands Department](#)
- James advocates for creating more community gathering spaces within parks, not just for organized sports but for general recreation and socializing, and he encouraged residents to share ideas and feedback with him directly via email.
- He stressed that his advisory role focuses on larger strategies and vision, while also being open to granular, community-driven ideas and shared examples of creative ideas that have come into his office:
 - Transforming awkward parking areas into plazas for food trucks and community events.
 - Increasing the number of parks so every neighborhood is within a quarter-mile walk of a park.
 - Improving and updating local trails, especially for all-abilities mountain biking.
 - Enhancing urban forestry to provide shade, reduce heat, and create comfortable gathering spaces.

6:50 Report from District 6 Community Liaison, Hannah Barton

- For July holiday celebrations, due to air quality and pet safety concerns, the City has stopped their fireworks displays and instead will host drone shows for Independence Day and Pioneer Day.
 - The Independence Day show is Saturday, July 5 at Jordan Park featuring music, food trucks and a festival atmosphere.
 - On Pioneer Day the party begins at 10:00 am with the Uniting Communities Powwow. Also, expect the Deseret News Marathon and the Days of 47 Parade each to finish at Liberty Park on July 24th.
 - Both drone shows will begin after dark, at 10 PM.
- Road construction updates (More info here: [Current Street Projects | MyStreet](#))
 - Guardsman Way is closed northbound for most of the summer due to a new water line installation for Roland Hall school; pedestrian and bike access is available on the west side.
 - 2100 South is in the final weeks of a 10-week eastbound closure for construction, with completion expected by early September.
 - 1300 East construction south of I-80 is on schedule to finish by late October or early November.
- The City is seeking public feedback on the "Grand Boulevard Vision" for 5th and 6th South, which are major city entry/exit corridors.
 - The survey is open until July 18th and aims to gather ideas for improving signage, identity, landscaping, walkability, cycling, and overall aesthetics.
 - The project is not directly related to the Olympics, but considers the City's image for future visitors.
 - Get the survey and more info at: [500 and 600 South Grand Boulevards Vision Plan | Transportation](#)

7:00 Wasatch Hollow Park Off-leash dogs vote (the City asked for input from WHCC members before they submit a second Capital Improvement Program (CIP) application):

- John Rosswog, Chair, yielded the floor to Nia Sherar, Vice Chair. After brief background of off-leash dog issue, Nia made a motion to move, "Given the current un-fenced, time-restricted off-leash dog area located in our Park goes unheeded, the WHCC Board Move to send to the City, our vote to fence an approximate 0.5 acre off-leash dog area between the walkway from 1600 E and the kid's circle."
- The motion to move was seconded. Nia opened the meeting to discussion of the motion.
- After 30 minutes of questions and opinions, Nia moved to rescind the original motion. The rescind was seconded. Nia made a new motion to move, "Given the current un-fenced, time-restricted off-leash dog area located in our Park goes unheeded, the WHCC Board Move to send to the City, our vote to fence an approximate 0.5 acre off-leash dog area."
- The motion to move was seconded.
- A move to close discussion was made by Nia and was seconded.
- John called for vote of the motion by voice, "Aye," and "Nay." John declared, "The Ayes have it."
- As per WHCC Bylaws, a show of hands was made and counted, 28 in favor and 1 abstaining. This was and recorded by John.
- It was noted that the actual scope of the project and funding depends on the CIP application being accepted. General process time takes a year or more.
- The Board will send a letter to Dan Dugan, our City Council representative, with record of the vote.

7:45 Meeting adjourned (No WHCC meeting in July, next meeting on Wednesday, August 27th)