



# CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE

## CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE NOTICE & AGENDA AUGUST 26, 2025 6:00 PM

Notice is given that the Civic Events Committee of the City of North Salt Lake will hold a regular meeting on August 26, 2025, at 6:00 pm at the NSL Public Works building located at 642 North 400 West, North Salt Lake, Utah. Some members may participate electronically.

The following items of business will be discussed; the order of business may be changed as time permits:

### AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Welcome and Introduction
- 2) Public Comment
- 3) Upcoming Events
  - a. NSL Photo Contest
  - b. Unity in the Community – Latino Heritage
  - c. Halloween Spooktacular
  - d. 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of America in 2026 Incorporation into Events
- 4) Public Works Update
- 5) City Council Updates – Councilmember Tammy Clayton
- 6) Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2025
- 7) Schedule for the Next Civic Events Committee Meeting
- 8) Adjourn

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Wendy Page, City Recorder



1 CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE  
2 CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING  
3 PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING 642 NORTH 400 WEST, NORTH SALT LAKE  
4 JULY 21, 2025

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6 **DRAFT**

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8 PRESENT: Emily Carr  
9 Elexis Contreras  
10 Sarah Jensen  
11 Catherine Johnson, Vice Chair  
12 Tammy Clayton, City Council  
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14 EXCUSED: Dallas Golden, Chair  
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16 STAFF PRESENT: Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Randy Simmons, Operations Manager;  
17 Carmen Wilson, Operations Manager; Linda Horrocks, Communications Coordinator.  
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19 OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Ballard, resident.  
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21 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION  
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23 Catherine Johnson, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all in  
24 attendance.  
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26 2. PUBLIC COMMENT  
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28 There were no comments.  
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30 3. UPCOMING EVENTS  
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32 a. BACK TO SCHOOL  
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34 Elexis Contreras updated the Committee on the Back to School Night event scheduled for August  
35 4, 2025. She confirmed arrangements for a bounce house, adding that a second might be included  
36 if needed, and verified participation from the Library and Kangaroo Zoo. She reported that high  
37 school football and cheer coaches had not yet responded to outreach efforts, nor had other  
38 schools beyond prior confirmations. The Committee recalled that bounce houses were successful  
39 at past events.  
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41 Linda Horrocks inquired about specific school supply donations, but the Committee agreed to  
42 request general supplies.  
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44 Randy Simmons confirmed Public Works logistical support, including three canopies, one  
45 inflatable, American flags to reflect the semiquincentennial theme, tables, and chairs, with one  
46 table for City information and another for recreation soccer sign-ups.  
47 Randy Simmons assured the Committee that setup would be completed by 4:30 p.m. for the 5:00  
48 p.m. event start.

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50 The Committee reflected on Liberty Fest (July 2-3, 2025), praising the car show and overall  
51 event but expressing concern about high food truck prices, particularly one vendor charging \$23-  
52 \$26 for a rice bowl. Linda Horrocks clarified that food truck pricing was independently managed  
53 and not controlled by the City.

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55 b. NSL PHOTO CONTEST

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57 Catherine Johnson led the discussion on the NSL Photo Contest, scheduled from August 25 to  
58 September 18, 2025, in Dallas Golden's absence. The Committee adopted Dallas Golden's  
59 suggestion of a patriotic theme, "250 Years of Freedom: A Photographic Tribute," aligning with  
60 the national "America 250: Years in the Making" and Utah's "America 250" themes.

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62 Linda Horrocks stressed the need for early promotion due to the September 19, 2025, submission  
63 deadline and proposed including it in the July e-newsletter.

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65 Melissa Ballard suggested aligning the deadline with Constitution Day (September 17, 2025), but  
66 the Committee preferred September 19, a Friday, for submission convenience, noting that  
67 Reflections contests in schools, historically favored Friday deadlines.

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69 The Committee planned for the contest to encourage creative patriotic interpretations, with  
70 winners' photos displayed on canvas at City Hall for 2025-2026.

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72 c. UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY – LATINO HERITAGE

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74 Elexis Contreras announced an upcoming meeting with event chair Angie DeLeo within two  
75 weeks to finalize details for the Unity in the Community – Latino Heritage event. The  
76 Committee described Unity in Community events, part of the food truck night series, as  
77 attracting a diverse crowd with music and activities to foster community engagement.

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79 Melissa Ballard inquired about the frequency and selection of cultural subcategories, noting four  
80 were currently celebrated. Linda Horrocks explained that the City Council intended to evaluate  
81 all Unity in the Community events for cost and attendance before confirming their recurrence,  
82 citing past events like Pride, Juneteenth, and Pacific Islander celebrations.

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84 Catherine Johnson expressed her opinion that only American flags should be displayed to  
85 maintain unity under a single symbol.

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87 Melissa Ballard suggested engaging the junior high and high school Latinos in Action groups,  
88 mentioning Kelly Avalos as a contact for youth leadership opportunities.

