

Minutes of February 28, 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 5:43 pm Ended 7:35 pm Wi-Fi Password: Nswfl\$1234		
Board Members Present	Krischa Arrington (online), Turner Bitton, Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, CJ Hellige	
(13)	(online), Darin Mann (online), Terry Marasco, Marisa Neil, Dorothy Owen, Kevin	
	Parke (online), Blake Perez (online), Dan Strong, Daniel Tu'utau, Jason Wessel.	
Board Members Excused	Esther Jackson-Stowell, Billy Palmer, Rick Silver, Nigel Swaby, Chaise Ware	
or Absent (5)	Littler Jackson-Stowell, billy Fairlier, Nick Sliver, Niger Swaby, Chaise Ware	
Others Present:	Maria Garciaz (Board Advisor)	
	Jasmine Walton (NeighborWorks staff)	
	Sara Hoy (NeighborWorks staff)	
	Nick Frederick (SLC Park Rangers Program Director)	
	Todd Andersen (SLC ARPA Project Coordinator)	
	Cathie Rigby (SLC ARPA Program Manager; online)	
	Fawn Groves (ASPIRE; online)	
	Saolo Betham (University Neighborhood Partners)	
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The program does offer technical support to ensure that applicants have supplied all of the needed documentation and have filled out the form correctly. Jason added that he is on the committee that reviews the applications prior to sending them to the City Council. He said that Districts 1 and 2 were severely underrepresented. He recommended that businesses and NPOs applying for these grants take advantage of the technical assistance; a lot of businesses did not fill out the application completely,

	causing them to lose points and miss the cut.
	At the time of this meeting, the City Council was still finalizing which businesses would receive money. Those whose applications were not approved during phase one could reapply in phase two, but will be required to make an appointment for technical assistance. Also at the time of this meeting, the deadline for phase two submissions had not been defined.
	Questions about the ARPA Community Grant Program should be directed to Todd Andersen, SLC ARPA Program Coordinator at todd.andersen@slcgov.com or (385) 258-4582.
Item 2B	Park Ranger Briefing—Nick Frederick
Nick Frederick	Nick Frederick, the Park Rangers Program Director, gave the Board an overview of SLC's new Park Ranger Program. The Program launched at the end of last summer and they are looking at other models of urban park ranger programs in other cities to determine how SLC's program will be run. The program will focus on public safety, customer service, and education.
	The rangers are not law enforcement and will not issue tickets. SLC is growing and becoming more diverse, and rangers need different tactics to address problems. For example in some cases, a polite reminder that certain actions are against the rules is sufficient. They work with the police, compliance, the fire department, and the homeless engagement response team if a situation is unsafe or a public health hazard.
	There are 18 rangers covering split schedules. They rotate between Liberty, Fairmont, Pioneer, and Jordan Parks. They do not currently have any plans to expand and are "trying to be successful with what they have."
	The Nick and the park rangers are working on programming for the parks to make them more interactive and get more people out and about. There have also been talks about working with schools located along the river. A suggested activity was to have nature walks along the trail with science classes.
Item 2C	International Market Update—Charlotte
Terry	The Fairpark is planning more markets for the coming year (potentially holding it twice a month) and intends to increase the number of vendors. The Halloween Fest was well-attended—at least 6,000 people attended. Last year, the Market organizers had trouble with the advertising agency and may look into working with a different advertiser.
Maria, Turner	A problem that arose last year was lower than expected funding. The original fundraising goal was \$4M for the International Market, but the Fairpark did not receive an expected match in funding from the state, and Salt Lake City paid \$1M, which was less than expected. The Fairpark took a loss. One way the WSC would help with the International Market is to advocate for better funding.

Item 3A	Coalition Business—Annual Meeting Planning
Group discussion	The Board discussed preparations for the Annual Meeting on March 9 th at the Utah State Fairpark.
	<u>Program</u>
	The Annual Meeting will begin with a Meet & Greet (90 minutes) where attendees will visit the various vendors and enjoy food that was generously donated by Red Iguana. The Issue Area managers will have a table. Daniel T. also emphasized the importance of the community councils having a table at the meeting.
	The Meet & Greet will be followed by the hour-long meeting portion where the Coalition will go over bylaw proposals and elections.
Dan, Group Discussion	Bylaw Amendment Proposals
	Three bylaw amendments were proposed by the Executive Committed and discussed by the Board.
	 Section 4.2 Composition and Terms (c): shortening 3 of the At-Large terms to 1 year instead of 2 years to allow for higher turnover. This amendment, if ratified, would create 3 At-Large vacancies to fill at the upcoming Annual Meeting. Jason supported the intention of increasing the rate of turnover, but wished to modify the amendment to increase 3 of the terms to 3 years. No one raised any opposition to Jason's suggestion and Dan modified the amendment to instead extend 3 of the At-Large terms to 3 years. Section 4.3 Nominating Committee: adding "if no nominees are
	submitted to the BOARD within the deadline, nominations may be made by the executive board." a. Dorothy and Blake proposed including language to reflect that nominations could also be taken from the floor at the annual meeting. Again, no one voiced any disagreement to this modification, so Dan included such language with the proposal.
MOTION AND VOTE	3. Section 4.2 Composition and Terms (b): adding "Appointee terms shall alternate such that half of the terms are vacant every year. Fairpark, Jordan Meadows, and Poplar Grove Community Council Appointees will initially have a one-year term to facilitate this practice."
MOTION AND VOIE	Dan moved to adopt these three amendments at the Annual Meeting. Turner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
	Elections Process and Vacancy Analysis
	Moving forward after the Annual Meeting, the WSC Board will remain largely

