

# Westside Coalition

## Minutes of August 22 Westside Coalition Board of Directors Meeting

**Minutes Taken By:** Jake Erickson – Board Secretary

**Location:** NeighborWorks Community Mtg Room 622 W 500 N SLC   **Online:** Zoom Meeting

**Time:** Started 5:30 pm Ended 7:36 pm      Wi-Fi Password: Nswfl\$1234

Board Members Present (#)	Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, CJ Hellige, Terrance Marasco, Billy Palmer, Kevin Parke, Daniel Strong, Nigel Swaby, Daniel Tu’utau, Jason Wessel, Jake Erickson, Rick Silver
Board Members Excused or Absent (#)	Turner Bitton, Chaise Ware, Dorothy P. Owen, Esther Jackson-Stowell, Joseph Arrington
Others Present:	Ashley Cleveland, Sarah Hoy, Fawn Groves, Kate Gates, Noemi Molina, Izumi Okamura
<b>Item 1</b>	<b>WELCOME</b>
Daniel Strong	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kevin Parke motions to approve June Board of Directors Meeting minutes.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Rick Silver seconds.</li> <li>b. Motion to approve June Board of Directors Meeting minutes passes.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Item 2</b>	<b>Candidate Forum Planning and Assignments</b>
Daniel Strong	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Mayoral Candidate Forum Planning           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Daniel Strong               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. The mayor’s debate will be a moderated forum and the feature of the event. Two of the three leading candidates will be present at the event. Michael Valentine has been invited to the forum. The district two candidate, Becky Edwards, has been invited, along with Kathleen Riebe and Celeste Maloy. Alejandro Puy will also be invited.</li> <li>II. Food will be donated from Santo Taco.</li> <li>III. Setup at 5:00pm, with the event taking place from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. Westside coalition needs to organize the event while assisting with setting up the chairs and table establishments.</li> <li>IV. Questions for the forum can be submitted via Facebook, at the community council meetings, and on the WSC internet site. Voter registration tables will be present at the event and run by the Leage of Women Voters (LWV).</li> <li>V. Those helping with event setup will include Jake, Izumi, Charlotte. Rick will get the food, Charlotte will get the plates, water and utensils.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p><b>VI.</b> To all those attending today’s meeting, please tell your respective community councils to attend the forum.</p> <p><b>VII.</b> \$50 will be offered to the speaker who conducts the land acknowledgement.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p><b>I.</b> We want this to be a well moderated forum.</p> <p><b>II.</b> Interpretation services will be present: both for Spanish and for American Sign Language.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Daniel Tuutau will assist with the live feed of the event.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Sarah Hoy</p> <p><b>I.</b> Amy Jordan is available for sign language assistance.</p>
<b>Item 3</b>	<b>Utah Transit Riders Union</b>
<p>Issue Management Report: Transit</p>	<p><b>1.</b> A watchdog was founded in response to corruption allegations, and asked the WSC to send a delegate to meetings to act as a point person on September 16<sup>th</sup> for a virtual quarterly meeting to discuss I-15 expansion.</p> <p><b>a.</b> Billy Palmer will attend, and will type up notes on what the WSC has been seeing at the community council meetings.</p>
<b>Item 4</b>	<b>Education</b>
<p>Issue Area Update: School Closures</p>	<p><b>1.</b> Superintendent meeting</p> <p><b>a.</b> Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p><b>I.</b> The WSC will be hosting a meet and greet with Dr. Elizabeth Grant here at Neighborworks on the 30<sup>th</sup> of August (Wednesday) from 6-730pm. There will not be a virtual portion. Some food will be donated, but overall the meet and greet will be informal. All board members are invited, and please spread word to community councils.</p> <p><b>II.</b> There will be two more official meetings about boundaries and school closures in the future. The school superintendent plans on being at both.</p>

