

Westside Coalition

Minutes of March 26, 2024 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 5:40 pm Ended 7:30pm **Wi-Fi Password:** Nswfl\$1234

Board Members Present (#)	Daniel Strong, Jake Erickson, Chilton Hawk, CJ Hellige, Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, Jason Wessel, Kevin Parke, Rick Silver, Daniel Tuutau, Izumi Okamura, Billy Palmer, Bill Watts, Chaise Warr
Board Members Excused or Absent (#)	Dorothy Owen, Turner Bitton
Others Present:	Josh Page, Caysie Bakke, Makaylah Maponga, Shae Lezcano, Minerva Jimenez, Jen Markelz, Esther Stowell, Emily Hamilton, Alicia De Leon, Nigel Swaby, Jasmine Walton
Item 1	Motion to Approve Our Minutes
Motion to Approve February 27th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion to Approve the February 27th, 2024 Minutes <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. CJ Hellige <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Motions to approve the minutes b. Rick Silver <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Seconds the Motion. iii. Motion passes unanimously. February 27th, 2024 minutes approved.
Item 2	Emerald Ribbon Action Plan
Emerald Ribbon Action Plan: Summary and Update on Survey Effort	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emerald Ribbon Action Plan <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Makaylah Maponga <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Emerald Ribbon Action Plan is focused on the Jordan River Corridor and its adjacent parks and open spaces in the geographic heart of the westside. We have a list of capital improvement projects with \$9 million set aside for development. ii. Phase 1 of the plan focuses on awareness by getting a broad survey of ideas on what people want to see for the river space. Of the three concepts that were proposed, the ‘river ribbons’ concept is the closest to what we see today.

