

## Minutes of November 29, 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 5:35pm Ended 7:40pm Wi-Fi Password: Nswfl\$1234

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Board Members Present (15)	Krischa Arrington (online), Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, CJ Hellige (online), Esther Jackson-Stowell (online), Darin Mann (online), Terry Marasco (online), Marisa Neil, Dorothy Owen, Billy Palmer (online), Kevin Parke, Rick Silver, Dan Strong, Nigel Swaby, Daniel Tu'utau, Jason Wessel.	
Board Members Excused or Absent (3)	Turner Bitton, Blake Perez, Chaise Ware.	
Others Present:	Jasmine Walton (NeighborWorks staff) Sara Hoy (NeighborWorks staff) Richard Holman Noemi Molina (Utah Clean Cities)	
Item 1	WELCOME	
Dan Strong	Dan S. opened the meeting with a quorum. He welcomed Sarah Hoy, Neighborworks Salt Lake's new Economic Development Coordinator, to the meeting.  Notice of the meeting was given by Dan Strong via a Google Calendar invitation. The November Board meeting would typically be held on the fourth Tuesday (November 22 <sup>nd</sup> ) but it was postponed to the fifth Tuesday (November 29 <sup>th</sup> ) due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.	
October meeting minutes—MOTION AND VOTE	Charlotte moved to approve the minutes from the October Board meeting. Dan S. seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.	
Item 2	EPA Environmental Justice Assessment—Community Engagement Proposal	
Dan Strong and Richard Holman	Richard Holman has successfully advocated for the EPA (Region 8) to conduct an environmental assessment on the west side. The goal of this study is to identify the disparate environmental impacts on the west side versus the rest of Salt Lake City. Richard has proposed that the Coalition leads the public engagement portion of this assessment. The community engagement effort will consist of the following:  - Eight (8) meetings, one of which will be in Spanish  O The purpose of these meetings is to identify the primary	

environmental concerns of west side residents

o One (1) meeting to share the EPA's findings with the participants of

Proposal the initial meetings The community councils will identify 10-15 potential participants for the meetings Hiring a contractor to Facilitate these meetings o Compile the data gathered at the meetings and provide that data to the EPA to "guide their investigative path." Dan S. brought up the question of funding the community meetings. The Utah Inland Dan S. Port Authority (UIPA) has made a tentative offer to provide the funding for the community engagement phase through the Westside Coalition. From Dan's perspective, this environmental justice assessment is an opportunity for the WSC to be involved in something important. Additionally, having data codified by the EPA that shows the disparities in environmental justice on the west side will support the WSC and other organizations' efforts to reduce those disparities. However, the Inland Port is a controversial entity and is not well-understood by many. Dan feels that it is worth Group Discussion considering the optics of the WSC accepting such a large donation (\$25k-\$30k). Dan also expressed concern that the current WSC does not have sufficient infrastructure to Terry take on this project and another entity may be more equipped to do so. Terry seconded Dan's concerns about accepting money from the port. He believes that the Port will use any association with the WSC as a PR piece, which will reflect negatively on the WSC. At the time of the meeting, Maria Garciaz was planning to propose to the

Richard, Charlotte

Jason

Nigel, Kevin, Billy, Charlotte, Jason, Dan S. Richard has volunteered to work with the contractor, and he does not anticipate any additional labor from the Coalition or the community councils. Charlotte asked if Coalition members would be allowed to be involved in this part of the assessment. Richard confirmed that interested Directors would be involved as much or as little as they wished.

NWSL board that NWSL accepts the funds from the Port. Terry believed the WSC should postpone its decision until Maria has presented the proposal to her board.

Addressing concerns about associating with the Inland Port, Richard told the Board that in his conversations with the UIPA's Executive Director Ben Hart, Hart has stated that he does not want this donation to be an advertising point for the UIPA. Richard feels that "it is time to take a stand instead of worrying about optics. We need a seat at the table."

Jason countered Richard's claim that Richard and the contractor would be able to facilitate the meetings without any help from the Coalition. He shared his experience working on a similar community engagement piece for the Human Rights Project involving community listening sessions. Based on the tremendous workload from that project, he believes that the EPA assessment community listening sessions will require heavy involvement from at least half of the Board. He also reminded the Board of how much time and work the Coalition invested into the Candidate Forum.

