

# Westside Coalition

## Minutes of October 22nd, 2024 Westside Coalition Board of Directors Meeting

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

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

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

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| Board Members Present (#)  | Daniel Strong, David Osokow, Bill Watts, Jason Wessel, Kevin Parke, Jake Erickson, Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, C.J. Hellige, Izumi Okamura, Daniel Tuutau  |
| Board Members Excused or Absent (#)                                | Turner Bitton, Terrance Marasco, Billy Palmer, Chilton Hawk, Chaise Warr   |
| Others Present:  | Lizz Merrill, Austin holmes  |
| <b>Item 1</b>  | <b>July WSC Minutes Approval</b>   |
| <p>Motion to Approve August 27th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Postponing Approval of September 24th, 2024 Meeting Minutes               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Daniel strong                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Let's hold off on approving the September general meeting minutes until we have more board members present.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Recognition of Terrance Marasco               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Daniel Strong                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Let's recognize that Terry did a ton of work for the Westside by giving a round of applause in honor of his work.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Liability insurance               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. C.J. Hellige                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Last month C.J. and Daniel Strong looked into insurance options. Joining the Utah Nonprofits Alliance has many benefits, but it doesn't actually cover the insurance issue and the costs are unknown. If you join you do get a discount for liability through Beehive Insurance, who C.J. called to acquire some paper forms from.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Daniel Strong</li> </ol> </li> </ol> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. We're waiting on a quote for officers and directors insurance in two weeks. Daniel also attended the Salt Lake Community Network meeting, where they had 30 minutes dedicated to this topic. The community councils seem more worked up on this than we are, and they have agreed to reach out to the city to clarify the topic.</li> <li>c. Kevin Parke <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Kevin reached out to Victoria Petro after that aforementioned meeting by Daniel Strong, and she seemed sure that it wasn't the city's intent for this to be a consequence of their decision. Kevin has a copy of their community council guide somewhere in previous city emails and will send it to everyone in the Coalition.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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| <b>Item 2</b> | <b>SWOT Analysis of the Candidate Forum</b> |
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| <p>Led by Charlotte Fife-Jepperson, the WSC Conducts a SWOT Analysis of the September Candidate Forum</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of the Candidate Forum <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jason Wessel <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The further we get from it, the easier it is to recognize that our team screwed up on some aspects of the forum. We learned a lot about what we could do better, like making sure that there is a candidate's list that has been thoroughly vetted. With six people working, nobody was in charge. That factor may have also hurt our ability to coordinate.</li> <li>ii. We think we need to have a designated person coordinating this event about three months in advance. Also, let's keep templates so that we aren't reinventing graphics.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Charlotte stands to run a SWOT analysis. What are the weaknesses?</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Daniel Strong <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The candidates were mad at us because they were not given instructions, but rather a small subset of rules. Candidates had specific expectations, and it causes the WSC reputational harm if fairness isn't allowed, or rules aren't clear like refraining from putting up campaign materials.</li> </ol> </li> <li>d. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. What are some opportunities?</li> </ol> </li> <li>e. Kevin Parke <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. To educate the public, to have higher voter turnout, and to build</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
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relationships with other partners.

**f.** Jason Wessel

i. I'd like to emphasize the impact of partnering with other community organizations as well.

**g.** Daniel Strong

i. Brand establishment and promoting the event presents a marketing opportunity.

**h.** Charlotte Fife-Jeperson

i. What are some strengths?

**i.** Bill Watts

i. The event shows that there's a level of competence on the WSC's part.

**j.** Jason Wessel

i. The WSC had high participation, and candidates were eager to participate with good turnout by the candidates shown. There was also a lot of exposure.

**k.** C.J. Hellige

i. The physical space and building we were in was the right size. The space cost us nothing.

**l.** Charlotte Fife-Jeperson

i. What are some weaknesses?

**m.** Lizz Merrill

i. The space is hard to find and the speakers weren't working.

**n.** Bill Watts

i. The space was tucked away and the mics were not working. Also the sound was generally bad.

ii. Candidates left after their section of the forum concluded.

**o.** C.J. Hellige

i. There was no food.

