

# Minutes of April 25, 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 5:40 pm Ended 7:35 pm Wi-Fi Password: Nswfl\$1234

Board Members Present (14)  Board Members Excused or Absent (3)	Krischa Arrington (online), Jake Erickson, Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, CJ Hellige, Terry Marasco, Marisa Neil, Billy Palmer, Kevin Parke, Rick Silver (online), Dan Strong, Nigel Swaby (online), Daniel Tu'utau, Chaise Ware, Jason Wessel. Turner Bitton, Esther Jackson-Stowell, Darin Mann.
Others Present:	Joseph Arrington (Associated General Member), Maria Garciaz (Board Advisor), Sara Hoy (NeighborWorks Staff), Julia Wales (NeighborWorks Staff), Sophia Allen (attending on behalf of the Salt Lake City Council), Stacee Adams (Avenues Consulting), Fawn Groves (ASPIRE; online), Ruhan Nagra (Environmental Justice Clinic at the University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law), Liz.
Item 1	WELCOME
Dan Strong	Dan opened the meeting with a quorum. The Coalition did not meet on its regular fourth Tuesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> due to the majority of the Executive Committee being unable to attend. The Coalition did have a brief online meeting in the month of March to discuss the proposed changes to the city's ADU ordinances, and the Coalition's Annual Meeting was held on March 9 <sup>th</sup> .
	Dan welcomed the group and began introductions since a few new faces were attending the meeting, including At-Large Board member Jake Erickson. Jake was elected at the Annual Meeting is the Community Engagement Coordinator at the Neighborhood House.
	Dan also let the rest of the Board know that Blake Perez has resigned his position on the WSC Board of Directors.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES  MOTION & VOTE	Charlotte made a motion to approve the minutes from the February Board meeting, and CJ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Item 2	Community Impact Measurement (CIM) Project—Julia Wales, NeighborWorks
Julia Wales	Julia Wales gave a brief presentation about NeighborWorks' Community Impact Measurement. "The Community Impact Measurement (CIM) is a project that collects

survey data from a specific area of a neighborhood to observe how the neighborhood

has changed over time." NeighborWorks America funds the project. NeighborWorks Salt Lake (NWSL) conducted the survey in 2013 and 2017 and will begin handing out surveys this August.

NWSL will hand out 325 surveys in the Fairpark-Guadalupe-Jackson region. The survey boundaries will be 600 North—North Temple and 900 West to 300 West. NWSL hopes to obtain data from 200 completed surveys. Julia passed a draft of the survey around to the Board. The questions covered topics ranging from demographic information, length of residence in the neighborhood, community involvement, safety, changes observed, etc. This year, NWSL has also included questions regarding the proposed I-15 expansion.

With this survey, NWSL "hope to find out how the community has improved, where it still needs improvement, and how the residents feel about the direction the neighborhood is moving in."

Julia added that the Westside Coalition could help with this project by submitting potential questions for the survey and by volunteering to go door to door to distribute the surveys this August.

Dan S. noted that many requests for community engagement are coming to the Westside from various entities and we need to find a representative group of residents who we can ask to participate in these opportunities. He suggested adding a question to ask if residents had any interest in participating.

Maria summarized the results from past CIM surveys that NWSL has conducted; Westsiders have seen more young people moving into the neighborhood, they want more diverse housing options, and they feel safe when they know who their neighbors are. She added that when residents know that the person surveying them is also from the neighborhood, they tend to share more feedback.

To learn more, contact Julia at <u>juliaw@nwsl.org</u> or 801-539-1590.

### Item 3A

### Coalition Business: I-15 Expansion Update—Sara Hoy, NeighborWorks

## Sara Hoy

Sara Hoy provided updates regarding the proposed I-15 Expansion. Sara is part of a coalition that meets biweekly to strategize next steps to mitigate the anticipated negative effects that expanding the freeway will have on the West Side.

UDOT plans to release a screening report on May 4th. They collected public comments about their proposed transportation alternatives over the winter, and in the fall they will release a draft. The draft will hopefully reflect what UDOT learned from the feedback they received, and it will include a more specific outline of how the transportation alternatives will impact the community. The screening report will be discussed at a community-wide meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Mestizo Coffeehouse.

### Sara, Terry, Dan, Billy, Daniel

The most common pieces of feedback that UDOT received were that residents wanted no homes to be demolished and that they wanted the freeway to be buried underground. Unfortunately, burying the freeway will require bulldozing as many

	(likely more) homes as expanding the freeway. The WSC Board feels that burying the freeway may be better for the environment and will create more space for something to benefit the west side. However, the WSC and other concerned parties need to determine if demolishing more homes will be worth the benefits that burying the freeway will provide. The WSC and the coalition that has formed around the freeway expansion need to push for transparency; many of UDOT's communications about the project have been unclear and misleading regarding the impacts of the project.
Item 3B	Coalition Business: International Market Update—Charlotte Fife-Jepperson
Charlotte	Charlotte provided an update about the International Market. The Fairpark is looking to do even more Market events in year 2 thanks to the smashing success of last year's Halloween and Dia de los Muertos celebration. The International Market will take place on one Saturday each month on the following dates and each will have a theme:
	<ul> <li>May 6<sup>th</sup> – Spring Fling</li> <li>June 3<sup>rd</sup> – African American Heritage</li> <li>July 8<sup>th</sup> – Dog Days of Summer</li> <li>August 5<sup>th</sup> – Ice<sup>3</sup> (Ice cubed)</li> <li>October 7<sup>th</sup> – Indigenous and Pacific Islander</li> <li>October 28<sup>th</sup> – Dia de los Muertos</li> <li>December 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> (Friday—Sunday) –Holiday Market</li> </ul>
	The International Market committee is looking for more vendors and entertainment. Charlotte asked the Board to please send the names and contact info of potential vendors to either Charlotte or Terry.
Item 3C	Coalition Business: Grant Support Update—Dan Strong
Dan Strong	In the past year, three groups asked Dan for letters of support:
Fawn Groves	<ul> <li>Dr. Nancy Daher from the Utah Division of Air Quality requested a letter supporting efforts to monitor air quality</li> <li>Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment requested a letter supporting their proposal to EPA Region 8 (EPA8). The proposal involves installing air filters in schools, mitigating radon, and providing air purifiers for 200 Utah homes.</li> <li>Fawn Groves from USU ASPIRE requested a letter of support for a grant.</li> <li>ASPIRE was awarded the grant. The grant will go toward making a plan to electrify transportation (including cargo) along the I-15 and I-80 corridors. The community will have a voice in that planning.</li> </ul>

