



## Wasatch Hollow Community Council

Minutes of Meeting of June 23, 2021

Call to order and welcome at 7:02 pm by Chair Anne Cannon. There were eleven speakers and community members present, including five members of the WHCC board (Tyler Fonarow was absent).

Minutes were approved as published.

Last month's Urban Forestry department resulted in two volunteers to help with tree monitoring. Please contact Rick Nelson if interested.

There will be no HollowFest this year, but WHCC will instead host smaller gatherings as a way to get to know each other. Ice cream social tomorrow night 6-8:00pm at top of Roosevelt at the LDS Church, parking lot and grass. 7/3 will see Burgers and Bands on 16<sup>th</sup> East between Bryan and Kensington Aves, hosted by Wasatch Ward, from noon-2:00pm. August will see a Community Garden event, Sept will begin in-person meetings at the library, there's a proposed bird-watching event in the Hollow in October.

### REPORTS

#### 7:05 pm -- District 6 Councilmember Dan Dugan

Contact info: [dan.dugan@slcgov.com](mailto:dan.dugan@slcgov.com), 801-535-7784 (office)

Vili Lolohea: [vili.lolohea@slcgov.com](mailto:vili.lolohea@slcgov.com), 801-535-7600

<https://www.facebook.com/DanDuganSLC>

The SLC budget was approved; \$358 million plus \$9 million from fund balance (last year's budget was around \$330 million). Councilmember Dugan is pleased with the budget: \$11m for affordable housing, \$1 million for homeless, \$2 million pilot study for civilian support for police for issues that don't need a sworn officer, details to come; funding for 12 social workers and mental health professional in-house for police, medical response teams for SLCFD, hired 60 new city staffers. On revenue side: property taxes were flat, sales tax improved and was better than expected.

Lampighter development--looking to keep it within current zoning ordinance. Working with DABC for new liquor store in NE corner. Not sure yet about number of units. Won't be a curb cut except for apartments. Not sure yet about gas station.

Research Park (RP) development going to trustees, prob won't know more before Sept.

Discussions with UTA and university about an intermodal center in RP. Grant funding to do a study for bridge or tunnel across Foothill.

Foothill Village sold to new developer, may be all underground parking, may include an apartment complex. Will be having a conversation within next two weeks with developer regarding existing businesses; not sure yet what plans may be. May also include a tunnel or bridge across Foothill. Hopefully there will be an opportunity for public input.

Traffic calming studies ongoing. Be in touch if interested in a CFP.

Trail development on pause right now. Late summer or early fall will be the soonest for any Bonneville Shore development.

Be water wise!

**7:30 pm -- Salt Lake City Fire Dept, Station 10**

No one able to attend.

**7:20 pm -- Salt Lake City Police Dept, Detective Nathan Meinzer**

**Contact info:** [Nathan.Meinzer@slcgov.com](mailto:Nathan.Meinzer@slcgov.com); 801.799.3625 (desk)

801-834-7733 (work cell)

Det. Meinzer went through last month's call for service: 3 car prowls, 2 assaults, 2 domestic violence noncriminal, 2 thefts from yards, 2 runaways. 27 reports for May, low compared to other areas.

Wasatch Hollow had a call asking for increased patrols. Many are worried about fireworks. Fireworks are currently banned; if seen call nonemergency dispatch—801-799-3000-- unless it is an emergency situation. SLCPD is down 23% on officers, have requested more help but don't know if any will be available.

Susan Dillon asked if taking pictures and sending them will result in action. Not a bad idea; may provide sufficient evidence for a citation in the moment. Doesn't know about retroactive citations.

Don Emerson asked about "down 23%?" Det Meinzer noted the following: 523 sworn officers, 20 unfunded position, 42 funded vacation position, 16 more have resigned, 12 on military deployment, 32 recruits not yet available. Total of 401 positions. This is higher than last year. Mayor and city council trying to help with the situation, as other agencies pay better. Trying to do "lateral hires." Internal affairs files are more easily shared than previously so hires are good quality. 84 new applicants, but only 20 passed tests.

Rocky Cox asked if they get calls about activities behind Clayton—there seem to be inappropriate activities going on, including kids climbing on the roof of the nearby LDS Church. Det Meinzer has heard of problems around 1800 E, put up signage, has tried to work with school. SLCPD will come out if called, but there is an increased response time. More calls may help with increased patrols.

Asked about Wasatch Hollow Neighborhood Watch. Det Meinzer is not sure who is in charge for our area but will check and report back

**7:38 pm -- Office of the Mayor, Jamie Stokes, District 6 liaison**

**Contact info:** [jamie.stokes@slcgov.com](mailto:jamie.stokes@slcgov.com); 385-707-7062

Fireworks are banned throughout the city! This is the first time that a citywide ban has been in place and it is hoped that this will help create a community norm that fireworks are dangerous, particularly during this drought. Use could result in a \$1000 fine and misdemeanor charges. Response has been positive. Please help spread the word!