**p.** Jason Wessel

i. The structure of the planning committee wasn't great, but there was a great deal more of engagement online. The questions I

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|   | <p>wrote were poorly re-written.</p> <p>q. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. We were late promoting the event.</p>   |
| <b>Item 3</b>   | <b>Receiving Feedback from Maptech on Funding</b>  |
| <p>Hearing from Maptech<br/>on Funding<br/>Opportunities from the<br/>EPA</p> | <p><b>1. Advice on Funding Opportunities</b></p> <p><b>a. Austin Holmes</b></p> <p>i. At the technical assistance center for EPA's region eight, my job is to meet with communities and community organizations in Utah to understand their needs and connect them to resources and opportunities. Maptech is completely pro bono and doesn't charge for its services. We can assist in the process of helping you find, apply for, get, and manage funding. We just can't do any grant writing services.</p> <p>ii. We are an environmental justice program focusing on communities historically underserved and/or overburdened. One of the grants that's coming up is the Communities Grant through the grant makers for region 8, whose funds cater to environmental justice.</p> <p><b>b. Daniel Strong</b></p> <p>i. In our budget we set aside around \$300K. We could be doing a lot more to try to advance our funds, especially in engaging corporate folks in our area. For instance, UIPA, Rocky Mountain Power, and Marathon hit our gold level donor status.</p> <p><b>c. Austin Holmes</b></p> <p>i. Grantmakers' grants cater to smaller capacity, constrained organizations to try to get them to a position where they can handle larger grant funding opportunities down the road. So definitely look into them. We can also loop in our partners from the Center for Social Creativity. They do a lot of work when it comes to nonprofits and capacity building, plus they assist with organizational structure.</p> <p><b>d. David Osokow</b></p> <p>i. How much money are we talking about? Is it worth the time commitment for us to pursue?</p> <p><b>e. Austin Holmes</b></p> <p>i. The community change grant involves three tiers at smaller amounts of \$150,000, \$250,000 and \$350,000. Tier 1 is tied to public outreach education, Tier 2 is more for planning and public</p> |

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|  | <p>outreach, and Tier 3 is more oriented towards large project developments. By late today or tomorrow the application will be public, and we can go over the rubric then. The app goes live on October 28th, with a December 12th deadline. They do need a specific project with an environmental justice focus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Could you give us some examples of what environmental justice projects look like?</li> </ul> </li> <li>g. Austin Holmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Environmental justice is a nebulous term, so these projects are pretty wide ranging. Fundamentally, environmental justice is oriented towards those who are disproportionately impacted, with an emphasis on public health, transportation, and housing. These all have impacts on people’s lives and their environment. A lot of times the work we are doing already fits within that dynamic.</li> </ul> </li> <li>h. David Osokow <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Are there any more grant opportunities coming down that you know of? What else can we target?</li> </ul> </li> <li>i. Austin Holmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The thriving community grants are what I recommend, and they happen from this October to the spring of 2025, and re-open in October of 2025. You can apply multiple times.</li> </ul> </li> <li>j. C.J. Hellige <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. How would you define a project? A lot of work we do could be categorized into advocacy, so could you give insight into that?</li> </ul> </li> <li>k. Austin Holmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. This is very new and so there is not much of a model of what we expect.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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| <b>Item 4</b> | <b>Meeting New Police Commander Andy Cluff</b> |
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| <p>Meeting With and Questioning of the New Police Commander Andy Cluff</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Meeting the New Police Commander Andy Cluff <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Commander Cluff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. I’m the commander over the westside precinct: from I-15 all the way to 7200 west. I grew up in Rose Park and love this area. I have been in policing for 16 years, and as far as what’s going on, we know that there have been many issues on north temple.</li> <li>ii. On September 16 we started a saturation operation to put our</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> |
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resources out in the area with undercover narcotics officers and the violent crime apprehension team (VCAT) deployed. Over 1,000 hours of policing have been reported in the past two months. Thus far, we've seen 48 felony arrests, 63 citations, and 36 misdemeanor arrests.

**b.** Jason Wessel

**i.** Can you explain more about the jurisdictions?

**c.** Commander Cluff

**i.** Just call us every time, since we don't really care about the jurisdictions. We coordinate very well together among the different precincts.

