

## **Wasatch Hollow Community Council**

<https://wasatchhollowcc.org>

### **Minutes for the meeting of April 22, 2026**

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

**Board members present:** John Rosswog, Chair; Tomi Jean Ossana, Treasurer; Amanda Funai, Secretary – 13 community members in attendance

**6:35** Chairperson John Rosswog called the meeting to order.

- Minutes from March meeting approved unanimously.
- Announcements:
  - Tomi applied for and got a neighborhood grant through the Council (reimbursement grant)

**6:35 Salt Lake Marathon Schedule & Course Closure** (Kristy Wachter, Community Engagement Director)

- Marathon is April 25th, 2026
- no bike race anymore, but still at record numbers for all the races (~12k athletes, ~1k volunteers)
- saltlakecitymarathon.com - Can plug in route you want to take so you can figure out how to get where you want.
- Lots of free kids activities at the finish line.

**6:40 Mayor's Office Update** (Hannah Barton, Community Liaison Districts 6 & 7)

- Expanding housing options - take a survey at <https://shape.slcc.gov/en/projects/housing-options>
  - Would have to fit character of neighborhood, one parking space per unit, plus empty space plus setbacks
- Landscaping Equipment Exchange (every year, 2x a year)
  - Open right now to get a voucher from the City to get electric equipment (and can turn in the gas) in partnership with Ace Hardware and Home Depot
  - Open until the fund is depleted (~4-6 weeks)
- Stage 2 Drought Advisory - government must reduce usage by 10% and hoping for 10m gallons a day for volunteering restrictions.
  - Follow state's lawn watering guide
  - Check sprinklers and for leaks

- Use Watermaps and sign up for a free water check.
- Public Utilities - drought tolerant grass mix for sale (~30% less water usage)
- Budget reminders - May 5th Mayor presents to Council, May 19th/June 2nd - public hearings

#### **6:50 Police Update (Detective Gordon Swift)**

- YTD - numbers are still done, have been doing a massive clean-up near Parley's Canyon, so could see more camping here (let them know!)
- Note - they direct resources where there are calls, so report things!
  - Email Detective Swift OR call 801-799-3000 (non-emergency number). Can also put a service request on the SLC app for an encampment - they try to get people connected to resources.
- Other concerns discussed include ebikes & teens, vending in the public way, basketball hoops in the street, overnight car camping

#### **7:01 Buffalo Soldiers in Utah (Robert Burch, Executive Director of Sema Hadithi & on the Utah Board of State History)**

- Sema Hadithi (swahili for "Tell the Story"), created about 6 years ago
- New trail - Utah Buffalo Soldier's Heritage Trail – signage is starting to go up now.
- Want people to know that black history is in Utah. (more pride + get rid of harmful narratives)
- Black American baseball league - Utah had 13 black baseball teams - Salt Lake Occidentals were winners of the league
- Buffalo soldiers - two cavalries (9th and 24th) in Fort Duschene & Fort Douglas (24th here) in Utah
  - standing peace-time army created after the Civil War (generally men who served in distinction during the Civil War)
  - protected people as well as building roads, trails, etc.
  - later, these solders were over National parks (Yosemite, Sequoia)
  - Fort Douglas - set above SLC - to protect telegraphs & railroads and keep an eye on the LDS church

#### **7:45 Adjourn**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.