

Westside Coalition

Minutes of November 28 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 7:40 pm **Wi-Fi Password:** Nswfl\$1234

Board Members Present (#)	Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, Terrance Marasco, Kevin Parke, Daniel Strong, Nigel Swaby, Daniel Tu’utau, Jason Wessel, Jake Erickson, Jason Wessel, Chilton Hawk, Billy Palmer, Chaise Ware, Rick Silver
Board Members Excused or Absent (#)	Turner Bitton, Dorothy P. Owen, Esther Jackson-Stowell, Joseph Arrington
Others Present:	Sarah Hoy, Lizz Merrill, Jazmine Walton, Kyle Irvin (SLCTD) Laura Stevens (SLCTD), Denise Hooper, Dave Valles, Maria Garciaz, Michelle Watts, Bill Watts
Item 1	WELCOME
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jake Erickson <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Motion to approve minutes b. Daniel Strong seconds. Motion passes 2. Daniel Strong <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Welcome to the Westside Coalition Izumi Okamura, who will be working with the issue area teams! b. Izumi Okamura <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Self introduction by Izumi.
Item 2	Salt Lake City Transportation Division
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kyle Irvin Presentation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Our Livable Streets analysis on 113 different zones is designed to look at serious injuries and fatalities. The program needs to have adjacent residential areas in the study for it to be properly conducted. Also, high volume streets will not be considered. b. There is a traffic calming control page on our website which breaks down all the ways that traffic can be slowed down in the zones highlighted.

	<p>c. To improve safety, we can implement speed feedback signs, speed lumps, slow turn wedges, roundabouts, and more. An executive summary is available on our website if you wish to learn more about the Livable streets initiative.</p> <p>d. Livable streets has now presented to all of the community councils, however another round of community meetings are upcoming with a final meeting set for sometime in the January or February.</p> <p>e. A survey is available online, and our team wants to hear from the public if there's a street that's particularly dangerous to cross, or if people in general are driving too fast.</p> <p>f. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. So you're seeking general comment?</p> <p>g. Kyle Irvin</p> <p>i. Yes, we are looking for commentary on zones 2 – 4 where we have proposals. Zones 5-9 are still in the community feedback phase. 5 of these zones are on the westside of Salt Lake City, and you can submit feedback on our website!</p> <p>h. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. We'd love to help share this information on our public website.</p>
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Item 3	Treasury Report
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	<p>1. Rick Silver</p> <p>a. After paying for dinner and other outstanding debts like the \$500 for Jordan Meadows and our American Sign Language assistance, we will have \$29,260.52.</p> <p>b. Taxes weren't filed by the WSC in 2021, so we have since filled that out and submitted it.</p> <p>2. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p>a. Were taxes filed for the WSC in April 2022? If we miss three consecutive years we will lose our tax exempt status.</p> <p>3. Daniel Strong</p> <p>a. We just learned that we hadn't filed in 2021. If you were delinquent for a prior year, you can only access the current year. So Dan paid \$40 for 2021. Now 2021 and 2022 are taken care of.</p> <p>b. We started our last budget in January. A lot of our efforts were funded through UIPA grants, so we've been consistent.</p> <p>4. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p>
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	<p>a. With our financial report we should know each meeting what the income and the expenses are. There should be a report on quickbooks to make it easy to inform ourselves.</p> <p>5. Rick Silver</p> <p>a. It's easier for me to go through excel. We have our budget due usually at the end of January, so I'll have more details then.</p> <p>6. Daniel Strong</p> <p>a. Should we skip our meeting in December?</p> <p>7. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p>a. Motions to cancel our December meeting.</p> <p>8. Chilton Hawk</p> <p>a. Seconds.</p> <p>b. All in favor. The motion passes. The Westside Coalition will skip its meeting in December.</p>
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Item 4	Grants Discussion
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	<p>1. Inflation Reduction Act</p> <p>a. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. There's an incredibly large pot of money available through the inflation reduction act. It is directed towards environmental justice topics and communities with a priority towards 10-20 million dollar infrastructure projects and 1-3 million dollar grants for community connections. I think we have some good opportunities to get involved here, hire staffers, and avoid burnout of volunteers.</p> <p>ii. I met with Daniel Mendoza at the University of Utah who is putting together a proposal for cooling zones throughout the counties. Daniel Mendoza wants to study these areas to figure out where such zones need to be made accessible. They want to partner with the Westside coalition to study the westside community to see where these zones are most needed. The EPA also offers technical expertise to those without much experience applying for grants.</p> <p>iii. Dan will be attending the University Neighborhood Partners stakeholder group on environmental justice topics.</p> <p>b. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p>i. The deadline to apply for these grants is one year from now with a rolling application deadline, so we have some time to be thoughtful about it. Charlotte also spoke with Kimberlee Schmidt of the environmental justice coalition at</p>
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	<p>UNP. She said that the resident committee has only had one meeting. However, they know know that the west side coalition is interested, and they would like to partner with us. These are people who aren't usually at the table, plus they are building their leadership capacity which could also help the WSC with exposure to stakeholders in the state, the city, and the county.</p> <p>ii. There will be a December 7th webinar to talk about the grants, and Charlotte will send the webinar link out to whoever is interested.</p> <p>c. Terrance Marasco</p> <p>i. The Salt Lake Community College and other parties should be contacted who know how to write grants.</p> <p>d. Rick silver</p> <p>i. The WSC needs monthly reports on this: I motion to make this a recurring item on our agenda.</p> <p>ii. Chilton Hawk seconds.</p> <p>iii. The motion passes. Grants will now be a recurring item on our agenda.</p> <p>2. ACE Grant</p> <p>a. Daniel Tuutau</p> <p>i. Are we applying for the ace grant? We typically use this for our annual meeting.</p> <p>b. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. Daniel Strong is in the process of applying (this needs to be done by the first).</p>
Item 5	The Legislative Session
	<p>1. Upcoming Legislative Efforts</p> <p>a. Jason Wessel</p> <p>i. The legislative session begins on January 17 and ends on March 1. Jason will lead the effort to track developments in the legislature.</p> <p>b. Terrance Marasco</p> <p>i. Developments in the state house happen when most of us are working (between 8am and 4pm). Being there to speak on behalf of the westside can have a great impact.</p> <p>c. Nigel Swaby</p>