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90 The Committee agreed to finalize event details at the August meeting, ensuring a focus on local  
91 engagement and youth involvement.

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93 d. HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

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95 The Committee reviewed plans for the Halloween Spooktacular and recalled the success of last  
96 year's 5K run and carnival games, noting a strong turnout and popular activities like face  
97 painting. The Committee acknowledged that the 5K and other activities felt like separate events  
98 due to their locations. The Committee identified challenges from 2024, including insufficient  
99 road closures, with cars and a Rocky Mountain Power truck interfering with the race route. The  
100 Committee discussed improving coordination with police for better traffic control, suggesting  
101 earlier notification for this year.

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103 The Committee noted that the 2024 event was held at Hatch Park with a 5K on Main Street but  
104 considered relocating to Tunnel Springs or Eaglewood Loop since Hatch park is closed for  
105 construction.

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107 Melissa Ballard proposed a route starting at the golf course and ending at Tunnel Springs for a  
108 flat, scenic run.

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110 Linda Horrocks recognized volunteers Tom Call, his wife, and Peter Wirthlin as instrumental in  
111 last year's 5K and recommended that the Committee reach out to them and other volunteers for  
112 2025.

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114 The Committee aimed to make the event appeal to all ages, moving beyond its traditional focus  
115 on young children and agreed to finalize the location, 5K route, and semiquincentennial themed  
116 elements, such as patriotic decorations, at the August meeting.

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118 Linda Horrocks planned to issue a save-the-date notice soon.

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120 e. 250<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA IN 2026 INCORPORATION INTO EVENTS

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122 Catherine Johnson spearheaded the discussion on incorporating the 250th Anniversary of  
123 America into 2026 events, affirming the theme "America 250: Life and Liberty in North Salt  
124 Lake" to align with the national "America 250: Years in the Making" theme. The Committee  
125 explored several theme variations, including:

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- Life, Liberty, and North Salt Lake

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- North Salt Lake, Celebrate

- 128 • North Salt Lake, a Legacy We Proudly Make
- 129 • North Salt Lake, From Mountain to Lake, 250 Years We Stake
- 130 • North Salt Lake, United We Stand, 250 Hand in Hand
- 131 • North Salt Lake, Where Roots Run Deep and Futures Wake
- 132 • North Salt Lake, 250 Years, Make No Mistake
- 133 • Life and Liberty, Celebrate
- 134 • Life and Liberty and Eat Cake in North Salt Lake

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136 The Committee agreed to endorse “America 250: Life and Liberty in North Salt Lake” as a  
137 theme for its national alignment and local resonance.

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139 The Committee outlined the following ideas and assignments to integrate the semiquincentennial  
140 theme across events:

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- 142 • *Branding and Promotional Items:* The Committee planned to develop stickers and medals  
143 featuring the “America 250: Life and Liberty in North Salt Lake” theme, incorporating  
144 the national America 250 logo with a local twist. The Committee decided to include the  
145 logo on event t-shirts throughout 2025-2026, ensuring red, white, and blue colors (no  
146 purple). Linda Horrocks volunteered to create a logo mock-up with red, white, and blue  
147 ribbons and stars for City Council review.
- 148 • *School Engagement:* The Committee agreed to collaborate with PTA presidents from  
149 local schools (Orchard, Adelaide, Foxboro, Wasatch Peak, Legacy, Spectrum) to align  
150 semiquincentennial activities, inviting them to the August meeting. The Committee aimed  
151 to promote the fifth-grade Great American Award during Constitution Month (September  
152 2025), encouraging memorization of the Preamble, Gettysburg Address, and other  
153 patriotic texts. Catherine Johnson committed to contacting PTA presidents to invite them  
154 to the August meeting.
- 155 • *Flag Etiquette Education:* The Committee proposed partnering with scouts, the mayor,  
156 and City Council to teach flag etiquette to 5th and 6th graders, addressing declining scout  
157 participation, potentially on Veterans Day or at City Hall flag-raising events.
- 158 • *Community Service and Wellness:* The Committee discussed launching a “250 Acts of  
159 Kindness” initiative, partnering with the Health and Wellness Committee to align with the  
160 City’s kindness pledge and Healthy City designation. The Committee suggested offering  
161 certificates or medals signed by the mayor for participants, especially high school  
162 students, to enhance resumes, and to use JustServe to promote service opportunities, with  
163 achievements highlighted in the City newsletter or on the marquee. Tammy Clayton  
164 agreed to discuss the initiative with Mason, chair of the Health and Wellness Committee.  
165 The Committee discussed exploring tracking systems, such as a PDF or app, for acts of  
166 kindness. Catherine Johnson offered to contact high school counselors to promote the  
167 initiative for student resumes.