Nigel, Kevin, Billy, Charlotte, and Jason further discussed pros and cons of the WSC leading the assessment. Points in favor were:

leading this assessment is in line with the Coalition's goals and mission statement involvement in a project such as this will elevate the Coalition's visibility and establish our reputation as an organization that advocates for the west side the money from the Port cannot directly benefit the WSC because its sole use will be to fund a study conducted by a neutral party involvement in the assessment will ensure that the Coalition is not left in the dark. A seat at the table gives us more power the WSC would be up-front about having accepted \$25-\$30k from the UIPA to fund the study Points against were: Terry, Darin, Esther potential risks from accepting money from the UIPA Terry and Darin emphasized that the WSC's constituents will perceive us as endorsing the UIPA potentially burdensome workload the money cannot be used for other WSC expenses Additionally, a few Board members requested clarification as to why the Port cannot CJ, Charlotte, Richard pay the contractor directly. Richard explained that a) if the WSC does not trust the Port enough to accept their money, we should not trust them to manage the contract, and b) the UIPA initially offered to pay the contractor directly, but the EPA requested that the funds be given to a community organization to reduce the Port's entanglement in the assessment and to allow the community to have a role. Charlotte made a motion for the Westside Coalition to accept Richard's proposal that **MOTION** the WSC accept \$25k-\$30k from the Utah Inland Port Authority to fund the community engagement phase of the EPA environmental justice assessment. Darin seconded the motion. Speaking against the motion, Terry asked again that the Coalition wait until Maria Against Garciaz brought Richard's proposal to the NWSL board. Rick also spoke against the motion, saying that the WSC should add a caveat to add a Against 20% surcharge for administrative work. For Daniel T. (for): we can determine the details of the contract at a later date. Dorothy (against): this much disagreement means the Board is not ready to decide. Because the WSC is an advocacy organization, we need distance from the Port but we Against also want control over the assessment. The WSC's intentions behind accepting money from the Port is not what matters; what matters is how accepting those funds affects our operation. Kevin (for): we would be missing an opportunity to ensure that the UIPA's \$25k-\$30k is For spent correctly if we do not accept their offer. Esther expressed that we appear to have too little information to make a motion to

MOTION and VOTE to close debate  VOTE	accept Richard's proposal. Richard clarified that Maria and NWSL are "plan b" and that his preference is for the WSC to accept the proposal and lead the assessment. However, he will proceed with "any resources necessary and available" if the WSC votes against. Dan S. added that we cannot have more details about the contract until we accept and move forward.  Dan S. moved to close the debate and vote on the motion. Rick seconded, and the Board voted to close the debate.  The Board then voted on Charlotte's original motion. It passed with twelve (12) in favor and two (2) opposed (Terry and Dorothy).
Item 3	Budget Presentation
	Before presenting the budget draft, Rick made a motion to take a 3-minute break which was seconded by Marisa. The motion passed unanimously.
Rick	After the break, Rick presented the draft budget. Prior to the meeting, a Google Sheets link was emailed to the Board. Rick clarified that some of the revenue and expenses listed were aspirational, and that he would allow two weeks for Board members to add comments, line items, etc. Rick will present the budget again at the next Board meeting (January 3, 2023) where it will be revised and finalized. The timeframe for this budget is January 2023—December 2023.
	Revenue
	Microgrant and ACE Grant
Rick; Group Discussion	The Coalition hopes to receive funding from a few of the same sources as in 2022. Rick believes the WSC could likely receive another microgrant (\$1000) from SLC as well as another ACE grant (Dan S. working on application). There was some discussion about increasing the amount of anticipated revenue from the ACE grant and which tier for which the Annual Meeting would qualify. Jasmine reminded those at the meeting that the WSC could apply for multiple ACE grants if each application was for a different event.
	Board Member Contributions
Dorothy	Another source of revenue included in the draft was a suggested Board member contribution of \$50 (Totaling \$900 if all 18 Directors made that donation). The contribution would be non-compulsory and Board members could secure funding from a third party in lieu of making a personal donation. This line item was added at Blake's suggestion with the intention of encouraging more buy-in from directors. The group discussed whether a suggested donation was appropriate. Dorothy questioned if the community councils would be obliged for that donation since each council's chair plus
Jason	one appointed member are required to participate on the WSC Board of Directors.  Additionally, an annual contribution would remind the community councils that they have a vested interest in the WSC. The WSC would in turn be reminded of its obligation

Billy

to represent the interests of the community councils. Jason added that before requesting a contribution from the community councils, the WSC needs to consult the councils.

MOTION AND VOTE

Billy emphasized that Board member contributions should remain a suggestion rather than a requirement; westsiders are disproportionally impacted by financial concerns and a mandatory financial contribution could prevent community members from participating on the Board.

