

Westside Coalition

Minutes of June 28, 2022, Westside Coalition Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes Taken By: Dorothy P. Owen – Interim Board Secretary

Location: Hybrid mtg: NeighborWorks Community Mtg Room 622 W 500 N SLC Also online

Time: Started 5:30 pm Ended 7:20 pm

Directors Present (13)	Krischa Arrington (online), Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, CJ Hillige (online); Esther Jackson-Stowell (online), Marisa Neil, Dorothy Owen, Kevin Parke, Blake Perez, Rick Silver, Dan Strong, Nigel Swaby, Daniel Tu'utau, Chaise Ware, Jason Wessel.
Directors Excused or Absent (5)	Turner Bitton; Darin Mann; Terry Marasco; Billy Palmer
Presenter/Public Comment:	Fawn Grove USU Aspire; Bryce Williams (SLC School Bd); Suzanne Harrison (candidate/County)
Others:	Jasmine Walton (NeighborWorks staff); OTHERS?
CALL TO ORDER/INTRO (4th mtg of expanded Board.)	
Dan Strong Pres.	Dan opened the meeting with a quorum present.
WSC BUSINESS	WSC BUSINESS
Daniel Tuutau	<p><u>Website Update:</u> The website home page has been updated; a page added with the westside community council meeting schedules ; and almost all board member photos and bios are now posted. The current wording regarding issue areas will be archive and new information posted once it is approved. Daniel recommended forming a media committee to vet future website changes. In the meantime, the Executive committee will act in this capacity. Daniel asked board members to email him directly with submissions and ideas.</p>
Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, 2 nd VP	<p><u>Fall Candidate Forum:</u> Charlotte is in contact with State Fairgrounds about having the candidate forum at their venue on Sept 22. She is waiting to hear back from Larry Mullenax. If Fair Park does not work out it was suggested to use NW Recreation Center. She is also looking to partner with the SL League of Women Voters. She passed out a packet of information prepared by the League which included a list of possible candidates and various options on how to structure the event. League protocol is to allow invited candidates who do not attend to submit a 250-word statement that is read at the event. They also recommend that invitations to candidates go out two months in advance. In this case on July 22 or sooner.</p> <p>Board members discussed the need to make the event worth people's time to attend. They also talked about "doing something unconventional." Not just a routine meet & greet but enabling people to engage with candidates. Blake suggested a fun 30 sec talent show where candidates could "show who they are ...express themselves." They also wanted to develop ways to help candidates know the voters. Other comments included: making event relevant to the westside, including small meet & greet sessions; including candidate tabling; posing</p>

<p>Dan Strong for Turner Bitton</p>	<p>candidate questions to the audience. Other ideas included a lightening round and Westside Jeopardy. Lots of ideas but no agreement was reached on how to compile them into a single workable format. In discussing the event’s focus there were mixed feelings. Some emphasized high profile races which draw people (i.e. Senate and Congress) while others supported local races which have a greater impact people on people (i.e. school board, state legislative county officers). Board members did not appear to support the League’s proposal of hosting two events with differing candidate emphasis.</p> <p>Decisions are pending feedback on the date and place. Charlotte will work on this. Also, it was suggested that WSC reach out to community councils for help with this project. As for costs, the WSC could use the \$500 from Rocky Mountain Power and \$500 from the ACE grant to cover expenses.</p> <p><u>Board Spot:</u> —Turner could not attend so Dan Strong handled this item. Members need to familiarize themselves with Board Spot, which is an internal board management software. All member’s emails have been entered into the software. If you are a board member enter the email address you gave WSC and you will have access. There are a number of capabilities but you need to be able to be on the system to understand them. Turner is doing a video on how to use Board Spot. Check your spam folder if you can’t find Board Spot.</p>
BRD SECRETARY ELECTION	
<p>Dan Strong Marisa Neil</p> <p>MOTION & VOTE</p> <p>Fame & acclaim</p>	<p>Marisa Neil, Popular Grove Community Council secretary, nominated herself indicating that she “loves to make things organized.” Nigel Swaby seconded the nomination. No other nominations were submitted, and the Board accepted Marisa’s nomination by acclamation. It was noted that the two-year terms for secretary and treasurer were previously staggered with the secretary serving for one year. Marisa will complete the remainder of this term and will then be eligible to run for a two-year term. Dan Strong thanked Dorothy for her service to the WSC in the past and during this transition period. The Board members gave Dorothy a roaring applause (but no standing ovation).</p>
ISSUE MGMT AREAS	
<p>Blake Perez, 1st VP (started at 6:05)</p> <p>Rick Silver</p>	<p>Blake met with a number of board members on June 16th to begin the conversation on the value statements for individual issue areas. At this meeting the attendees discussed process and balancing our time between building ar foundation and direction while also responding to immediate topics. The group had a robust discussion brainstorming values for Transportation and Housing/Homelessness. The remaining brainstorming was done on Google Docs and all board members were invited to provide input. The intent was to identify 3-5 values for each issue area. With this information Blake prepared draft value statements for the board’s consideration. These draft statements were emailed to members a few hours prior to this meeting.</p> <p>In reviewing the five issue areas Rick moved that the Board add reproductive rights as an issue area. He felt it was important that we not ignore this issue. Charlotte was surprised that we had not included a health care as a major issue. Others were concerned that adding another issue would overwhelm the Board. . Blake reminded board members that they had two weeks to comment and that we needed to be</p>

