

# Westside Coalition

## Minutes of May 24, 2022, Westside Coalition Board of Directors Meeting

**Minutes Taken By:** Dorothy P. Owen – interim Board Secretary

**Location:** NeighborWorks Community Mtg Room 622 W 500 N SLC Online Zoom hybrid mtg

**Time:** Started 5:30 pm Ended 7:00 pm

Directors Present (16)	Krischa Arrington, Turner Bitton, Charlotte Fife-Jepperson (online), CJ Hellige, Esther Jackson-Stowell (online), Terry Marasco, Marisa Neil, Dorothy Owen, Billy Palmer, Kevin Parke, Blake Perez, Rick Silver, Dan Strong, Nigel Swaby, Daniel Tu'utau, Chaise Ware, Jason Wessel.
Directors Excused or Absent (1)	Darin Mann
Presenters:	Joshua Rebello (SLC), Weston Clark (SLC) ; Eva Lopez (SLC); Ashley Cleveland (SLC)
Others:	Mara Garciaz (Board advisor); Joseph Arrington & Richard Holman (Assoc. Members); Jasmine Walton (NeighborWorks staff); Derek Kitchen
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> mtg of expanded Board.</b>
Dan Strong Pres.	Dan opened the meeting acknowledging the tragic shooting in Texas and noted that strengthening one's community can reduce violence. He thanked the group for their commitment to this task.
<b>WSC BUSINESS</b>	<b>Update on Financial Resources</b>
Rick Silver. Treasurer	<u>Financial Report:</u> Rick indicated the remaining WSC balance would be \$26,007 once the most recent checks were cashed. Rick asked about any outstanding debts that he should know about. He asked that people see him if they are owed money. Daniel T indicated that he was using <i>Host Gator</i> to update the website and that a domain fee would become due in August. He also indicated that Blake had volunteered to work on the financial details of the Utah Clean Energy grant during the next week.
Dan Strong	<u>ACE Grant:</u> Since WSC had a virtual annual mtg, no grant funds were expended WSC is following up with the City to determine if they will defer the approved grant funding until next year.
Dan Strong & Rick Silver	<u>Micro-Grant:</u> NeighborWorks recently purchased an OWL system which WSC can utilize to broadcast their meetings online. Therefore, it was proposed that this grant request be for a dedicated, institutional computer and software that would be mobile so a number of people could access it for WSC purposes. There is a potential to receive a computer donation. If this materializes and is acceptable, funding could be used for software and licenses. Rick made MOTION to buy a computer under \$1000. Jason seconded the motion. The MOTION PASSED without dissent.
MOTION & VOTE	
<b>Item 1b</b>	<b>Update on International Market</b>
Terry Marasco	Terry is serving on an advisory committee for the market. He reported that the initial market (Sat. May 28 <sup>th</sup> ) anticipates 40-50 vendors with about 10-15 food vendors and the rest sales. The Fair Park has a list of 100 people interested in participating and is sees the upcoming May 28 <sup>th</sup> market as a "rehearsal.". Harvard Business School

	students did a long study on the proposed International Market. Advisory committee is working thru the report. <b>Charlotte</b> is compiling a list of people who want to review this report.
Item 1c	<b>Update on Watershed Management Plan</b>
Terry Marasco	Terry is a member of Salt Lake City Public Utilities Watershed Management Plan Committee. He reported that focus is on preserving basin for use by 450,000 people but not addressing water supply issues. He has contacted the Water Research Lab at USU. Need to examine future assumptions that are based on 30 years of history. Terry sent Board a notice of public hearing on the watershed plan. It is tomorrow ( May 25) at SLCC on from 5-7 pm.
Item 1d	<b>Update Social Media &amp; Website</b>
Daniel Tu'utau	Daniel congratulated all those who have sent him their photo and bio for the website. He indicated that those who had not yet done so should go online at westsideslc.org so they could feel bad about the empty spaces. He asked for help with content. Need more people involved in providing this. Right now, only have a few articles from 2020. Wanted an article a month so useful for people to visit. He can use the same information for social media. As for bios can be 100-200 words but can be longer as we have plenty of room. He is willing to build an event calendar is he has the information to put in it. Dorothy said she would send him a chart she had prepared of regular meetings on the westside. May need to be updated.
Item 1e	<b>Update on Board Organization</b>
Dan Strong	What does "associate member" mean? In response, Dan reviewed the relevant WSC bylaw provision ( Sec 3.1-3.2)) . The term applies to coalition membership rather than board membership and requires the board to designate the classification of such members. He noted that other bylaw provisions (sec 5.10) allow the board to consider additional appointments to the Board.
MOTION & VOTE	<u>Associate membership classification</u> : Made motion to designate Joseph and Richard as "advisors" in accordance with sec 3.2. Seconded by Kevin. MOTION PASSED without dissent.
Dan Strong & Dorothy Owen, interim Secretary	<u>Interim Secretary</u> : This item was carried over from previous meeting. Dorothy, spoke to the significance of the office and why she felt there was a need to have a competitive election rather than merely carry-over the current interim secretary. She saw the office as essential to effective communication but also organizational transparency and accountability. She encouraged members to seek the position. Rick moved that Dorothy be voted in as secretary until she died. Fortunately, this motion died for lack of a second. Dan moved to continue with Dorothy as interim secretary for another month. Rick seconded it. the MOTION PASSED without dissent.
MOTION & VOTE	

