

Westside Coalition

Minutes of January 3, 2023 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 5:45pm Ended 7:24pm Wi-Fi Password: Nswfl\$1234

Board Members Present (13)	Krischa Arrington (online), Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, CJ Hellige, Darin Mann, Terry Marasco (online), Marisa Neil, Dorothy Owen, Billy Palmer, Kevin Parke, Blake Perez, Rick Silver (online), Nigel Swaby (online), Daniel Tu’utau (online)
Board Members Excused or Absent (5)	Turner Bitton, Esther Jackson-Stowell, Dan Strong, Chaise Ware, Jason Wessel
Others Present:	Maria Garciaz (Board Advisor), Sara Hoy (NeighborWorks staff) Noemi Molina (Utah Clean Cities) Chimalli Hernandez-Garcia (SLC Office of the Mayor) Stacee Adams (Avenue Consultants)
Item 1	WELCOME
Charlotte Fife-Jepperson MOTION & VOTE TO APPROVE MINUTES	<p>Dan Strong was unable to attend this Board meeting. In his absence, Charlotte conducted the meeting. Charlotte opened the meeting with a quorum.</p> <p><u>Review and Approval of Minutes</u></p> <p>Charlotte reminded the Board that the meeting minutes are always posted to Boardspot and to please review the past month’s minutes prior to the meeting. Billy moved to approve the minutes and CJ seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstaining (Charlotte).</p>
Item 2	Love Your Block SLC Presentation (Chimalli Hernandez-Garcia)
Chimalli Hernandez-Garcia Love Your Block project examples	<p>Chimalli Hernandez-Garcia from the SLC Office of the Mayor introduced the City’s Love Your Block (LYB) program. It is a mini-grant program that “brings together residents and city leaders to revitalize neighborhoods one block at a time.” Various types of projects have been funded through LYB, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vacant lot cleanups - Art installations - Pedestrian accomodations - Porch repairs - New plantings - Lighting installations <p>2021 micro-grant recipients include the Glendale Learning Center, Poplar Grove Community Council, the Compassion Center, and the Jayhawks Youth Group. The first</p>

<p>Love Your Block requirements</p> <p>Application information</p> <p>Blake, Charlotte, Dorothy</p>	<p>cycle of funding focused on the PG and Glendale neighborhoods, but this cycle is open to all 6 communities.</p> <p>The requirements for the micro-grant applications are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The applicant must be a Westside resident - The project must incorporate local volunteers - The project must follow the LYB spending guidelines - The project must address the issue of deterioration or decay in urban and natural areas - The project must be completed by June 30, 2023 <p>Applicants are strongly encouraged to come in for a consultation before applying. Residents can apply online at https://www.slc.gov/mayor/love-your-block/. Additionally, they can submit a paper application at the Glendale and Day-Riverside Libraries. Phone call and video applications are also accepted. Applications are due by January 30, 2023.</p> <p>The Board then asked a few questions of Chimalli. Blake asked how large is the pool of funding that LYB draws from. Chimalli did not know an exact figure but said that this cycle has given out around \$2,000 to each awardee. Between \$10k and \$15k can be awarded this cycle.</p> <p>Charlotte asked if projects can be funded at a higher level each cycle. Chimalli said they cannot.</p> <p>Dorothy asked about neighborhood projects that have been partially completed by a city department but have stagnated for a few years without being completed or funded. Chimallie said that a Love Your Block micro-grant could help to fund such projects.</p> <p>For more information visit https://www.slc.gov/mayor/love-your-block/ or contact Chimalli at chimalli.hernandez-garcia@slcgov.com or 801-548-2882. Additionally, questions can be sent to lyb@slcgov.com.</p>
Item 3 (A-B)	Coalition Business
Item 3A	Annual Meeting / Community Celebration—Marisa Neil
<p>Executive Committee; Marisa</p>	<p>The Westside Coalition’s Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday March 9, 2023 from 6—8:00pm at the Utah State Fairpark in the Grand Building.</p> <p>Dan has submitted an ACE Grant application for \$4,000. We have budgeted \$5,000+ dollars for this event.</p> <p>In the coming weeks, the Executive Committee hopes to form a planning committee (Billy volunteered). In addition to volunteers, we need vendors, entertainment, food, and community partners. Noemi Molina (Utah Clean Energy) asked if vendors would be charged a fee. The answer has not yet been determined.</p>