- 168 • *Capitol Tours:* The Committee decided to coordinate with Melissa Ballard for quarterly  
169 Capitol tours for residents, advertised via a city website form, to foster civic engagement,  
170 noting that tours could occur outside legislative sessions. Emily Carr agreed to confirm  
171 with Melissa Ballard regarding Capitol tour logistics and website form creation.
- 172 • *Decorating Contest:* The Committee suggested a house, apartment, and business  
173 decorating contest from June 3 to July 10, 2025, with categories to ensure inclusivity,  
174 awarding state capitol-flown flags with certificates for winners, targeting Flag Day and  
175 Independence Day. Melissa Ballard committed to securing capitol-flown flags for contest  
176 prizes, with specific dates (e.g., September 11, September 14, Flag Day) to be confirmed.
- 177 • *Special Events:* The Committee proposed a Flag Day (June 14, 2026) community picnic  
178 at Tunnel Springs or another park, marking the summer kickoff to July 4. The Committee  
179 planned to promote Constitution Month with events tied to September 11, September 14  
180 (Star-Spangled Banner Day), and Constitution Day (September 17), considering patriotic  
181 outdoor movies, a sing-along, or a band performance during summer nights.
- 182 • *Veterans' Tribute:* The Committee agreed to propose a dedicated veterans' brick section  
183 in the City Hall amphitheater or Hatch Park to the City Council, alongside a themed park  
184 bench inscribed with "250 North Salt Lake." Dallas Golden, as the Committee Chair, (or  
185 a Committee representative) was tasked with presenting the veterans' brick and park  
186 bench proposal to the City Council.
- 187 • *Arbor Day:* The Committee planned to celebrate North Salt Lake's 80th birthday with  
188 tree-planting, such as oak trees, to tie into the semiquincentennial theme.
- 189 • *Funding:* The Committee assigned Catherine Johnson and Linda Horrocks to pursue  
190 \$5,000-\$10,000 grants through the Utah 250 Communities program to support events and  
191 branding.

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193 The Committee prioritized Constitution Month planning and PTA coordination for discussion  
194 during the August meeting.

#### 195 196 4. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE 197

198 Jon Rueckert updated the Committee on Public Works projects. He confirmed that Public Works  
199 would provide three canopies, an inflatable, American flags, tables, and chairs for Back to  
200 School Night, with setup completed by 4:30 p.m. on August 4, 2025.

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202 He reported on the Foxboro Wetlands Park and dog park, a joint project with Woods Cross,  
203 noting that David Frandsen designed a logo incorporating both cities' elements. Mr. Rueckert  
204 stated that fence posts and some concrete work were near complete, work on water and sewer  
205 lines was completed by city crews. Contractor scheduling for remaining concrete and fencing  
206 was in progress. He explained that the dog park included separate areas for small (25-pound  
207 limit) and large dogs. He reported that the Foxboro Wetlands boardwalk was nearly complete,  
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Jon Rueckert announced that Public Works received a well-being award from PEHP for the third consecutive year, recognizing workplace health initiatives, which Linda Horrocks agreed to highlight in the City newsletter.

Jon Rueckert noted that Hatch Park was closed for construction, with coordination ongoing with UDOT for grading changes to ensure compatibility, and equipment mobilization expected soon.

5. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES - COUNCILMEMBER TAMMY CLAYTON

Tammy Clayton reported that the City Council supported the “America 250: Life and Liberty in North Salt Lake” theme for 2025-2026 events, noting that no formal approval was needed yet as discussions were preliminary. She indicated she had discussed the 250 acts of service or exercise challenge with Councilmember Alisa Van Langeveld, who agreed to present it to the Health and Wellness Committee for collaboration.

Tammy Clayton confirmed coordination with the Youth City Council for Back to School Night and committed to providing content for the July e-newsletter to promote upcoming events. She agreed to finalize volunteer shirt sizes with Linda Horrocks.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 24, 2025

The Committee reviewed and approved the Civic Events Committee minutes of June 24, 2025, as drafted.

**Committee Member Emily Carr moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 24, 2025. Committee Member Elexis Contreras seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Carr, Contreras, Jensen, and Johnson.** Committee Member Golden was excused.

7. SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Committee planned to hold the next Civic Events Committee meeting on August 26, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Linda Horrocks informed the Committee members of City events planned in the upcoming months (trails clean up days, 911 day of service, Get to the River, etc.) so they could be thinking if there were any of the already scheduled events that still needed to incorporate the semiquincentennial theme.

The meeting audio recording did not include the contents of this agenda item discussion because the battery died on the recording device; however, Linda Horrocks recommended the following item be included on the next agenda: review and consideration of a recommendation to the City

250 Council on the logo design for the semiquincentennial events along with the theme of Life and  
251 Liberty in North Salt Lake.

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253 8. ADJOURN

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255 The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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257 *The foregoing was approved by the Civic Events Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on*  
258 *July 21, 2025 by unanimous vote of all members present.*

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*Dallas Golden, Chair*

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