Jason Wessel	<p>careful to not exceed our capacity. Jason asked if Rick if he would include health as part of his reproductive rights proposal. Rick agreed but there was no second to Rick’s motion, so it died. Rather, it was decided to proceed with the current list of issue before considering expansion. The board will first address the draft value statements and then discuss issue managers.</p> <p>It was noted that changes can be made to any value statements approved at this meeting but that such subsequent changes will require board approval.</p>
Charlotte MOTION & VOTE	<p>WESTSIDE DEVELOPMENT VALUE STATEMENT</p>
	<p><u>Initial proposal for consideration:</u> The WSC values economic development that empowers our community members build community wealth and adds neighborhood amenities. The WSC values employers who pay prevailing wages, provide a healthy work environment, and benefits packages meeting the needs of our families.</p> <p><u>Board comments:</u> Important not to reinvent the wheel. Need to address both end of economic success/employees and employers. Living wage sounds better than minimum. Support for “prevailing wages” is not aspirational enough. Support employers to build wealth. Need to grow out industries to include higher tech and higher paying employment.</p> <p>The following value statement was adopted:</p> <p>The WSC values economic development that empowers our community members, builds community wealth, and adds neighborhood amenities. The WSC values employers who pay living wages, provide a healthy work environment, and benefit packages meeting the needs of our families. The WSC supports programs that build capacity for residents to gain valuable skills that can help for future employment.</p>
	<p>HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS VALUE STATEMENT</p>
Jason/Nigel/Dan	<p><u>Initial proposal for consideration:</u> The WSC values a wide range of housing options for all income levels in neighborhoods throughout the City that address the equalization of the housing burden equitably. The WSC recognizes the displacement of our families and neighbors that should not be forced out of the communities they live in. The WSC believes everyone should have access to a home. The WSC values accessible and affordable homeownership as an investment in our family and our community.</p> <p><u>Board Comments:</u> This was the most contentious discussion as there was not agreement on whether to separate housing and homelessness into different issue areas. The two were not seen as interchangeable. Jason felt the proposed text only addressed housing and not homelessness. He moved to separate homelessness from housing. Nigel agreed as homelessness involves a number of problems not just housing. Dan cautioned against additional issue areas and suggested some wording changes that might accommodate this. Others felt gentrification issues should be</p>

<p>Daniel/Rick Charlotte/Nigel</p> <p>MOTIONS & VOTES</p>	<p>separate. Another suggestions was to group housing and health care.</p> <p>At this point in the conversation members questioned whether WSC was setting itself up for failure. Do we have the capacity to handle all of these issues.? Some felt is was an error to take on more rather than less. Jason felt that sub-committees would make WSC more effective in handling the variety of issues</p> <p><i>Agree to roll with this add issue management for homelessness. Daniel acctp. Second from Rick. Protecting health accept last Charlotte Nigel.</i></p> <p>The following value statement was adopted:</p> <p>The WSC values a wide range of housing options for all income levels in neighborhoods throughout the City and State that address the distribution of the housing burden equitably. The WSC recognizes the displacement of our families and neighbors that should not be forced out of the communities they live in. The WSC believes everyone should have access to shelter and those resources should be distributed throughout the region. The WSC values accessible and affordable homeownership as an investment in our families and our community.</p>
<p>Chaise/Charlotte</p> <p>MOTION & VOTE</p> <p>Jason Wessel</p> <p>Dan Strong</p>	<p>TRANSPORTATION VALUE STATEMENT</p> <p><u>Initial proposal for consideration:</u></p> <p>The WSC values a transportation system that provides transportation options equitably. The WSC values a forward-looking transportation system that reduces both emissions and household costs. The WSC recognizes the disproportionate negative impacts the current transportation system has on the westside communities. The WSC values building a sustainable transportation network that connects our communities to each other, our city, and our region</p> <p><u>Board comments:</u> Neighborhoods have been squashed by TSA zones. Transportation planning needs to consider the impact on neighborhoods. We have seen the results when this is not done. Need to focus on reduced emissions. Goal should be to reduce emission. Focus on determining which policies will do this. However, transportation is the 2nd highest household cost so need to address this also Issue manager may need to modify efforts to incorporate all of this.</p> <p>The following value statement was adopted:</p> <p>The WSC values a transportation system that provides accessible, equitable, and convenient transportation options. The WSC values a forward looking transportation system that reduces emissions, reduces household transportation costs, and enhances our communities. The WSC recognizes the disproportionate negative impacts the current transportation system has on SLC's Westside communities. The WSC values building a sustainable transportation network that connects our communities to each other, our city, and region.</p>