	<p><b>III.</b> There will be two more info sessions on school closures with dates to be determined; one in English and one in Spanish. One of those sessions will be co-hosted by the WSC.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Daniel Strong</p> <p><b>I.</b> There are already big letter writing campaigns on behalf of east side schools. The WSC is advocating for a fair shake, and if a boundary change needs to happen, then the change must be predicated on data and informational analysis since there's more growth on the westside.</p>
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<b>Item 5</b>	<b>I-15 Expansion</b>
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<p>Issue Area Update: I-15 Expansion</p>	<p><b>1.</b> 600/700 North Reimagining</p> <p><b>a.</b> Nigel Swaby</p> <p><b>I.</b> Funding is available to revamp 600/700 north. Authorities are looking for information on how this reimagining can take place, and are asking the WSC how they can expand participation in the survey. We recommend that they go to schools to do public engagement and visit soccer fields to survey people. Most of the answers that have been received involve requests to fill the potholes, but people aren't thinking about completely re-envisioning the pedestrian walkway.</p> <p><b>II.</b> There was also a plan to revamp the street going into 2020, and now this process is being revived. The street will go down to three lanes – one running each way plus a center lane with a potential greenway going down the middle of the street. The street would also have protected bike lanes, meaning there'd be more of a community bike path.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p><b>I.</b> To get meaningful feedback you want to phrase it as giving options so that people have ideas as to what the possibilities are.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Kevin Parke</p> <p><b>I.</b> This process has gone on since 2020 – now they've decided they need reevaluate, so please fill out the feedback surveys. Go to the Rose Park Community Council page to fill out the survey.</p> <p><b>d.</b> Nigel Swaby</p> <p><b>I.</b> Expansion authorities are presenting on this project at the fairpark events this weekend.</p> <p><b>e.</b> Daniel Strong</p> <p><b>I.</b> Daniel is opposed to this reimagining because when thoroughfares are slowed down this creates a divide, and 600/700 N is one of the few thoroughfares between east and south.</p>
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Item 6	Utah Inland Port
Issue Area Update: Utah Inland Port	<p><b>1. Terrance Marasco</b></p> <p>a. It seems that other ports are being developed with the aim of more warehouses on the westside. The development of the northwest quadrant as an economic benefit to the westside is his primary focus.</p> <p><b>2. Jason Wessel</b></p> <p>a. The WSC will strategize on this with the issue area team meeting.</p> <p><b>3. Daniel Strong</b></p> <p>a. Daniel attended the Dana foundation presentation to speak about WSC work at their meeting. The Dana Foundation is impressed by the WSC position as an entity trying to steward some direction in the community rather than dictate to it.</p>
Item 7	Utah Clean Energy
Partnership Update: Utah Clean Energy	<p><b>1. Jason</b></p> <p>a. Attended Utah Clean Energy meeting, and now Utah Clean Energy is in the process of finalizing its mission statement. Now that the vision and goal setting meetings are over, Utah Clean Energy is synthesizing the information collecting process to develop a mission statement.</p>
Item 8	Northpoint Area Warehouse
Issue Area Update: Northpoint Area Warehouse	<p><b>1. Terrance Marasco</b></p> <p>a. There is an upcoming city council meeting to discuss the Northpoint Area Warehouse. He was interviewed by Axios, which asked him how the westside is affected by the Great Salt Lake? Terry will send the article as soon as it's printed. He also met with the DEQ (Utah Division of Environmental Quality) to discuss how to conserve energy and air quality resources of Utah.</p> <p>b. IRA act</p> <p>I. There are billions of dollars available, so the WSC should discuss putting together a committee to discuss where this money could go.</p> <p><b>2. Fawn groves</b></p> <p>a. Attended Westpointes' night out where the inland port had a table. Please consider reaching out to her to invite her to be a standing attendee at these meetings. The WSC should also invite someone from the inland port to attend our meetings. Fawn will pass her contact information to Daniel Strong.</p>
Item 9	EPA Report