	values, so Dan wrote the requested letters of support.
Item 3D	Strategic Plan Review—Dan Strong
Dan Strong	Dan would like to hold a strategic planning meeting to determine how the Board can handle its workload. The Executive Committee has come up with the following priorities:
	<ul> <li>Financing the Coalition</li> <li>Assigning/finding a communications director</li> <li>Establishing a turnkey process for community engagement</li> <li>We want representative samples of the west side to offer to these groups who want to know what the west side thinks.</li> </ul>
	At the strategic planning meeting, Dan hopes for the Board to establish its top five priorities.
Item 4	Board Leadership Elections
Secretary to the Board	Secretary
NOMINATION	Jake Erickson, the newest At-Large Director had expressed his interest in the position of Secretary to Dan. Dan nominated Jake and Marisa seconded the nomination.
	Jake is the Community Engagement Coordinator at the Neighborhood House. He attends all of the Community Council meetings in the area and has a "bird's eye view" of the west side.
APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION	No other nominations for the Secretary to the Board were put forth, nor were any oppositions to Jake's election raised. Jake was approved by acclamation as Secretary to the Board.
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	1st Vice President
NOMINATIONS	Billy recalled that Charlotte initially ran for $1^{st}$ Vice President before she was elected as $2^{nd}$ Vice President. He then nominated Charlotte to be the new $1^{st}$ VP. Charlotte declined the nomination, stating that she preferred to continue as $2^{nd}$ VP.
	Charlotte nominated Billy, who also declined.
	Dan nominated Jason, and Jason accepted the nomination. Kevin seconded.
APPROVAL BY	Jason has been involved in local policies over the last several years. He added that he intends to determine a firmer breakdown of roles within the Issue Area Committee.
ACCLAMATION	No other nominations for 1 <sup>st</sup> VP came forward and no directors voiced their

I 5	opposition to Jason becoming 1 <sup>st</sup> VP. Jason was approved by acclamation as 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President.  At the next Board meeting, the Board of Directors will address the two other vacant positions—the Westside Development Issue Manager and the Inland Port Liaison.
Item 5	EPA Assessment Community Engagement Planning—Stacee Adams
Dan, Stacee Adams	The WSC's funding contract with the Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA) is now finalized. Avenues Consulting is doing the contracting for this assessment.
	Stacee provided a recap of the project—the EPA Region 8 (EPA8) has hired a national firm to gather environmental data on the West Side. EPA8 wants to also gather qualitative data to support the quantitative data. Facilitated conversations will happen with each of the six community councils (plus one meeting in Spanish) where participants can share their perceptions and provide a full picture of the environmental impacts on the West Side Community. Each community council is receiving a \$1,000 stipend (also from the UIPA) to help carry out these meetings. The meetings will last for ninety minutes and refreshments will be provided.
	Stacee and Charlotte have been working together to plan these facilitated meetings. They have discussed holding a combined meeting in the Jordan Meadows and Westpointe community council areas due to low numbers. Stacee is hoping to have approximately fifteen participants at each meeting, and to obtain the most representative sample, the meeting participants should not be "the usual suspects" who always attend community council meetings. Stacee supports the idea of community councils using their \$1,000 stipend to provide a financial incentive to the participants (refreshments will come out of Avenues Consulting's budget).
Charlotte, Jake	Charlotte suggested reaching out to Climate Justice, a group of organizations supporting climate justice. Climate Justice is convening residents who care about environmental issues and could potentially help with the surveys. Jake added that some of the families that Neighborhood House serves could potentially participate.
	Stacee has composed a draft of the questions that will be posed at the meetings. Charlotte will bring those questions to the Board soon.
Item 7	Public Comment/Other Items Discussed
	Daniel T. reminded any newcomers (and Board members who do not have a photo and bio on the website) to please send him a headshot and a short bio to add to the Leadership page on the website. He also encouraged the Board to write topical articles for the website—"an organization is only as popular as people think it is."

Item 8	Adjourn
	Marisa moved to adjourn the meeting and Kevin seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.
	Items Tabled/Not Discussed:  Item 6: Community Council Survey Report—tabled until the next meeting (due to technical difficulties)
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	Next Meeting: May 23rd (Fourth Tues) 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location
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#### Future & Pending Tasks

**Jake:** send a headshot and short bio to Daniel Tuutau for the website **Chaise:** send a headshot and short bio to Daniel Tuutau for the website

# Upcoming Meetings & Events

May 6 (Sa): International Market: Spring Fling from 2-8pm at the Utah State Fairpark

May 17 (W): I-15 Expansion Meeting at Mestizo Coffeehouse

May 23 (T): Next WSC Board Meeting at 5:30pm at NeighborWorks Salt Lake