	<p>i. You can also testify online if needed.</p> <p>2. Community Celebrations</p> <p>a. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. Our annual meeting is on Tuesday, April 23. Izumi will need to run for election then.</p> <p>3. Community Interests</p> <p>a. Terrance Marasco</p> <p>i. Met Denise Hooper at the arts council meeting and Denise is with the Goshu tribe which helped kill the Vegas water grab.</p> <p>b. Denise Hooper</p> <p>i. Denise is a city worker, one of the board members for the state public workers, and is also a board member for the sacred circle health care clinic. She is always interested in helping out and would like to attend more meetings.</p>
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Item 6	Community Engagement Updates
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	<p>1. Salt Lake City Fire Department</p> <p>a. Chad Jepperson</p> <p>i. Introduced as the community relations officer for the Salt Lake City Fire Department. We've revamped our hiring process to make it more frequent and enhance retention since the failure rate is high. I come here to ask for someone who would like to sit on a biannual board to hire new firefighters. It takes two to three days to go through this process to ensure good people are onboarded. Civilians are needed in this discussion-oriented process. Please reach out to me or charlotte if you are interested. Chad.Jepperson@slcgov.com. Chad is looking for two volunteers beginning the third week of February.</p> <p>2. Housing and Homelessness forum</p> <p>a. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p>i. Charlotte attended the mayor's lunch to talk about the city's neighborhood engagement fund that's coming online in January to provide ongoing professional development and training opportunities to empower leaders and community council members for their meetings and equity focused pilot projects. Are any of the councils applying for that?</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Nigel Swaby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Nigel is waiting for it to come out in January for Fair Park. They have a leadership academy, mini grants (\$1K), and an innovation grant (\$5K). c. Daniel Strong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Jason has been working with the human rights coalition to schedule the homelessness forum. d. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We'd like to host something on the westside to hear from experts in the form of a moderated panel discussion. We'd be focusing on ways that we can create positive change and support the homelessness providers and government that are working to address this problem. Jason and I are working on this together. Who would be good speakers? e. Nigel Swaby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ivory innovations, home builders are both groups that come to mind. f. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. This is a top issue for our community, so this would be a way to get residents the opportunity to make their voices heard. Our aim would include creating a wider understanding of the issue. g. Jasmine Walton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. I recommend splitting homelessness and affordable housing into a two part series of sorts.
Item 7	Issue Area Updates: I-15 Expansion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I-15 Expansion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Nigel Swaby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. During the public engagement process there's been two for a thus far. In the first forum, a proposal was offered of putting I-15 under ground to improve east west connectivity, which was later passed. People who lived around the proposed area don't want it at all but at the end of the day commentary overwhelmingly opposes any opening between 6th north and 3rd north. So, Fairpark would like more study for now. ii. Some local representatives seem to like the idea of opening it up. However, there are two big disadvantages. If you're looking at east west disconnectivity, then a connection at 10th north would make more sense. Also, there are

railroad tracks on 400 north so you'd still be running in to that if you built the highway.

b. Daniel Strong

- i. So far, the request seems to be that we join Fairpark in its opposition to the 400 north proposal.

c. Nigel Swaby

- i. Our only ask is that further study is put in to this idea to try and come up with an alternative proposal which might ultimately delay the i-15 project.

d. Billy Palmer

- i. This isn't something that we want. The construction as it is without the pass has already impacted the community. Plus, walls being taken down will have a major impact. The 4th north underpass would involve raising the freeway in a way that would be much more impactful and it prolongs the project if it's a road. People in the neighborhood for many years advocated for safer streets with roundabouts, but we can't think about this as a neighborhood since it's also industry-shared.