Dan S. moved to strike the member contributions line item from the budget and add \$1000 to general fundraising goals. Rick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### Other Contributions

Rick emphasized the need for a dedicated fundraising team.

### Cash

As it stands, the WSC has just over \$29k.

#### **Expenses**

Expenses listed included:

Rick

- Intern to take care of administrative tasks (a "pie in the sky" expense)
- Microsoft Office (3 licenses at NPO discounted rate)
- West View Media
- Community Sponsorships (advertising with other organizations, i.e. a little league team; aspirational)
- Community outreach
- Tabling supplies
  - Jason raised the question of storage—if a storage unit is deemed necessary, that line item will require discussion with Board
- Issue Area Manager training
- Annual Meeting (could qualify for ACE grant funding)
- Candidate Forum
- Community grants
  - Different from the Community Sponsorships line item in that these grants would be awarded to individuals or entities. The grant would be spent on a project benefitting the community.
  - Charlotte recommended asking a corporation to underwrite this grant.

Expenses totaled \$26,714 on this aspirational budget.

Rick also noted that the Coalition should also consider how to fund our operations going into 2024, and that not all the expenses listed on the budget

Jason

Charlotte

	occur annually.
Dorothy MOTION	Dorothy proposed that the WSC apply to have the Candidate Forum covered by an ACE grant. She also made a motion to increase the ACE funding line item to \$4500 and decrease the Candidate Forum to \$4500. Nigel Seconded the motion.
Against	Daniel T. spoke against the motion; ACE prefers that projects have additional funding and does not believe the WSC will be awarded as much as \$4500.
MOTION and VOTE to close discussion	Dan S. moved to close the discussion and Marisa seconded. The motion passed without objection.
MOTION AND VOTE	The Board then voted on Dorothy's motion, which passed unanimously.
Item 4	UDOT I-15 EIS Strategy Discussion
Dan S.	UDOT has proposed "transportation alternatives" between Farmington and Salt Lake City. Some of the alternatives align with the WSC's values, but some do not. Most notably, the proposed expansion of I-15 goes against all the WSC's values regarding transportation, housing, and environmental justice. Blake drafted comments opposing the loss of homes, increased air pollution, and increased noise pollution. His comments also praised the improved west-east connectivity and the added cyclist and pedestrian crossings. Dan requested that Directors look over Blake's comments and reply with any feedback.
Jasmine	Dan S. informed the Board that due to overwhelming public comment (thanks in part to the WSC Board), the public comment period has been extended to January 13 <sup>th</sup> (originally November 10 <sup>th</sup> ). UDOT will send project representatives to Fairpark and Rose Park's upcoming community council meetings, and Dan would like to invite them to the next WSC meeting as well.  Jasmine brought up that all the homes that are likely to be demolished for the freeway expansion on the west side of SLC are homes that NeighborWorks has constructed. She also asked that the WSC assist NWSL in its community outreach and awareness efforts regarding the I-15 expansion. NeighborWorks is holding two meetings about the project:
	<ul> <li>Monday December 5 at 5:30pm at the Sorenson Unity Center (Black Box Theater)         <ul> <li>Held in conjunction with University of Utah City and Metro Planning Graduate Students.</li> <li>The purpose of this meeting is to help members of the community submit their comments about the project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tuesday December 6 at Mestizo Coffeehouse         <ul> <li>This meeting is intended for the westside residents most affected by the freeway expansion to meet the project team, ask questions, and provide feedback.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Sara will send out a flyer for the Board to share among their networks.</li> </ul>	
Item 5	Public Comment	
Noemi Molina	Noemi Molina from Utah Clean Cities (UCC) introduced herself to the Board. At a future WSC meeting, she would like to make a formal presentation about some of the work that UCC is doing with communities near the Inland Port. She will get in touch with Dan and provide more information about the project.	
	Tabled/Not Discussed	
	<ul> <li>Issue Area updates</li> <li>There were no pressing updates this month and the meeting had gone overtime</li> </ul>	
Item 6	Adjourn	
	Dan S. moved to adjourn, seconded by Nigel. All voted in favor.  Next Meeting: January 3 (First Tues.; December meeting postponed one week due to Christmas and New Year's Day holidays) 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location	
Future & Pending Tasks		

**Rick:** Continue making changes to draft budget and have new draft ready to present at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

# Upcoming Meetings & Events

December 24 (Sat): Christmas Eve December 25 (Sun): Christmas Day December 31 (Sat): New Year's Eve January 1 (Sun): New Year's Day

January 3 (T): Next WSC Board Meeting at 5:30pm at Neighborworks Salt Lake