Agenda Item 2	SLC COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM
<p>SLC Mayor’s Office Joshua Rebello-Comm. Liaison/ Districts 1 &amp;2</p> <p>Weston Clark -/Director of Comm. Outreach</p> <p>Ashley Cleveland- Deputy Dir. Of Comm. Outreach</p> <p>Eva Lopez - Comm. Liaison/ Districts 3 &amp;4</p> <p><u>Board Discussion:</u> Terry Marasco Billy Palmer Nigel Swaby</p> <p>Weston Clark</p> <p>Dan Strong Dorothy Owen Daniel Tuutau Blake Perez Billy Palmer</p>	<p>The four staff members of the SLC Mayor’s Office introduced themselves as part of SLC Community Engagement Team. Weston explained that Richard Holman’s discussions with the City regarding the Ramada Inn homeless shelter led to this effort to improve understanding between the City and westside neighborhoods. Weston indicated that it was horrifying to him to perpetuate the system problems that currently exist. They realize they are only in office for a relatively brief period of time and want to utilize this time to develop a structure that is more responsive to westside needs. They would like the WSC to take the lead in these discussions. This will take more time than is allotted tonight. but it is a start. He then discussed the City-wide Equity Plan which will includes a variety of efforts including pay equity, a westside engagement plan, reducing barriers to access, and the identification of best practices.</p> <p>Discussion focused on housing as the biggest challenge including the need for more reasonable rental units on the westside, People expressed frustrations that the current situation is “not acceptable;” that people are repeatedly told that “the City’s hands are tied” and that developers get what they want while neighborhood concerns are dismissed. One specific suggestion was to focus on subsidizing rents and land trusts where city is co-owner. Such approaches would have a bigger input on “regular people.”</p> <p>Weston expressed an awareness and agreement with the concern. He also spoke of the limitations imposed by the State Legislature and that SLC was only one city and could not fill the needs of the entire state.</p> <p>Dan directed the group to consider the best ways to continue this discussion and formalize the relationship. One suggestion was to start by developing collaborative solutions to 1 or 2 problems with measurable results. This was seen as “earned legitimacy.” Need a system that will continue after this administration. One suggestion was to have the City regularly attend WSC meetings. Another was to lean more on the expertise of City staff and seek information on what others were doing to improve dialogue. Equity issues were raised. People from the westside often have barriers to accessing meetings. This includes fewer flexible schedules which require them to sacrifice in order to “be at the table.” The question was asked whether westside voices could be weighted to help compensate for their lack of people on committees.</p> <p>No one objected to including the City in WSC meetings with the understanding that disagreements not become personal. Contact information will be obtained so that City staff are notified of future meetings.</p>
Agenda Item 3	ISSUE SURVEY RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
<p>Presentation by Blake Perez, 1<sup>st</sup> VP (started at 6:30)</p>	<p>Blake went over the purpose of Survey; what direction the bylaws provided regarding issue mgmt. He generated word clouds from the words used in the responses to several of the questions. The power point summarized the survey results regarding issue areas and projects. (see attachment for actual power point presentation).</p>