- ii. Just on the face of it an overpass on 400 right next to 300 doesn't make sense. It's not something that the neighborhood is asking for, especially since people want this used by neighbors and not the surrounding industry. We need to listen to our neighbors.

e. Jasmine Walton

- i. Neighborworks has been really connected with slc on this issue and they will support what the community wants. We do feel like this is an opportunity for us to get amenities. SLC and UDOT got an external entity involved to develop a report and they did some engagement. UDOT is funding Smartgrowth America to do this report. UDOT did extend the comment period to last up to December 1st 2023.

f. Rick Silver

- i. The local community is opposed to this, yet elected officials have said the community is in favor. What explains this discrepancy?

g. Daniel Strong

- i. Fairpark voted unanimously to oppose the project. The city council has spoken to some residents, but about 80% of people are opposed to doing anything on this issue: and some are in total opposition.

h. Michelle Watts

i. I don't think it's fair to say that the eastside has an advantage. 300north is safer and there are better options.

i. Bill Watts

i. Redlining goes much further than I-15. It started with the train tracks. So using the freeway as the tagline that we need to breakdown all these barriers isn't fair. There are really two barriers: the freeway and the tracks. The railway isn't going to do anything to those tracks. We shouldn't triple down on the freeway even further. So a tunnel to connect us is dumb: we deserve way more than that.

j. Chaise Ware

i. I've talked to a lot of the neighbors in this area – the overall consensus in the area is that we don't want it since 300 north, 600 north and other connections are available.

k. Daniel Strong

i. Adding an additional crossing sounds good to me. Messaging wise, I don't like the perspective that we would advocate against the amenity that could really benefit us but that there's also risk of this being a homeless camp. The WSC is supposed to mitigate those risks. We should advocate for proper risk management.

l. Nigel Swaby

i. Those are valid concerns Dan, but UDOT hasn't given us a specific proposal, there's not been enough time on this, and we are asking for a concrete plan before advocating one way or the other.

m. Jasmine Walton

i. In thinking about having a bike only/pedestrian walkway, you'd still run in to the train. Knowing UDOT and how they've failed to maintain other public amenities with a noticeable lack of public investments, I worry about how they'd maintain upkeep for this amenity.

ii. We're also talking about years before funding could be allocated for this. What happens in the meantime? Would we just board it up? Equitable connectivity is what the westside is really talking about.

n. Daniel Tuutau

i. Motion to posit the following statement publicly: we are the WSC, here's who we represent, we have had multiple discussions, we didn't hear any support plus a lot of opposition, so we are opposed to the proposal as it's currently drafted.

o. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Seconds p. The motion passes unanimously.
Item 8	Issue Area Updates: School Closures
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School Closure Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Daniel Strong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Jackson and Riley elementary schools will be closed, with two more board meetings set before a vote. The dual immersion program at Jackson will move to Newman under this proposal so that is a positive. b. Nigel Swaby <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What're the biggest reasons causing these school closures? How would those kids be shuffled around the district? The building of small apartments along north temple is doing real damage to our neighborhood, and these are transitory populations who are not destined for our neighborhood. We want single families with a real permanent sense of community in our neighborhood.
Item 9	Issue Area Updates: Air Quality
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Great Salt Lake and Air Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Daniel Strong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Daniel Mendoza has proposed creating a community advisory board to help oversee a grant that they're doing on GSL dust. They want us to write a quick letter of support. The exec board has decided to support that.
Item 10	House Business
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New Member Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We could do it at a future exec meeting and have them join in where we can talk about our processes and how we do issue area management. We'll also make sure they have access to the bylaws, the minutes, and the websites. 2. Talking about the West Side <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We all know that there's crime that happens in our neighborhoods but I would like to caution us all to focus more on our assets and take an asset based approach when we publicly talk about the westside. Negatives only serve to reinforce negative stereotypes about this neighborhood. We need to make sure we are talking about assets even more than talking about the negatives. Please say that you love your neighborhood, that you love your community, and you love your west side.

Item 11	Meeting Adjournment
	<p>1. Daniel Strong</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Moves to adjourn.b. CJ Hellige seconds.c. Meeting adjourns.
	<p>Next Meeting: DATE January 22nd 5:30 PM at same NeighborWorks location</p>