Clayton MS is a problem area. Have worked with the school principal and the bishop of the local ward. Hoping for better signage. One idea (has been tried in Capitol Hill neighborhood) was to file for a block party to close the street. Must be applied for by someone on the block;

organizations can't apply, only a resident of the street. The permit is free but requestors must provide barricades; request due 14 days in advance but there is flexibility.

Discussing priorities with fire dept. Wasatch Hollow and Clayton MS are top areas of concern for our area.

City will have two firework shows: July 24 at Liberty Park, Jordan Park on July 4.

Can a fire truck be parked in Clayton parking lot? Most complaints involve 18<sup>th</sup> E to 19<sup>th</sup> E on street south of Clayton MS.

Was asked why can't city just shut down the street, esp when it's not really a road but school property? There has been a concern about trash company getting to the dumpsters. It's a recurring issue, not just concerns about fireworks. More reports to nonemergency # will help the police put more resources there. It may be a bigger issue than the police dept is aware of, so please call if problems are observed.

### **7:53 pm – Stephanie Duer, SLC Water Conservation**

Contact info: 801-483-6860 or [stephanie.duer@slcgov.com](mailto:stephanie.duer@slcgov.com)

SLC provide water deliveries outside city boundaries, is one of oldest water departments in the west.

Current drought status and water supply: streamflows 60-70% of average; last year was one of driest ever so soil moisture was already exceptionally dry. SLC has worked hard over decades to create redundant and resilient systems. Mtn Dell and Little Dell are SLC, but the city also receives CUP water. Trying to be mindful to keep as much water storage as possible.

Very important that citizens reduce water usage.

95% of the state in is extreme or exceptional drought. This is also true throughout the region. The hot weather dome isn't moving much.

The city's water shortage plan can be viewed here: [SLC.gov/utilities/conservation](http://SLC.gov/utilities/conservation)

We're currently in Stage 2 of 5, but will probably move to Stage 3. Restrictions are currently for institutional users, not individual homeowners. There are budgets for water use for these properties; currently mandated to stay in their limits. Can only water twice/week (this applies to parks and golf courses). Trying to put out a unified message to all public areas under their service area. Working hard to reduce water usage.

Stage 3 will have more restrictions particularly with institutional partners

Stage 4 will have restrictions on all other properties.

Hopefully these may be imposed earlier rather than later (if necessary) in order to preserve supplies. There seems to be more awareness about these issues. Our actions now (demand) will help stave off restrictions (supply).

The city knows how much each classification would need to reduce. Look at the website for water conservation strategies: <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/drought/>

Receiving lots of calls and complaints about water use, calls or emails may take a little time for response but they will receive a return call and follow-up. Calls really make a difference.

Working on a rebate program for sprinkler shut-offs, will also have drought-resistant grass seeds available for water reduction. You don't have to rip out grass to plant this seed. Cost

will be \$8.50 for 5-lb bags. Turf is not the problem if we have better turf and water appropriately.

Asking people to water twice/week. Please water less! The soak-spray cycle is important.

Please be mindful of how you use water indoors. A one minute shorter shower will save 20 gals. Turn down the flow! Be mindful and intentional about how you use water!!

Have indoor and outdoor plans.

Rocky Cox asked about utility bills that give more info. Check bills online to convert CCFs to gallons. Can also compare your water use to neighbors.

Is there talk about water rate increases? Always. Conservation will help keep those rate increases lower. There are legal constraints about how they charge for water, but they can charge within tiers. Helps keep essential water use affordable, but also results in higher charges for exceptional use.

To what degree is there worry about growth? This is definitely concern.

Conservation should not be at the expense of our urban forest. Water delivery to trees and shrubs is a separate issue from lawns. May need to look at different types of trees that are more drought tolerant. [www.SLCgardenwise.com](http://www.SLCgardenwise.com). Rock xeriscaping and artificial turf are horrible.

### **8:28 pm – Lara Handwerker, Transportation Planner I, Dept. of Community and Neighborhoods**

How will city approach traffic calming? It's been a while since the city had a program but they are looking at it holistically. It will be done zone by zone rather than street by street. Trying to get a look at what makes streets feel more comfortable. There is an open survey to try to get to the heart of that question. Contact info and link to survey here:

<https://www.slc.gov/transportation/plans-studies/livable-streets/>

### **8:32 pm – WHCC Updates and Suggestions for Future Meetings**

The majority of community members in attendance voted to continue with remote meetings for now.

No meeting in July. Next meeting will be the fourth Wed of August. We will be able to meet in person at Anderson-Foothill Library beginning in September.

Please think about ways you can volunteer with the community council, particularly at the smaller events that are planned.

Anne Cannon thanked all who attended. Please be in touch if there are issues you'd like to see addressed.

The meetings was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

*Minutes prepared by Glenda Cotter and submitted 7/6/21*