

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

<https://wasatchhollowcc.org/>

Minutes for the meeting of August 27, 2025

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

Board members present: John Rosswog, Chair and Tomi Ossana, Treasurer

Number of community members in attendance: 23

6:30 Chairperson John Rosswog called the meeting to order

- Minutes from the June 25 meeting approved.
- Announcements:
 - Letter on off-leash dog park vote from the WHCC last meeting sent to the City.
 - Marley Bramble (2nd Vice-Chair) willing to host free yoga sessions to help her earn her certificate. If you are interested, please send us an email (whccadmin@wasatchhollowcc.org).

6:40 Angie Trumbo, Director of Conservation at the Tracy Aviary

- Contact info: angiet@tracyaviary.org
- Discussion light pollution and window coverings:
 - Approximately two-thirds of birds migrate at night
 - Estimated that over a billion birds die from window collisions each year
 - Five Recommendations: make sure lights are useful, lights are targeted towards the ground, low levels of lighting, timing of lights not to have them on all night (birds mainly migrate between 11 PM – 6 AM), and use warm color of lights.
 - In 2017 the Tracy Aviary started the Salt Lake Avian Collision Survey in downtown Salt Lake City:
 - From April-May (spring migration) and from September-October (fall migration)
 - For info and to volunteer, go to:
<https://tracyaviary.org/conservation/our-projects/salt-lake-avian-collision-survey>
- Help the Tracy Aviary identify where bird window collisions are happening:
 - Take the Residential Bird Window Strike Survey at: <http://tiny.cc/birdsafe>
 - Learn prevention methods and to get involved at: <https://greatsaltlakeaudubon.org>

6:55 Eric Peterson, Executive Director at The Utah Investigative Journalism Project

- Contact info: epeterson@utahinvestigative.org, 801-618-6676
- The Utah Investigative Journalism Project is a non-profit public service journalism and educational resource for the state and region. To find out more info and/or to make a donation, go to:
www.utahinvestigative.org
- Normally a two-hour course, gave a 15-minute crash course on accessing government records.
- Review of the Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA):
 - GRAMAs filed need your name, address, brief description of records sought.
 - Agencies have 10 business days to respond to a regular request.
 - Denials can be appealed to a Chief Administrative Officer and if denied again, to the government records director.
- Openrecords.Utah.gov is an easy place to start filing GRAMAs.
- Don't let your records request get ignored. Be nice, but don't get taken advantage of.
- Common Denial Arguments That Conveniently Forget About the Existence of Sharpie Markers:
 - Personally Identifying Info (e.g., home addresses, phone numbers).
 - Trade Secrets: Information that would give away a business' competitive advantage.
 - Identifying a Government Source.
- Make sure you get a response letter.
 - You should get an official response letter with a GRAMA denial. It should let you know if something was withheld and if so, why it was withheld.
 - It should also give you instructions on how to appeal the record.
 - Reach out to a reporter if you think you are being unfairly denied records.
- Recommended Sources:
 - Utah Court Xchange: look up wrongful death cases, wrongful terminations, attorney discipline filings. Look up things like felonies, but those will bring a ton of results, so also filter it down more by county and a narrower date range.

- [OpenCorporates.com](#): gathers biz filings from all across the country, though not guaranteed to be always up to date (e.g., check to see if a Utah company or its executives have businesses outside the state).
- [Disclosures.Utah.gov](#): look up and download campaign contributions and expenditures. Also, find conflict of interest disclosures for public officials to learn the names of their businesses and places of employment.
- [County Assessors Maps](#): Assessors maps are great databases for real-estate related searches (e.g., search for a construction project and see who owns property near it).

7:10 Tony Allred, Salt Lake City Fire Prevention Bureau Division Chief

- Contact info: anthony.allred@slc.gov; 801-799-4162
- Wildland Urban Interface Fire Code Proposal
 - The state is now requiring cities to adopt a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Fire Code before 2026 for cities to be eligible for reimbursement when fighting wildfires.
 - Adopting the code would mean new requirements for building materials and defensible space for new structures, new roofs, or additions/renovations for the areas in the WUI zone.
 - Map is viewable at: <https://www.slcdocs.com/Planning/Online Open Houses/2025/PLNPCM2025-00626/WUI parcels 20250729.pdf>
 - Learn more at: <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2025/08/07/openhouse2025-00626>
- Defensible Space Assessment
 - Schedule time with a fire crew member to come to your home, assess your wildfire readiness, and provide tips on adding defensible space to your residence.

7:30 Hannah Barton, District 6 Community Liaison -- Mayor's Office Update

- Contact info: hannah.barton@slc.gov, 385-258-8503
- shapeSLC
 - New city engagement platform.
 - One-stop-shop for surveys and checking on the status of ongoing projects.
 - <https://shape.slc.gov>
- Main Street Fire
 - Donate to the Main Street Fire Employee Assistance Fund.
 - 100% of donations will go directly to the 200 employees who lost their jobs as a result of the fire.
 - <https://www.downtownslc.org/main-street-fire-assistance-fund>
- 1300 S & 2300 E Rezone Amendment
 - Private property owner is proposing a zoning amendment to re-zone three parcels from Single Family Residential to Community Business that are located behind the Wendy's on 13th South and Foothill Drive.
 - The developer intends to build a 30-unit residential development – 10 townhomes and 20 condos including 4 affordable units.
 - Brooke Olson, Principal Planner (brooke.olson@slc.gov; 801-535-7118)
 - <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2025/07/08/openhouse2025-00558>
- Apply for Public Lands Role
 - Salt Lake City is seeking applicants to serve on the Salt Lake County Mountainous Planning District Commission. For more info and to apply, go to: <https://bit.ly/SLCPMD>
- Sunnyside Park
 - Second Round Engagement Report available on the project website
 - A final design based on the second round of feedback will be shared in the coming weeks.
 - www.slcparks.com/Sunnyside

7:40 John Rosswog, Chair -- Hollow Fest Update

- Saturday, October 18th, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM at 15th & 15th
- There will be live music, vendors, crafts, and a Dog Costume Contest
- Looking for volunteers; need help with setup (9:00 AM) and takedown (12:30 PM)

7:45 Meeting adjourned (No WHCC meeting in July, next meeting on Wednesday, September 24th)