	<p>The Annual Meeting is the Coalition’s opportunity to interface with the community. Typically, the Annual Meeting is when At-Large Board Member Elections are held. Additionally, the Secretary to the Board prepares an Annual Report of the Coalition’s accomplishments and projects for the past year. Marisa requested that each of the Issue Area Managers send her a list of the most significant achievements, projects, and relevant policy decisions for their Issue Area by the first week of February. She will be in touch.</p> <p>Additionally, Blake would like each Issue Area to have a table at the Annual Meeting to engage with the community.</p>
Item 3B	Budget Presentation and Consideration for Approval—Rick Silver
<p>Charlotte, Rick</p> <p>MOTION & VOTE</p> <p>APPROVAL OF BUDGET</p>	<p>Because so many Directors (including the Treasurer) were attending the meeting online, the Board briefly discussed tabling the final budget presentation and vote until the regular January Board meeting. At Blakes suggestion, the budget presentation and approval was moved to later in the meeting. After the Northpoint Area Plan discussion, the Board revisited the budget.</p> <p>The Board has had several weeks to review and submit feedback on the budget, and it was determined that only minimal further discussion was necessary. The only line item that was still being considered was a \$1700 administrative fee from the Utah Inland Port Authority the Coalition is requesting in addition to their donation toward the EPA Assessment.</p> <p>Billy made a motion to approve the budget as the Board has discussed, contingent upon the \$1700 for the EPA study. CJ seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.</p>
Item 3C	3C: EPA Assessment Contract Review—Exec. Board and Stacey Adams (Avenue Consultants)
<p>Stacey Adams</p> <p>Facilitated Meetings</p>	<p>Stacey Adams from Avenue Consultants presented the contract for the EPA Environmental Justice assessment to the Board (see January 3rd Meeting Packet on BoardSpot for the full contract).</p> <p><u>Facilitated Meetings</u></p> <p>The contract includes 7 community meetings: 1 for each of the 6 community councils, 1 meeting in Spanish. The contractor will prepare a final report showing the findings from the meetings which will be shared at a wrap-up meeting. Community meeting participants, the Westside Coalition, the 6 community councils, and others who wish to provide feedback may participate in this meeting.</p> <p>Avenue Consultants will work with the community councils to secure a location, time, and participants (up to 15) for each meeting. Avenue</p>

	<p>Consultants will provide refreshments for the meetings.</p> <p>Stacee will be coordinating and managing all activities and duties concerning the community engagement meetings under the direction of Richard Holman, on the behalf of the WSC.</p>
<p>Deliverables</p>	<p><u>Deliverables</u></p> <p>Stacee will prepare a Facilitator Agenda, a Catalog of Issues, a Narrative of Thoughts & Perceptions from each meeting, and a final report which will be comprised of the deliverables previously mentioned.</p>
<p>Time Frame</p>	<p><u>Time Frame</u></p> <p>The total contract length is expected to be 4 months (or until the scope of work is completed). The community meetings are expected to be held from January to March 2023.</p>
<p>Payment Amount</p>	<p><u>Payment Amount</u></p> <p>The total Payment Amount comes to \$21,750, due upon completion. A detailed breakdown of the cost of the assessment can be found in the full contract, found in the January 3, 2023 Meeting Packet.</p>
<p>Group Discussion</p>	<p><u>Discussion</u></p> <p><u>Annual Meeting</u></p>
<p>Blake, Dorothy, CJ, Charlotte</p>	<p>Because the scope of work is expected to be completed in March, the Board discussed the possibility of Stacee presenting the final report at the WSC’s Annual Meeting on March 9th. Stacee expects to at least have a preview of the final report ready in time for the Annual Meeting even if the final report cannot be completed by that date. After further discussion, the Board decided a preview (in both Spanish and English) or a summary of the report would be most appropriate for the Annual Meeting due to time constraints. Dorothy spoke in support of sharing a preview of the report at the Annual Meeting, as the Meeting is an opportunity for community members to influence policy and provide input. Charlotte added that the WSC had previously considered utilizing the Annual Meeting to identify the community’s top concerns and priorities. This idea goes will with sharing a preview of the final report.</p>
<p>Terry, Billy, Charlotte, CJ</p>	<p><u>Purpose and Benefits of Community Engagement</u></p> <p>Terry then asked how the findings of this report would differ from what we already know are problems on the west side. Stacee admitted that the differences would likely be minimal. Charlotte and CJ emphasized that the benefit of these community meetings would be that we are hearing directly from the community about how environmental justice issues affect them</p>

