

Westside Coalition

Minutes of May 23 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 7:05 pm Wi-Fi Password: Nswf\$1234

Board Members Present (#)	Jake Erickson, Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, CJ Hellige, Esther Jackson-Stowell, Terry Marasco, Billy Palmer, Kevin Parke, Rick Silver, Dan Strong, Nigel Swaby, Daniel Tu’utau, Chaise Ware, Jason Wessel.
Board Members Excused or Absent (#)	
Others Present:	Sarah Hoy (NeighborWorks staff), Jasmine Walton (NeighborWorks staff), Julia Wales (NeighborWorks staff) Lizz Merrill (Public), Dave Galvalan (Public)
Item 1	WELCOME
Dan Strong	1. Motion to Approve Minutes Passed
Item 2	[Item 2]
Julia Wales	<p>1. <u>Paint Your Heart Out</u></p> <p>a. Every August NeighborWorks’ teams paint peoples’ houses for homeowners with an emphasis placed on low income individuals, veterans, those aged 65 and older, those caring for someone with a disability, etc.</p> <p>b. August 11th will be the date for this year’s event, and the NeighborWorks team is looking for volunteer teams, with applications accepted until late July</p> <p>c. Community Impact Measurement Survey</p> <p>I. If anyone has questions about surveying the surrounding neighborhood please let Julia Wales of Neighborworks know.</p> <p>II. Aim of understanding how the Neighborhood has changed over time</p> <p>III. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson will engage in outreach efforts</p>
Item 3	[Item 3]
Neighborhood House	1. <u>Jake Erickson:</u> The Summer Celebration will commence on June 16 th , 2023. All members of the public are welcome to enjoy the event at 1050 W. 500 S.

Item 4	[Item 4]
<p>Issue Area Update: I-15 Expansion (Billy Palmer & Sara Hoy)</p>	<p>1. <u>Mestizo</u>: A teach-in was held at the Mestizo event, which was well attended by the community. Members of the community did not hold back in their feedback. UDOT will submit an environmental impact study (EIS) that will continue in the fall. This is a critical step before finalizing the plan. Along the expansion pathway, there will be no removal of homes, but the expansion plan will continue. The footprint of the freeway won't change. Forty four homes are projected to be impacted because the sound walls will be taken down which will project sound directly into families' backyards. The WSC will work with these families to ensure accountability is in place. WSC has committed to continue moving on the issue of coordinating with impacted families and their respective neighborhood in dealing with noise from the freeway.</p> <p>2. <u>Pollution</u>: We can't expect pollution will be mitigated until we learn more from the I-15 Expansion EIS. Mitigation measures are not set in stone, and Davis County will be impacted by the project. Mayoral staffers sent out a position statement which somewhat aligns with the WSC opinion of the freeway's expansion, namely: pollution mitigation vis a vis opting for enhanced mass transit are better options. Along this line, contacts have been recommended regarding construction with the legacy highway that are available to the WSC to learn from.</p> <p>a. UDOT is contractually triggered to do work and new construction for schools near the freeway. This can serve as an enforcement mechanism in the aim of inserting accountability in the expansion process led by UDOT if there is indeed a rise in aerosol particulates in the region or respective neighborhoods. To note, sound barriers will be put back up eventually.</p> <p>3. <u>Nigel</u>: Spoke with Shane Marshall about the coalition against I-15 expansion to learn more about why the expansion route had been chosen. A discussion commenced about elevating the construction zone to allow UDOT construction to take place under the freeway as well.</p> <p>a. <u>Dave Galvalan</u>: Those being impacted on the front lines can provide more insight, as traffic will go directly through the communities where freeway adjustments are made. Consequently, residents need to be consulted about areas of impact.</p> <p>I. Follow Up: Dan Adams from the Public Relations team said they wouldn't take down the sound walls, and to have impacted communities come to speak since there has been a perception of inconsistent communication on this topic.</p> <p>II. <u>Charlotte</u>: At the Mestizo meeting, many were opposed to opening up the freeway on 4th North, so this echoes Dave's previous statement</p>

