

Wasatch Hollow Community Council

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Minutes for the meeting of February 25, 2026

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

Board members present: John Rosswog, Chair; Nia Sherar, 1st Vice-Chair; 2nd Marley Bramble, Vice-Chair; Tim Komlos, Secretary - 29 community members in attendance

6:35 Chairperson John Rosswog called the meeting to order

- Minutes from January meeting approved unanimously.
- Our \$500,000 Community Impact Program (CIP) grant application improving the WH Park off-leash dog area is one of 52 projects presented to the City's Funding Budget Committee and is under consideration.
- Salt Lake City Council District 6 Representative Dan Dugan will hold his quarterly open house at the Anderson-Foothill Library on March 26th.
- SLC is initiating zoning changes to enhance housing options among other things. An open house on these changes is scheduled for March 12 at 6:00 at the Sorenson Unity Center at 1383 So 900 W. Learn more at: <https://www.slc.gov/planning/pending-zoning-amendments>

6:40 Presentation by Dan Jensen, Wasatch 1st Ward Bishop, on the status of the Colonial Hills ward house 1545 So 1700 E

- The LDS church has decided to sell the building due to its limited level of use and an expensive structural issue.
- Josh Wynn, the LDS real estate officer, has said the property is expected to be listed very soon, and they expect the building to be vacated by Labor Day. The Wasatch 1st Ward council has written his office a letter stating their goals for the property with an eye to preserving the neighborhood culture.
- Mr. Jensen is part of a group who would like to develop the property to be an asset to the community, perhaps as a hybrid approach that would allow access to the open space of Wasatch Hollow Park in the canyon below the property. The Church will entertain offers from developers as well as the City itself.
- The open space below was preserved years ago in a conservation easement by the Church. It has since been deeded to SLC and will continue as part of the WH Park after the ownership of the property is transferred. Also, SL County must retain access to the creek via the existing road that goes down from behind the building.

7:00 Presentation by Rachel Lake of Grow the Flow in the Great Salt Lake (GSL) rachel.lake@growtheflowutah.org

- Studies show that, to meet Governor Cox's proclamation to achieve the 4,201 ft lake-full elevation before the 2034 Olympics, we need to add 800,000 acre-feet of water inflow every year. The Wasatch Front faces irreversible harm from dust and heavy-metal pollution in 5 to 7 years if immediate drastic changes are not made.
- See the current status of the GSL here: <https://growtheflowutah.org/laketracker>
- We all need to pitch in. It is estimated that, if the State restructures pricing and boosts the agricultural incentives to reduce consumption by farmers, municipalities conserved more of their watering of public spaces, and many more property owners changed their lawns to xeriscaping, we could add close to 1M acre-feet every year.
- When you "rip your strip" remember the trees still need water, especially Salt Lake's established, mature trees. See more xeriscaping info here: <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/home/drought> and here: <https://www.slcdocs.com/building/b-park-strip.pdf>
- Grow the Flow encourages those of us with a stake in the lake's future to rally every Monday at the Utah Legislature in favor of House Bill (HB) 348 and HB 155 and in opposition to HB 60 and Senate Bill 198
- See the Grow the Flow presentation and see how to join their legislative action here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mx3FhR9mrhZh9tedKXsgUWmQliB-aymb/view>

7:30 Report from District 6 Community Liaison, Hannah Barton hannah.barton@slc.gov

- Increase your access to fresh produce through the City's annual microgrant program in support of home gardens. Applications for this year's grant cycle are closed, but learn more here so you'll be ready to apply next year: <https://link.slc.gov/foodgrant>
- Artists-in-the-Classroom grants can provide money to bring professional artists into your child's public-school classroom if it's within Salt Lake City School District. Applications are due by March 27th. Get more info at <https://www.saltlakearts.org/grants/artist-in-the-classroom>
- International Danish artist Olafur Eliasson was commissioned through a Bloomberg Grant for a sound and light art installation in Memory Grove to focus awareness on the plight of the GSL. It will be open for 10 nights from March 26 until April 4, but only after 9:00 pm until 10:00. Go see it or follow @wakegsl on Instagram.
- You can download Hannah's slide presentation with this link: https://wasatchhollowcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/February_WHCC_City_Update.pptx

7:35 WHCC Officer Annual Elections

- The job descriptions were read for each officer of the WHCC Executive Board. Each office is open for a new volunteer, but the office of 1st Vice-Chair and the Secretary will be vacant unless someone steps up.
- John Rosswog agreed to serve another term as Chair. He won unopposed.
- Dan Jensen won the election for 1st Vice-Chair unanimously.
- Marley Bramble agreed to serve another term as 2nd Vice-President. She won unopposed.
- Tomi Ossana agreed to another term as Treasurer, but she was not present. Since no other candidates stepped up to serve as Treasurer, the vote for that office was postponed until next month when she'll be present.
- Amanda Funai won the election for Secretary unanimously.
- Dave Harris agreed to serve in the position of Webmaster to maintain our wonderful website, which is filled with current and historical information about Wasatch Hollow. www.wasatchhollowcc.org

7:45 HollowFest

- The annual Wasatch Hollow HollowFest will be held this year on October 17th.
- We are looking for artists and craftspeople as well as volunteers who would like to participate in this celebration of our community. Contact Marley Bramble at marleybramble@me.com or (801) 347-4181

7:50 Meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25th.