<p>Agenda Item 3 cont.</p>	<p>He also discussed the results of the questions relating to the type and number of WSC adopted “projects” as well as ideas on how WSC could support community councils. In response to the question “Are you willing to serve as issue manger “ he received the following: 5 No responses; 3 Yes;7 Maybe; 1 No (Blake) He then explained how issue mangers with the 1<sup>st</sup> VP would form a team and that each issue manager could develop a subcommittee to assist him with the assigned issue area. (see power point for a summary of issue manager tasks and expectations.</p> <p>The President and 1st Vice President then developed a recommended list of issue priorities which they discussed with other members of the Executive Committee prior to presenting it to the board. See recommended list below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Westside Development</li> <li>• Housing &amp; Homelessness</li> <li>• Transportation</li> <li>• Public Safety</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Environmental Resources (including air quality, water protection)</li> </ul>
<p>Agenda Item 4</p>	<p>Discussion to clarify and vote on Issue Areas and Issue Managers</p>
<p><u>Open Board Discussion</u></p> <p>Jason Wessel  Jasmine Walton  CJ Hellige  Charlotte F-Jepperson  Joseph Arrington  Esther Jackson-Stowell  Dan Strong  Turner Bitton  Terry Marasco</p>	<p>There was a wide-ranging discussion among the Board of the above proposal. Questions and comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Where does the inland port fall? Its impact touches all the issue areas.</li> <li>○ What is “westside development” What is included in “economic development”? Need to first determine first what we mean and then determine the correct term to use.</li> <li>○ Need to consider the scope and scale of the issues as we make decisions.</li> <li>○ Are we going to address difficult projects? Sense that board can do more than one thing at a time.</li> <li>○ Questions arose regarding what is an “issue area” and how does it differ from a “project.”</li> <li>○ Should we separate “housing” from “homelessness” ?</li> <li>○ Need to develop a rapid a response team to handle issues/concerns that can’t wait a month to b3e addressed. This could be delegated to issue manager(s) as well as managed by Executive committee.</li> <li>○ Can we delegate the specifics of each area to an issue manager to flesh out and bring back to the board (Yes)?</li> <li>○ Specifics of issue areas will develop organically.</li> <li>○ Environmental terminology needs to be adjusted to reflect both positive and negative consequences.</li> <li>○ Need to amend adding environmental justice</li> <li>○ Inland port will drastically change the westside. It encompasses many things and needs its own category. Another idea was to make it a subset under economic development or the environment. Another option proposed was to make it a separate category which coordinates with other areas.</li> <li>○ In summarizing the inland port discussion, Dan felt the issue had not</li> </ul>

<p>MOTION &amp; VOTE</p> <p>Nigel Swaby Krischa Arrington Jason Wessel</p>	<p>been decided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to determine the community councils’ role so we do not duplicate but support their efforts. Need to determine what brought an item to the WSC and how it differs from what the CC are doing.</li> </ul> <p>About ten minutes before the meeting was scheduled to end, Nigel Swaby moved that the Board <u>tentatively</u> accept the proposed issue category recommendation. Discussion followed. Krischa asked if motion was approved could board still decide to separate housing and homelessness? YES. Adoption would be tentative allowing for further discussion and adjustments at future meetings. Jason then seconded the motion and MOTION PASSED without dissent.</p>
<p>OTHER</p> <p>Turner Bitton</p>	<p>At the end of the meeting Turner Bitton passed out a flyer inviting people to a house party for Sen. Derek Kitchen on Sat. May 28 from 1:30-to 3:30 pm at his home at 1067 S. 1400 W. This is an opportunity to meet with the incumbent of State Senate District 9 prior to the June 28<sup>th</sup> Primary election with Dr. Jen Plumb.</p>
<p>Dan Strong</p>	<p>Adjourned meeting shortly after 7 pm.</p>
	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> June 26, 2022 (Fourth Tues ) 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location</p>
<p><b>SUMMARY OF ASSIGNED TASKS</b></p>	
<p><b>Dorothy:</b> Send Daniel a chart she had prepared of regular meetings of westside organizations. Obtain contact information for sending meeting notices to City staff.</p> <p><b>Charlotte:</b> Compile a list of people who want to review the Harvard report on International Market. Follow up on “project” and community council support survey findings at next meeting.</p> <p><b>Blake:</b> Follow-up with EPA grant mtg Follow up on further development of issue mgmt. areas and managers.</p> <p><b>Daniel:</b> Will continue to guilt trip people into submitting missing bios &amp; photos (you know who you are!)</p> <p><b>Billy:</b> Will lead WSC team for "Paint Your Heart Out" -- Aug 12</p> <p><b>All Directors:</b> Will look for appropriate (no nudes) content for use on WSC website and will send to Daniel.</p>	

