

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING 642 NORTH 400 WEST, NORTH SALT LAKE
OCTOBER 23, 2025

FINAL

PRESENT: Elexis Contreras
Dallas Golden, Chair
Catherine Johnson, Vice Chair
Tammy Clayton, City Council

EXCUSED: Emily Carr
Sarah Jensen

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Carmen Wilson, Operations Manager; Linda Horrocks, Communications Coordinator; Julie McLaughlin, Recreation Manager.

Dallas Golden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

1. DISCUSSION TO COORDINATE AND FINALIZE THE HALLOWEEN
SPOOKTACULAR EVENT

The Committee discussed and coordinated the City's upcoming Halloween Spooktacular event on October 25, 2025. The Committee and City staff focused on finalizing logistics for the Zombie 5K Run at Tunnel Springs Park, with 140 plus preregistered participants (expecting same day sign ups) and a post race family festival from 10 a.m. until noon. The key decisions centered on zombie mechanics, registration flow, prizes, and volunteer roles, with excitement about high turnout and the event's potential as an annual tradition. The following highlights were discussed during the meeting:

- *Face Painting and Zombies:* Secured a face painter for \$70/hour arriving at 9 a.m. to create zombie looks for 15–17 volunteers (including Youth City Council); extra makeup/tattoos available. Zombies will meet at 9 a.m. for briefing/makeup; drivers needed to drop them along the course and retrieve at 11 a.m.
- *Race Course and Start:* Course length: 5K, starting in parking lot cul-de-sac (not track) at 10 a.m.; runners loop out of park, return via pathway around the track. No shortening despite terrain concerns—serious runners' watches would notice.
- *Zombie Chase Rules:* Runners get 3 green lifelines (flags/belts); zombies (identified by red arm bands) steal one per interaction. Zombies placed in zones with varying speeds—sprinters at start/end for elite challenge, walkers/joggers elsewhere; adjust intensity based

on runner pace/tags remaining. No golf course entry; surprise hides encouraged (e.g., tunnel, bushes).

- *Registration and Check-In:* Table in pavilion opens at 9 a.m.; pre-registered will have signed waiver and be given a life line belt; same-day registrations will sign waiver plus be issued life line belt. Multiple volunteers needed; 60 extra forms printed. The orange/green bands indicate “chase me.”
- *Prizes:* Pumpkins (or \$5 gift cards/stuffies) for 1st/2nd/3rd male & female overall and 12-and-under prize winners; best adult/kids costumes (vote on-site). Zombies with most flags get prize (e.g., donut). All finishers get sticker and water/donut.
- *Post-Race Festival (10:15 am –12 pm):* Trick-or-treat stations, crafts (scratch-offs/Play-Doh), games on grass; martial arts demo at 11 a.m. No water station on course (water/donuts at finish). Kids’ fun run at 10:45 am around park.
- *Volunteers and Setup:* Committee arrives 8–8:30 a.m.; costumed volunteers (no old event shirts); name tags or matching hats for identification. Playlist (Randy Simmons handling, add K-pop), photo backdrops near pavilion, golf carts for transport/photos.
- *Other:* Survey runners post-event via email/QR; consider July zombie race or themed variants next year.

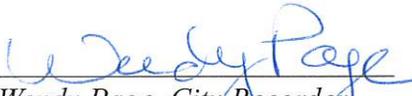
2. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Civic Events Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on November 25, 2025 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Dallas Golden, Chair



Wendy Page, City Recorder