the same, aside from these changes: • Esther Stowell is stepping down as the Poplar Grove Community Council Chair. Daniel Tuutau is expected to be voted in as the new Chair at Poplar Grove's March 28th meeting, meaning he will fill Poplar Grove's Chair position, leaving his At-Large position vacant until filled, hopefully at the Annual Meeting. Marisa will be stepping down as Poplar Grove's appointed member on the WSC Board, potentially being replaced by Esther. Slido.com will be used for digital voting. Both in-person attendees and virtual attendees will be able to vote. Although online voting does allow for some risk that persons ineligible to vote in a Coalition election (not westside residents or business owners, etc) will vote, the Board feels that ease of access in the election is of greater importance. Item 3B Coalition Business—Issue Area Updates **Public Safety** Jason Jason has been conversing with Nick Frederick regarding the park rangers, specifically regarding homelessness and relations with schools. Jason would also like to meet with someone from the city's gang unit. The westside has seen an increase in gang activity and it seems as if it is coming through the neighborhood (police chases ending on west side, individuals from Taylorsville, West Jordan, etc. coming into Glendale or Rose Park). **Environmental Resources** Terry has been working on a dust report with data from NASA satellites. Terry NASA has given grants to communities for environmental issues, it would be great if we could get one of those grants. There are a few bills intending to preserve the Great Salt Lake, but many are getting watered down. There has also been significant movement toward getting more water for the state. St. George has used 99% of its water and the Colorado River is drying up. The Bureau of Land Management may step in and determine which communities get cut off. Terry met with Victoria Petro to discuss his concerns about the UIPA bill that has removed language saying that businesses must have high-paying jobs. The current version of the bill will encourage or incentivize companies to have high-paying jobs, but it will not be a requirement. **Transportation** Billy has joined a coalition that is addressing the proposed I-15 expansion. The Coalition includes Sweet Streets among others. Their efforts currently

focus on how to mitigate the proposed expansion's impact on neighborhoods and how to fight it.
Sara reported that the aforementioned coalition has had two introductory meetings to determine which individuals and organizations to involve. They are trying to make alliances in Davis County so that Salt Lake is not fighting alone. Their next meeting is on March 13th, when they will determine goals and objectives.
Blake added that the city received funding to improve west-east connections. At the time of this WSC meeting, the money has not been deposited. The Transportation issue committee should track this funding, as it will likely tie into the I-15 expansion in some way.
Housing and Homelessness
CJ is working with a coalition of people to address the Northpoint Small Area Plan. They are asking the city and county to consider that whole area's development pattern as an eco-region of the Great Salt Lake.
One of the bills that the state legislature is considering would allow developers to announce development districts. There was a <i>Tribune</i> article that made it sound as if these districts could supersede the city, but they will still be subject to zoning laws and masterplans. CJ did say that it is alarming that there appears to be little oversight. Dan pointed out that we are at the end of the legislative session and that we can do very little at this point.
<u>Education</u>
Charlotte reported to the group that a bill introduced to the US Senate opposing Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion in schools did not pass, however it will be brought back next year.
Other Business
UIPA Contract for EPA Assessment
The contract between the WSC and the UIPA has been finalized. The next step is to carefully craft our announcement.
Rose Park Lane
Terry wrote a letter to the Planning Commission on Rose Park Lane. He got a lot of data and information about air quality from a University of Utah researcher named Daniel Mendoza. There are some air quality concerns in the Rose Park Lane area as well as concerns about noise pollution.
Rose Park Lane is within Westpointe, but will impact Rose Park as well. The proposed 1800 housing units will mean there are more people concentrated in that area than in the state prison. Cars/transportation and schools will have a huge impact on the

	community. Westpointe is not in the position to address the multitude of issues converging in their community. Since the WSC currently does not have a Westside Development Issue Manager, the responsibility defaults to Westpointe Community Council
Dorothy	Northpoint Small Area Plan 2200 West is proof that mitigation is not truly possible. There is terrible dust and a host of other problems. "Mitigation just means that it is not as bad as it could be, not that it's not a lot worse than it was."
Item 4	Public Comment
Saolo Betham	Saolo Betham from University Neighborhood Partners introduced herself and announced that University Neighborhood Partners will begin regularly attending Westside Coalition meetings. They have an office next door to NeighborWorks and Saolo does work with Jasmine.
	Items Tabled/Not Discussed
	Item3C Coalition Business—Community Engagement Updates
Item 8	Adjourn
	Next Meeting: April 25 (Fourth Tues) 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location (note: March 18 meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The Annual Meeting was counted as the Coalition's March meeting.)
	Future & Pending Tasks

Dan: Send a copy of the bylaws with the adopted amendments to Board **Dan:** ongoing Annual Meeting planning and preparation Blake: ongoing Annual Meeting planning and preparation Charlotte: ongoing Annual Meeting planning and preparation

Marisa: continue preparing the Annual Report; ongoing Annual Meeting planning and preparation

Upcoming Meetings & Events