<p>Issue Area Update: EPA Report</p>	<p><b>1. Jason</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> The WSC should collect all of the EPA studies it has participated in and put them on our website for public viewing. There will need to be a landing page for all these documents to go.</p> <p><b>b.</b> At the EPA presentation last month, the elected officials who were present mentioned the need for WSC to go out into the community and advocate for them. This request got the ball rolling on prompting several people from the WSC issue areas team to get trained in lobbying to testify at committee hearings. Jason is now looking to get on WSC’s horizons lobbying training.</p>
<p>Item 10</p>	
<p>Assessing the State of the Board</p>	<p><b>1. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Discussing the state of our board affords us the opportunity to get more committed to our work. Within this discussion is the aim of using self-assessment tools like a board member self evaluation form which Charlotte used during her work with Westview media. Once or twice a year you can use this form to evaluate your own board service. For instance, you can’t miss three meetings in a row. Use the form and our existing bylaws to assess yourself, evaluate how often you attend, and demonstrate that you understand the mission of west side coalition. There’s also an evaluation form that already exists for our board meetings.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Charlotte surveyed the community councils and found a general takeaway: that they want the WSC to lend support rather than get involved in their policy preferences and/or governance decisions. The WSC can advise community councils when there is conflict however, so there is a peer mediation element too. The community councils want us to help promote their events, possibly find grants for community council, and to identify other funding sources. Plus, the community councils want help from our advocacy measures.</p> <p><b>c.</b> Any feedback from our six community councils?</p> <p><b>I. Kevin Parke</b></p> <p><b>i.</b> The WSC could help with community councils keeping their status as a 501C3 (the WSC is fortunate in having access to experts on this topic). Posting about acquiring and keeping 501C3 status or even providing a manual/instructions would help community council organizations.</p> <p><b>1. Rick Silver</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Rick renewed our 501C3 last year when we got a letter from the city and it was sent to Neighborworks. We later paid a \$10 fee upon submission to the state.</p> <p><b>2. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</b></p>

	<p><b>a.</b> Will research that handbook/manual. The Utah nonprofits association is a great resource for nonprofits in helping keep their 501C3 charitable status. Organizations also need to have a Utah charitable solicitations permit if they are fundraising or asking for donations. Three years straight without tax filing will result in an organization losing its 501C3 status. All of the board members have to fill out a conflict of interest statement (i.e. if we monetarily benefit).</p> <p><b>2. Membership</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p><b>I.</b> We could use more members – we could especially use more people on the advocacy teams. Until the WSC has staff we really need board member involvement. The WSC currently has 6 at large members and 6 community council members. The WSC also has one at-large vacancy that has remained open since Blake left. With regards to our community council appointees, Chase Waire from Fairpark hasn't been attending, nor has Jordan meadows or Westpointe. That leaves four vacancies on the board from six community councils.</p>
<b>Item 11</b>	<b>WSC Annual Report</b>
State of the Westside Coalition	<p><b>1. Daniel Strong</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Dan came away from the year impressed by the work we've done. New developments included the implementation of our Mission Statement, Issue Area teams, adoption of a budget for the first time, production of an annual report, and improved community engagement. We also have numerous partnerships, have supported community events, advocated on issues relevant to the westside, made accessible environmental resources, and consistently attended community engagement meetings.</p> <p><b>b.</b> Upcoming Projects and Goals</p> <p><b>I.</b> Developing aim of getting EPA funding, building on our reputation, getting some paid staff, and formalizing partnerships through MOUs.</p> <p><b>2. Rick Silver</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> The WSC has roughly 25,000\$ in the bank, but we are not following the exact budget that we laid out at the beginning of the year. The inland port also reimbursed our expenses on the EPA project.</p>
<b>Item 12</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>
Public Comment Period	<p><b>1. Clever Cucumber</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> The Salt Lake City Arts Council is looking for a representative from district four, and Kate from Clever Cucumber could do that on behalf of WSC. Clever Cucumber also</p>

	<p>got a grant from Love Your Block to put up a kiosk community message board at Riverside Park. They are now looking for community organizations to help steward the kiosk. What will be involved in this care includes helping out with meetings and regularly maintaining the kiosk if it's been damaged.</p> <p>I. Jason Wessel</p> <p>i. Rose Park Community Council will invite Clever Cucumber to speak at their upcoming community council meeting.</p>
<b>Item 13</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
Meeting Adjourned	<p><b>Daniel Strong:</b> Motion to adjourn</p> <p><b>Rick Silver:</b> Second.</p>
	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> DATE October 23rd 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location</p>