

Westside Coalition

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)	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.
Board Members Excused or Absent (3)	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), Stacey 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	<p>Dan opened the meeting with a quorum. The Coalition did not meet on its regular fourth Tuesday, March 28th 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 9th.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Dan also let the rest of the Board know that Blake Perez has resigned his position on the WSC Board of Directors.</p>
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

	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.”</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>To learn more, contact Julia at juliaw@nwsl.org or 801-539-1590.</p>
Item 3A	Coalition Business: I-15 Expansion Update—Sara Hoy, NeighborWorks
<p>Sara Hoy</p> <p>Sara, Terry, Dan, Billy, Daniel</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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 17th at Mestizo Coffeehouse.</p> <p>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</p>

	values, so Dan wrote the requested letters of support.
Item 3D	Strategic Plan Review—Dan Strong
Dan Strong	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Financing the Coalition – Assigning/finding a communications director – Establishing a turnkey process for community engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We want representative samples of the west side to offer to these groups who want to know what the west side thinks. <p>At the strategic planning meeting, Dan hopes for the Board to establish its top five priorities.</p>
Item 4	Board Leadership Elections
Secretary to the Board	<u>Secretary</u>
NOMINATION	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION	<p>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.</p>
1 st Vice President	<u>1st Vice President</u>
NOMINATIONS	<p>Billy recalled that Charlotte initially ran for 1st Vice President before she was elected as 2nd Vice President. He then nominated Charlotte to be the new 1st VP. Charlotte declined the nomination, stating that she preferred to continue as 2nd VP.</p> <p>Charlotte nominated Billy, who also declined.</p> <p>Dan nominated Jason, and Jason accepted the nomination. Kevin seconded.</p>
APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION	<p>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.</p> <p>No other nominations for 1st VP came forward and no directors voiced their</p>

Item 8	Adjourn
	<p>Marisa moved to adjourn the meeting and Kevin seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.</p> <p>Items Tabled/Not Discussed:</p> <p>Item 6: Community Council Survey Report—tabled until the next meeting (due to technical difficulties)</p>
	<p>Next Meeting: May 23rd (Fourth Tues) 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location</p>
Future & Pending Tasks	
<p>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</p>	
Upcoming Meetings & Events	
<p>May 6 (Sa): International Market: Spring Fling from 2-8pm at the Utah State Fairpark</p> <p>May 17 (W): I-15 Expansion Meeting at Mestizo Coffeeshouse</p> <p>May 23 (T): Next WSC Board Meeting at 5:30pm at NeighborWorks Salt Lake</p>	