**d.** Daniel Strong

**i.** Do you have a sense whether the county bond will assist efforts to clean the area?

**e.** Commander Cluff

**i.** The bond doesn't go to the city level, and it needs more mental health resources, since they have 12 beds for the entire county. This new facility however will open up 30 beds and eventually move up to 90.

**f.** David Osokow

**i.** Thank you, the Jordan River is night and day different. Do you guys have a plan? If there's enhanced pressure on north temple, we're not just going to leave it right?

**g.** Commander Cluff

**i.** Housing and resources are needed to address this issue.

**h.** Izumi Okamura

**i.** Is north temple still closed? Between the bridge and Cottonwood Park, there are many people walking up and down on the other side of the bridge. I wanted to see if it's known to people that they are trespassing from 11:00pm to 3:00am.

**i.** Commander Cluff

**i.** Yes, we're aware, and we want to prioritize rapid intervention. Camping is not allowed in Salt Lake City, so remember that this ordinance is very specific. We can however absolutely enforce that after 11pm. It's good info for us to pass, especially to Eldon Oliver.

**j.** Jason Wessel

i. I am friends with Captain Goodman, and she was always complaining about officers getting pulled out of her area and temporarily assigned to this area. They were also talking about 9-11 officers permanently assigned to the area.

**k. Commander Cluff**

i. The City Council approved funding for a park squad to address the issues we have been seeing on Jordan River Parkway, but it won't come through until 2025. Right now we have no hotspot policing on north temple because we're getting calls for service in other areas even though we already know they exist.

**l. Bill Watts**

i. I've seen that Fairpark has a lot of issues, but we'll never compete against those areas. 8th west and 50 south are hotspots, and I was also made aware of a body found right by the international hostel.

ii. The hostel has been calling every day to say that folks stay, and these individuals feel concern that people are threatened in that area.

**m. Commander Cluff**

i. If people are blocking the sidewalk, we can enforce on that. We may have to get creative, but I still recommend people call if they see issues.

**n. Lizz Merrill**

i. I know that trust is a big issue between law enforcement and homeless communities. While you are fixing issues for people on one side, what are you doing for people on the other side?

**o. Commander Cluff**

i. We are enforcing the law. We don't have the resources to get people jobs, but we do have the power to refer people to services, and we have social workers on staff. However, housing and all of those resources are with another agency, and we stay pretty strictly in our own lanes. We love resource providers and try to make referrals.

**p. Daniel Strong**

i. In regards to the closure of the trail, I was at the UFair board meeting and Larry said they planned on opening on the 26th, but now the date has shifted to December. The river trail's closure is a black mark on the community since we can't use it right now. How can we reclaim that part of the trail? It would be nice that we can reopen it, that it's safe, and we know that it's a two block area. If

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|  | <p>we could get the police to play a part in the reopening announcement, it'd be nice to have the police there.</p> <p>q. Commander Cluff</p> <p>i. The problem is that people will relocate there. The January park squad will initially start slow before ramping up.</p>  |
| <b>Item 5</b>  | <b>Approving the WSC's September 24th General Meeting Minutes</b>  |
| <p>Arrival of Charlotte Fife-Jepperson allows for the Quorum Needed to Pass the September 24th Meeting Minutes</p> | <p><b>1. Approving the WSC September Board Minutes</b></p> <p>a. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. Now that we have enough board members present, I'd like to entertain a motion to approve the minutes.</p> <p>b. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson</p> <p>i. Charlotte Fife-Jepperson moves that we accept the minutes.</p> <p>ii. Second by David Osokow.</p> <p>iii. All board members present vote in favor 10-0. The September 24th, 2024 WSC General Meeting minutes pass.</p> |
| <b>Item 6</b>  | <b>Meeting Adjournment</b>   |
| <p>Adjourning the October 22nd, 2024 WSC Meeting</p>   | <p><b>1. Motion to Adjourn</b></p> <p>a. Daniel Strong</p> <p>i. Daniel Strong motions to adjourn.</p> <p>ii. Kevin Parke seconds.</p> <p>iii. All board members present vote in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourns.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> November 26th, 2024 5:30pm – 7:30pm</p>  |