<p>MOTION AND VOTE</p> <p>APPROVAL OF CONTRACT</p>	<p>personally. Stacee added that in finding participants for these meetings, she and the community councils will seek out residents who do not normally participate in these conversations. She said the data can also be used longitudinally, showing the impacts over time.</p> <p><u>Updates</u></p> <p>Charlotte has agreed to act as the Board liaison with Richard and will provide updates.</p> <p><u>Writing the Contract</u></p> <p>Billy asked who was involved in putting the contract together. Stacee, the Utah Inland Port Authority, Richard Holman, and, to an extent, the EPA. Dan has signed the Memorandum of Understanding, which was also included in the January 3rd Meeting Packet. There will be a meeting with the UIPA to nail down the details of the funding (the funds can only be spend on community engagement—not on advocacy).</p> <p>Billy made a motion to approve the contract contingent on the receipt of funding from the UIPA. Kevin seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstaining (Dorothy).</p>
<p>Item 3D</p>	<p>3D: North Point Small Area Plan Discussion—Exec. Board and Dorothy Owen</p>
<p>Dorothy</p>	<p>Dorothy outlined what has been going on with the Planning Commission and the Northpoint Small Area Plan (NSAP). To summarize, the Westpointe community has been working with Councilman Rogers on a Master Plan for the Northpoint area in the hopes of preventing the area from being developed into a warehouse district. Councilman Rogers did a lot of work to pull this land out of the Inland Port. These efforts stalled these undesired developments for 20 years. Councilman Rogers secured \$100,000 to put toward obtaining expert input to create such a Master Plan with the input from the community. As an alternative to demolishing the 60 family homes in the Northpoint area and transforming the land into a warehouse district, the Plan recommends one side of 2200 W being developed, preserving the adjacent homes.</p> <p>The master plan has not yet been approved. Despite this, the Planning Commission has proposed development of a new warehouse district in the area. The approval of this proposal will exacerbate the current housing crisis, further damage the surrounding wetlands, and increase pollution. The Westpointe community, among others, views this move as intended to appease developers.</p> <p>Dorothy is bringing this issue to the attention of the Westside Coalition because in her view, the City’s apparent dismissal of the Master Plan</p>

<p>What the community wants to see</p> <p>How the WSC can support</p>	<p>developed by Northpoint residents is not just a local issue; it is “the canary in the coal mine” for the rest of the west side. She asked that the Coalition support Westpointe’s efforts to oppose the Planning Commission’s proposal and help ensure that the rights of residents are respected.</p> <p>Terry spoke about conversations he has had with Ben Hart, Director of the UIPA, and Ben agrees that Salt Lake Valley is overbuilt with warehouses.</p> <p>Billy spoke in support of prioritizing the NSAP (as well as the proposed I-15 expansion). Billy wondered if it would make the most sense to fit NSAP into one of the existing areas. He added that we could learn from South Salt Lake, which has homes and warehouses mixed. Nigel supported making NSAP into its own issue area and the WSC taking a stand against the proposed M1 Light Manufacturing Zoning.</p> <p><u>What the residents would like to see</u></p> <p>Dorothy explained that half of the area in question is incorporated Salt Lake City and half is unincorporated Salt Lake County. Dorothy proposes that the City adopt SLC zoning in that area. Currently, the area is low-density residential with agricultural conditional use zoning, which the community would like to maintain. The Planning Commission is proposing M1 light manufacturing zoning.</p> <p>Rick suggested that companies such as Boeing, L3, and Lockheed would bring high-paying jobs into the valley and would be a better use of the land than warehouses. Dorothy agrees.</p> <p><u>How the WSC can support</u></p> <p>A group of Northpoint community members are forming a strategy to slow down the council’s vote until February. They have contacted Dorothy and invited her to join their meeting. Dorothy would like the someone from the Coalition to attend the meeting (Thursday, January 6th) as well. Blake suggested adopting NSAP at an executive level, so that we can act more quickly. The Executive Committee will also try to have a representative at the meeting. The Coalition could also send a representative to the upcoming Planning Commission meeting to speak against the proposal.</p>
Item 4	Public Engagement Proposal on Westside Issues—Terry Marasco
<p>Terry, Billy, Blake</p> <p>Group discussion</p>	<p>Terry withdrew the presentation of his proposal for a Public Engagement meeting, opting to present at a future meeting. He asked to take the time on this agenda to discuss improving communication between the Issue Area Managers and the WSC Board. Rather than give each Issue Area Manager 5 minutes to provide an update at each Board meeting (which would take 30 minutes), Blake encouraged all Board members to familiarize themselves with BoardSpot. BoardSpot is a great resource and could serve as a centralized location to post Issue Area meeting notes. He asked that the</p>

	<p>Issue Area Managers commit to using BoardSpot to help the rest of the board keep abreast of the goings on with each Issue Area.</p> <p>Daniel T. said he would be able to help Board members become more proficient in using BoardSpot if needed.</p>
	Tabled/Not Discussed
	Public Engagement Proposal on Westside Issues (Terry)
Item 8	Adjourn
	Next Meeting: January 31st (Fifth Tues; postponed one week due to Mayor's State of the City address) 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location
Future & Pending Tasks	
<p>Executive Committee: Contact community councils regarding new Chairs and appointed members for 2023. Issue Area Managers: Send information about accomplishments, projects, etc. for their Issue Area to the Secretary by February 3rd. Marisa: 2022 Annual Report preparation</p>	
Upcoming Meetings & Events	
<p>March 9 (Th): Westside Coalition Annual Meeting from 6-8:30pm at the Fairpark in the Grand Building.</p> <p>January 31 (T) : Next WSC Board Meeting at 5:30pm at Neighborworks Salt Lake</p>	