	<p>that residents must be consulted.</p> <p>III. <u>Billy</u>: Canvassing should take place amongst impacted neighborhoods to see what a traffic study might look like, and assess how to better measure impacts on neighbors.</p> <p>4. <u>Billy</u>: The city is planning to do a restructure from 3rd West to 8th West with the aim of placing traffic zoning to incentivize drivers to stop before entering the neighborhood rather than treating it as a highway offramp. There will be a curb that protects the bikelanes to treat them as more of an offramp that keeps pedestrians and bikers in mind.</p>
Item 5	[Item 5]
Other Issue Area Business	<p>1. <u>Jason</u>: Aim of organizing the issue area process better. Issue area managers forming subcommittees to track issues in specific areas didn't get up and running well. One person eventually became the point person on all areas running. Collaborating across areas is far more effective. WSC will retain the issue area managers as issue area experts, but will be working more closely as a collaborative team. This gives WSC a better window of opportunity to respond to issues as they come rather than wait for the next executive committee meeting. This also allows WSC to have something that's already been worked on prepared for a larger discussion rather than waiting until the following month.</p> <p>a. <u>Dan</u>: Dan Strong Will send out an email blast to request issue area managers.</p> <p>b. Jason also spoke with the police department about the budget request that was submitted to the city council. The SLCPD is asking for four million more from the last fiscal year to go towards new technologies like license plate readers, and hiring new staff. There would need to be a warrant before this technology is made use of. The new budget will also cover a new sergeant hire in agent affairs; diversity, equity and inclusion training; and hiring more social workers.</p> <p>2. <u>Panel on Air Quality</u>: According to Terry, on May 24th there will be a meeting with the city's northwest quadrant review group. Ben is trying to develop a city advisory committee, and wants to start one for the inland port.</p> <p>3. Charlotte has reached out to educational stakeholders in the community. The SLC school district has a new superintendent, and Charlotte believes we should have a community roundtable to talk to the school superintendent to address and highlight priorities/areas of concern in the</p>

	community. She articulated an aim of hosting an educational forum in which WSC organizes the event after the candidate forum this fall.
Item 6	[Item 6]
Community Engagement Update	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>EPA Assessment Update</u>: Charlotte Fife-Jepperson <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. We are still at Step 1 in trying to get the community conversation sessions planned because area community councils are very busy and strapped for time. We want about 15 people at community sessions, with the aim of 7 sessions in total. Stacey can prepare a sign in sheet for all of the community councils. We would keep track of where these interviewees come from. 2. <u>Candidate Forum Planning</u>: Charlotte and Dan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The November election is fast approaching, and the last candidate forum we hosted was in September. October would be an ideal time for us. A suitable date might be September 26th. b. Charlotte has had a lot of meetings with the League of Women Voters and help is needed.
Item 7	[Item 7]
WSC Strategic Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Priorities</u>: EPA Assessment, Candidate Forum, I-15 Engagement, Fundraising, International Market, Inland Port, Rocky Mountain Power Redevelopment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. CJ and Nigel would both be happy to be point persons on the development area of focus 2. WSC has a store of funds that are depleting. Dan will be a lead on this topic, which emphasis placed on prospective partners like Marathon, Rocky Mountain Power, and Chevron. 3. <u>Wish list items</u>: Communications/Public Outreach Team; Presence at tabling events with WSC swag
Item 8	[Item 8]
Public Comment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Aspire (Fawn)</u>: As Utah goes electric, we have an interest in electrifying trucks and other vehicles to alleviate pollution. The first step will be to make a plan to ensure communities have a say in this plan. Someone from the WSC should be on the committee that determines Aspire funding streams to discuss how to go electric. West High School is partnering with Weber State to engage in a training course on electric vehicles. 2. <u>Noebi</u>: The first listening session for Utah Clean Cities will take place on June 15th to see what the impacts will be from the inland port authority.

	3. Jasmine: Neighborworks Week is June 5th through June 7th. On June 7th there will be a festival at Guadalupe Park.
Item 8	Adjourn
	Dan: Motion to adjourn Jake: Second.
	Next Meeting: DATE June 27th 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location