

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

<https://wasatchhollowcc.org>

Minutes for the meeting of September 25, 2025

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

Board members present: John Rosswog, Chair; Nia Sherar, 1st Vice-Chair; Tim Komlos, Secretary

18 community members in attendance

6:30 Chairperson John Rosswog called the meeting to order

- Minutes from the August 27 meeting approved
- Announcements:

Hollow Fest will be held at 15th and 15th Saturday, October 18, from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The event will feature a band, crafts, and a dog costume contest. Volunteers are needed to help with the crafts and setup and take-down. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering (whccadmin@wasatchhollowcc.org or call/text John Rosswog at 385-358-9186)

6:40 Presentation by Bruce Boyes with Guide Dogs for the Blind (accompanied by Twinkle and Quest, dog trainees)

- Mr. Boyes shared insights into the training and placement of guide dogs for blind people, the challenges and rewards of raising the dogs, and the importance of matching dogs to the right individuals.
- He emphasized the emotional bonds that form between the dogs and their trainers and their users.
- He's been a trainer for 15 years and has worked with about 50 dogs. His dogs' favorite toys are the Kong Wubba, a massive knotted rope, or a real chew bone (NOT the cheap plastic kind that can splinter).
- Only half of the dogs in the GDB's extensive training program make it to become guide dogs. These days Bruce's main job is as a "fixer." He works to correct poor behavior to keep a dog in the program.
- The training can even benefit those that do not become guide dogs. They can become therapy dogs in hospitals or cancer wards, for PTSD victims, epilepsy patients, even donating blood for other service dogs.
- The Americans with Disabilities Act gives service animals the right to be in public spaces.
- Each finished guide dog represents about a \$70,000 investment. GDB operates from private donations only, and they are always on the lookout for new dog candidates and folks to help raise puppy candidates.
- To learn more, give a puppy-trainee a home, or donate time or money, reach out to www.guidedogs.com

7:10 Presentation by Adelaide Covey-Disch on the Wasatch Food Co-Op

- The cooperative grocery store is set to open this year at 416 East 900 South. The co-op is a member-owned grocery store with a mission to provide fairly-priced groceries, support local producers, and serve as a gathering place for the community.
- The co-op aims to source 20% of its inventory locally, a significant increase compared to typical grocery stores.
- Membership is a one-time \$300 fee, with a low-income option available. The cooperative structure allows member-owners to have a say in the store's operations and receive dividends.
- The co-op is still fundraising and welcomes community involvement. Learn more at <https://wasatch.coop>

- See a Wasatch Co-op slide presentation:

https://wasatchhollowcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Wasatch_Food_Co-op_Presentation_09242025.pdf

7:30 Report from Captain Dave Rock of the Salt Lake Fire Station 5

- Visit slcfire.com Subscribe to the SLFD's monthly newsletter to get current news in your email box.
- Both the newsletter and the website give monthly statistics and are filled with resources on emergency preparedness, including information on earthquakes, floods, power outages, and nuclear threats. Learn about CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training, CPR classes, and Stop the Bleed and several other life-saving courses.
- Traffic calming measures have been shown to make streets safer for everybody. Although most traffic calming designs allow expedient travel by emergency vehicles, some constrictive designs can impact emergency response time.
- The city's two-tier system for paramedic and EMT coverage allows SLFD to meet their expectation of a 4-minute emergency response time.

7:50 Report from District 6 Community Liaison, Hannah Barton

- Arts, Culture and Events (ACE) grant applications are open October 1 to November 1. ACE@slc.gov
- Applications to fund infrastructure improvements through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) are due by October 1. The CIP process is very competitive. All applications go before a civilian review board whose recommendations go to the Mayor's office then are decided upon by the City Council. cipinfo@slc.gov
- The City's website has a survey for the Safe Streets Action Plan at: Salt Lake City Livable Streets Survey and a survey for the Climate Action Plan at Project: Climate Forward SLC | Salt Lake City, encouraging community feedback on traffic safety and climate priorities. Let your voice be heard!
- Construction on 2100 South is COMPLETE! To celebrate, the community will host Sugar Fest, an event in the heart of Sugar House on October 4th, which will feature live music, a vendor market, and prize drawings to support local businesses.
- See Hannah's presentation slides, and get details on all of these items at: https://wasatchhollowcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Mayors_Office_Update_09242025.pdf
- The City presented their Cultural Landscape Vision Plan for Liberty Park at an open house on September 25th. See the plan and take a survey at: <https://www.slc.gov/parks/projects/liberty-park-cultural-landscape-report-and-vision-plan>

7:50 Presentation on a request for traffic calming on Sherman Avenue by resident Samira Oveson

- At times during the day the stoplight at 1300 East and 1300 South backs up, and northbound drivers bypass it by short-cutting and racing up Sherman Avenue (1340 South) from 1300 East to 1500 East.
- With many kids and pets in the neighborhood, speeding can be dangerous and the residents on Sherman Ave do not feel safe with the high-speed traffic.
- The Sherman Ave residents brought a petition requesting help. The petition has been signed by most residents on the two blocks of Sherman Ave.
- Looking at what traffic calming measures would be best for slowing down traffic and for the neighborhood.
- Would love to work with the WHCC and Hannah Barton with the Mayor's office to address this issue.
- An application for CIP grant will be submitted by the residents on this section of Sherman Ave.
- Any feedback on the proposal to install traffic calming on Sherman Ave between 13th East and 15th East can be submitted to: whccadmin@wasatchhollowcc.org

7:55 Meeting adjourned. Next meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd