

# Westside Coalition

## Minutes of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Westside Coalition Board of Directors Meeting

**Minutes Taken By:** Marisa Neil – Board Secretary

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

**Time:** Started 5:37 pm Ended 7:30 pm      Wi-Fi Password: Nswfl\$1234

Board Members Present (#)	Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, CJ Hellige, Esther Jackson-Stowell (online), Marisa Neil, Dorothy Owen, Billy Palmer, Kevin Parke (online), Blake Perez (online), Dan Strong, Nigel Swaby, Daniel Tu’utau, Jason Wessel
Board Members Excused or Absent (#)	Krischa Arrington, Turner Bitton, Darin Mann, Terry Marasco, , Rick Silver Chaise Ware,
Others Present:	Maria Garciaz (Board Advisor, Neighborworks CEO) Jasmine Walton (NeighborWorks staff) Jon Silberstein (ASPIRE & CU Boulder; online) Ashley Cleveland (Office of the Mayor) Thomas Kessinger (Utah Clean Energy) Ofa Matagi (Utah Clean Energy) Steve (from the community; online) Noemi Molina (online)
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
Dan Strong	<p><b><u>Welcome and Approval of Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Dan S. opened the meeting with a quorum. Charlotte moved to approve the minutes from last meeting, and CJ seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with no opposing votes.</p> <p><b><u>Events this Week</u></b></p> <p>Dan reminded the Board of the Joint Town Hall meeting on Thursday with Mayor Mendenhall, Councilmember Puy, and the Poplar Grove and Glendale Community Councils.</p> <p>There are two Halloween events on Saturday: the International Market Halloween Fest at the State Fairpark and Guadalupe Boo Fest. Coalition members are encouraged to support both events.</p>
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>ASPIRE Presentation</b>
Fawn Groves	Fawn Groves is ASPIRE’s Education & Community Engagement Specialist. She has been attending numerous west side community events and meetings over the last few months to get a sense of what matters to the communities on the west side. The next

<p>Jon Silberstein</p>	<p>step for ASPIRE is to ask how they can serve these communities?</p> <p>ASPIRE’s vision statement is “advancing health equity, transportation equity, and environmental justice through widespread, accessible vehicular electrification.” ASPIRE views its role on the west side as the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "Connect and listen: understand Westside experiences, concerns, and wishes”</li> <li>- “Collaborate and support: [serve] as a supportive thought partner in exploring solutions, innovations, and strategies”</li> <li>- “Co-design for sustainability: ensure that ASPIRE’s efforts yield sustainable solutions that the Westside can own and model more broadly”</li> </ul> <p>Fawn’s colleague Jon Silberstein joined the presentation. He is studying air quality with a team at University of Colorado Boulder (CU Boulder). In order to form a clear picture of the air quality on Salt Lake City’s west side, CU Boulder’s Hannigan Lab will place 18 low-cost air quality monitors throughout the west side. The monitors will take in ambient air and measure how much each pollutant source is contributing to the different types of pollution we experience. This data will establish a baseline that can then be compared to the west side’s air quality post-electrification. ASPIRE also works with CU Boulder’s Reid Lab, which uses data-based statistical modeling to determine health outcomes and how vehicular electrification can improve health outcomes related to air quality.</p> <p>Both labs and ASPIRE want to understand the community’s concerns. They seek partnerships with and feedback from the city and community. Additionally, they want to know where the community feels the researchers should place the air quality monitors. Questions and feedback re: air quality and monitor placement should be sent to Jon at <a href="mailto:jonathan.silberstein@colorado.edu">jonathan.silberstein@colorado.edu</a> and Emma Rieves at <a href="mailto:emma.rieves@colorado.edu">emma.rieves@colorado.edu</a>.</p>
<p>Q&amp;A</p>	<p>Time was then given to the Board to ask questions. Fawn also encouraged Board members to send her any questions that they have about ASPIRE and she will give more detailed information “rather than speak off the cuff.”</p>
<p>Nigel and Dorothy</p>	<p>Nigel and Dorothy had questions regarding ASPIRE and CU Boulder’s research and any connections to the research that the Utah Inland Port is contractually obligated to conduct. <b>The CU Boulder labs are not affiliated with the UIPA. Fawn cannot say for sure, but ASPIRE’s director has had talks with the UIPA about ASPIRE gathering air quality data for the assessment the Port is required to conduct.</b></p>
<p>Charlotte</p>	<p>Charlotte asked about the timeline for any pilot projects that ASPIRE is working on and for the monitor placement. <b>CU Boulder will monitor air quality throughout the calendar year to establish seasonal baselines.</b></p>
<p>Esther</p>	<p>Esther asked if ASPIRE is still collecting names of individuals who may be interested in having an air quality monitor placed on their property. <b>Yes, they are. Additionally, they are open to partnering with schools since children are prone to health effects of poor air quality.</b></p>

Item 3	Utah Clean Energy Presentation
Thomas Kessinger and Ofa Matagi	<p>Last month, the Coalition voted to support the Utah Clean Energy’s Equitable Electrification Collaborative Community Engagement Plan (EECCEP). Thomas Kessinger and Ofa Matagi from Utah Clean Energy came to present in more detail about the EECCEP and the benefits of home electrification.</p> <p><b><u>Key points from the presentation:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home electrification is a process, not a one-time event. Having a plan (10 to 15-year horizon) is essential.</li> <li>- To ease the financial burden of home modifications, service upgrades, and electrical appliance purchases, incentives and rebate programs are available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o WattSmart (Rocky Mountain Power)</li> <li>o ThermWise (Dominion Energy)</li> <li>o Utility Bill Assistance (Utah Community Action)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Electrified homes see air quality improvements over homes with gas-powered appliances.</li> </ul> <p>Utah Clean Energy (UCE) has asked the Coalition to identify 5-10 homeowners on the Westside who would be interested in spending 1-2 hours walking through their home with a UCE staff member to identify what they can do to electrify their home. UCE will then develop a home electrification plan for these individuals. If the homeowners wish, they can then move forward with their plan. UCE is seeking a diverse group of homeowners who will act as ambassadors for home electrification. Regardless of whether they choose to take the next steps to electrify their home, UCE is offering participants in the EECCEP \$50 for their time.</p> <p>UCE asks that the Coalition send them names of potentially interested homeowners before the holidays.</p>
Item 4	Issue Manager Updates
Blake	<p>Blake and the Issue Area Managers did not have anything urgent to report at this meeting. Daniel T. ask the Issue Managers to get in touch with him if they have enough material to create a separate page on the WSC website and he will work with them to create that page.</p>
Item 5	Community Engagement Updates
Charlotte	<p><b><u>My Hometown</u></b></p> <p>Charlotte and Nigel attended a luncheon hosted by My Hometown. My Hometown is an organization founded by Jeff and Julie Olson (Rose Park) and focused on engaging residents in service projects to better their communities. In their words, they want to be “boots on the ground.” They want no credit and do not want to lead any projects; they simply want to provide volunteers to do the work. Jasmine and several directors at the</p>

<p>Ashley Cleveland</p>	<p>meeting vouched for My Hometown’s ability to quickly gather volunteers to come and help out. A lot of their volunteers are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, but the organization is not affiliated with and receives no funding from the Church.</p> <p>My Hometown is not well-connected and are reaching out to community councils in the hopes that the CCs and other community organizations will contact them for volunteers.</p> <p>Jasmine also clarified that My Hometown is not a 501(c)(3) charity, just community members organized under the name “My Hometown.”</p> <p><b><u>Update from the Mayor’s Office</u></b></p> <p>Ashley Cleveland from the Office of the Mayor reminded the Board about various goings on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Phase 2 of the Love Your Block program is coming up. Four grants of \$2500 will be awarded to applicants for community projects. Some examples include creating artwork in the community, cleaning up vacant lots, etc.</li> <li>- Native American Heritage month is in November</li> <li>- The 2023 Arts, Culture, and Events (ACE) Fund will be open for applications from November 1—December 13<sup>th</sup>. See <a href="https://www.slc.gov/mayor/ace-fund/">https://www.slc.gov/mayor/ace-fund/</a> for more information about the amount of funding available and the type of events an ACE grant can help pay for.</li> </ul>
<p>Item 6</p>	<p>EPA Environmental Justice Study</p>
	<p>Richard Holman has successfully pushed for the EPA to conduct an environmental justice assessment on the west side. The assessment is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Different and distinct from the three assessments that the UIPA is required by the city to conduct</li> <li>- A snapshot of current environmental conditions</li> <li>- Meant to establish a baseline to which future environmental conditions can be compared, particularly in terms of how the Inland Port will impact the environment</li> </ul> <p>One primary benefit of this assessment will be establishing that baseline so that we can use that data to support versions of the Port that reduce environmental justice disparities. Another benefit would be having EPA-codified data to back us up if we pursue environmental justice grants from the EPA.</p>



	<p>“coming one way or another,” and it is a major employer in our region. From his perspective, educating residents and getting them on board with the Port makes the most sense at this point.</p> <p>Dorothy asked that the Coalition request that the Planning Commission postpone its decision on the Northpointe Small Area masterplan to give residents more time to review it. The masterplan is 139 pages long and the public has only had two weeks to review and comment on it. The Coalition lacked sufficient time to put together a formal request, but individual Directors were encouraged to reach out to the Planning Commission and request an extension on the public comment period.</p>
<b>Item 8</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
	<p>Nigel moved to adjourn, Marisa seconded the motion, and the motion to adjourn passed.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> November 29th (Reschedule for Thanksgiving Holiday) 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location</p>
<b>Future &amp; Pending Tasks</b>	
<p><b>Dan S:</b> Send EPA proposal to the Board prior to next meeting</p>	
<b>Upcoming Meetings &amp; Events</b>	
<p><b>October 27th</b> (Th): Joint Town Hall Meeting at 5:30pm @ the Sorenson Center</p> <p><b>October 29th</b> (Sa): International Market Halloween Fest from 2—8pm @ the Fairpark</p> <p><b>October 29<sup>th</sup></b> (Sa): Guadalupe Boo Fest at 5:30pm @ 400 N 500-600 W</p> <p><b>November 29<sup>th</sup></b> (T) Next WSC Board Meeting at 5:30pm at Neighborworkds</p>	