	<p>Surveys will be open for another week or two.</p> <p>d. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p>i. When you receive input on the three different concepts, are you seeing any desire to combine them?</p> <p>e. Makaylah Maponga</p> <p>i. We don't want people to feel like they are voting on one concept. You pick favorites but our objective is to combine the three.</p> <p>ii. A variety of partners support this effort. Our community advisory group consists of the Hogle Zoo and all 6 community councils touched by the river with a total of 25 different partners.</p> <p>f. CJ Hellige</p> <p>i. These are capital improvements with a big vision...is any of the available funding going towards programming or the river rangers along the corridor?</p> <p>g. Makaylah Maponga</p> <p>i. The \$9 million goes to land-based investments. We've also applied for a grant to the Wasatch Mountain Institute to get some more structure.</p> <p>ii. Water quality is an issue that we hear about over and over. When it comes to debris removal however, the effort needs to be programmatic.</p> <p>iii. We are putting all of our energy into a survey and in June we'll have a corridor-wide vision developed. We'll have engagement concepts then with site-specific proposals.</p>
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Item 3	Westside Coalition Budget
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<p>Presentation on the Prospective 2024 WSC Annual Budget</p>	<p>1. WSC Budget Overview</p> <p>a. Rick Silver</p> <p>i. If we look at our checking account balance, most of what we spend our money on is food for meetings. Other large expenses include the \$352 we spent on the homelessness forum, and another \$800 which we owe to University Neighborhood Partners for the forum effort.</p> <p>ii. You'll see on the budget that I've listed in-kind and non-cash donations together.</p> <p>iii. On the preliminary budget for 2024, if we add our total and expected</p>
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	<p>contributions, then we'll have about \$35,000, which gives us a \$20,000 budget for this year.</p> <p>iv. We've already spent \$5,200 in 2024, which means we have \$10K left in the budget.</p> <p>v. We will aim to pass our budget at the May 28th, 2024 meeting.</p>
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Item 4	Annual Meeting
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<p>Delegating Tasks for the Annual Meeting</p>	<p>1. April 23rd, 2024 Tasks</p> <p>a. CJ Hellige</p> <p>i. Will pick up food from our sponsors at Santo Taco. CJ will also be a food runner and coordinate food pick-up.</p> <p>b. Billy Palmer</p> <p>i. Will be the MC and conduct election announcements.</p> <p>c. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p>i. In charge of paper cups, napkins, bottled water, utensils.</p> <p>ii. Also in charge of entertainment. The Annual Meeting will have background music while we're mingling and tabling. The cellist and guitarist during the mingling session cost \$500 in total.</p> <p>ii. Ballet Folkloriko will also perform.</p> <p>d. Daniel Tuutau</p> <p>i. Elections start at 7:00pm. We've created an email address for potential candidates to send in their information. We're planning on doing the voting online via a google form. Whoever is running, we'll have a pool of candidates in which we take the top three vote-getters.</p> <p>e. Kevin Parke</p> <p>i. I propose we vote to create a nominating committee consisting of Jake Erickson, Jason Wessel, and Daniel Tuutau.</p> <p>ii. CJ Hellige seconds.</p> <p>iii. The vote passes with 16 in favor, and Charlotte Fife-Jepperson and Daniel Strong abstaining. The nominating committee shall now consist of Jake Erickson, Jason Wessel and Daniel Tuutau.</p>
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Item 5	Merged Community Council
<p>Debate and Vote on Daniel Strong's Appointment to the Fairpark District Restoration Board</p>	<p>1. Fairpark District Restoration Board</p> <p>a. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. There is a spot on this oversight board of five people that has been reserved for a member of the Westside Coalition. The governor is responsible for appointing that person. The executive board discussed that whoever is the president of the Westside Coalition should be the first in line for that designated position on the oversight board. There are two non-voting seats on the board. Dan – my goal would be for the community councils to get those two votes. City Council members also reside on the board.</p> <p>b. Bill Watts</p> <p>i. Let's think of the timeline – who has the time and resources to get this done? Also, think of the duration of this term. Whoever the appointee is, it needs to be someone with the understanding that if they fail, they fail community we represent.</p> <p>c. Jason Wessel</p> <p>i. I motion that we accept the governor's appointment of Daniel Strong with the understanding that he'll try to get firmer language outlined for the position.</p> <p>ii. Kevin Parke seconds.</p> <p>iii. The vote passes unanimously. Daniel Strong will be the WSC's representative on the Fairpark District Restoration Board.</p>
Item 6	Discussion of Bylaws
<p>Proposal and Vote on a Bylaw Committee</p>	<p>1. Need for Amended Bylaws</p> <p>a. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. There are two members per community council – so, with Jordan Meadows and Westpointe merging, that is effectively one community council. This would mandate we reduce the number of board seats.</p> <p>ii. Dorothy Owen also has unclear board status that would be clarified by a perusal of our bylaws. A discussion of board expansion is needed.</p> <p>b. Jake Erickson</p> <p>i. Motions to create a bylaws committee.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. Jason Wessel seconds. iii. The motion passes unanimously. Jake Erickson will lead the creation of a bylaws committee. The committee will recommend bylaw changes and then the board will take on these proposals in votes to improve the bylaws.
Item 7	Update on Grants
Summary of EPA Grant Review	<p>1. EPA Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Daniel Strong <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We continue to work on the \$20 million EPA grant proposal for green infrastructure, retrofitting, community refuge, and building out bus routes. There's a piece of this that would give energy infrastructure in people's homes. We'd lead the community engagement along with HEAL Utah for three years. We're asking for \$150K to pay a program manager and community engagement staffers for a total of 3 staff members. ii. We are receiving technical assistance on this program. UNP has an environmental justice resident committee that we want to partner with which will be focused on environmental issues. iii. University Neighborhood Partners has reached out to us about the track 2 option under the IRA in the \$2-3 million amount to build capacity of environmental community groups. b. Jake Erickson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Will report back to exec about the track 2 application and represent the WSC at its meetings on Track 2 with UNP.
Item 8	Adjourn
Meeting Adjourned	<p>1. Meeting Closure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jake Erickson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Jake Erickson motions to adjourn ii. CJ Hellige seconds the motion. iii. The motion passes. The meeting adjourns.
	Next Meeting: May 28th, 2024 5:30pm – 7:30pm