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PUBLIC SAFETY VALUE STATEMENT

Initial proposal for consideration:

The WSC values a public safety system that is responsive, effective, and respectful to our westside communities. The WSC values strong partnerships between public safety agencies and the communities they serve aiming to improve trust. The WSC values a fair and equitable criminal justice system addressing the inequities of the past. The WSC values dynamic data that helps us understand how public safety agencies are meeting the needs of our communities.

Board Comments: Important to not only include t “communities” but to specifically include residents and schools. There is a need to improve trust and transparency. Respectful. Need to address systemic inequities. Agreed that the goal(s) need to be need to be aspirational and promotes equity.

Made motion to approve. Board concurred.

The following value statement was adopted

The WSC values a public safety system that is responsive, effective, and respectful to our Westside communities. The WSC values strong partnerships between public safety agencies and the communities they serve aiming to improve trust and transparency. The WSC values a fair and equitable criminal justice system that eliminates systemic inequities. The WSC values dynamic data that helps us understand how public safety agencies are meeting the needs of our communities, schools, and residents.

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EDUCATION VALUE STATEMENT

Initial proposal for consideration:

The WSC recognizes the importance of education and how it can improve socioeconomic mobility. The WSC values access to high-quality education from daycare, and preschool, through college, universities, and trade schools. The WSC values our community schools and recognizes the importance they play in a healthy thriving community

Board Comments: Need to support socio economic mobility. Education also needs to be culturally sensitive. Needs to be responsive to a diverse student body. Need an educational system that works for our students. Advocate for access to high quality public education. Concern that our value statement should be more than just saying we are “pro-education.” Statement needs to guide us in strengthening education to meet diverse communities. It needs to value equitable access and making families feel welcome in their own schools. Importance to consider school safety and to realize that our schools serve as an access point for the entire community.

The following value statement was adopted

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	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES VALUE STATEMENT</p> <p><u>Initial proposal for consideration:</u> Clean air and water are foundational to life. WSC values having access to clean air and drinking water. The WSC recognizes the historical disproportionate environmental degradation in our communities and values efforts to lift environmental justice for our residents. The WSC values the commitment to the health of our urban canopy, soils, wildlife, rivers, and ecosystems as these all are integral to a healthy community.</p> <p><u>Board Comments:</u> Limited comments (or maybe the secretary was wasted). People wanted to expedite discussion as the meeting was running long...</p> <p>The following value statement was adopted:</p> <p>Clean air and water are foundational to life. WSC values having access to clean air and drinking water. The WSC recognizes the historical disproportionate environmental degradation in our communities and values efforts to lift environmental justice for our residents. The WSC is committed to improving the health of our urban canopy, soils, wildlife, rivers, and ecosystems as these all are integral to a healthy community.</p>
<p>ISSUE MANAGERS</p>	
<p>Dan Strong</p>	<p>Due to time constraints, Dan set aside this discussion until next mtg.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	
<p>Fawn Grove USU/Aspire</p>	<p>Ms. Grove is the assigned USU/Aspire contact for the westside zone. She has attending WSC mtgs and will continue as they are working on electrification in the area. She is welcome to participate in our conversations.</p>
<p>Bryce William SLC School Bd.</p>	<p>Mr. Williams represents District 1 which includes much of the westside of SLC. He had listened to the Board's issue conversations and urged members not to put education issues on the "back burner." School closures are pending and will be a major issue of concern for the westside. He offered to work with the education issue manager.</p>
<p>Dan Strong</p>	<p>Adjourned meeting shortly after 7 pm.</p>
	<p>Next Meeting: July 22, 2022 (Fourth Tues) 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location</p>

COMPILATION TO DATE OF PENDING WSC TASKS (alphabetical order)

All: Will look for appropriate (no nudes) content for use on WSC website and will send to Daniel

Blake: Follow-up with EPA grant mtg
Follow up on further development of issue mgmt. areas and managers.

Billy: Will lead WSC team for "Paint Your Heart Out" -- Aug 12

Charlotte: Compile list of people who want to review the Harvard report on International Market.
Follow up on "project"/community council support survey findings

Daniel: Will follow up on the remaining missing board member bios & photos

Dorothy: Send Marisa contact information to send meeting notices to City staff.