

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING 642 NORTH 400 WEST, NORTH SALT LAKE
FEBRUARY 24, 2026

FINAL

PRESENT: Elexis Contreras
Dallas Golden, Chair
Catherine Johnson, Vice Chair
Sarah Jensen, Treasurer
Frances Marcus
Tammy Clayton, City Council

STAFF PRESENT: Randy Simmons, Operations Manager; Carmen Wilson, Operations Manager; Linda Horrocks, Communications Manager.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dee Lalliss, Conrad Jacobson, Carolyn Jacobson, residents.

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dallas Golden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those present.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Conrad Jacobson, resident, commented that he noticed a tent in the gulch near the bridge at Legacy Park trail.

3. DISCUSSION ON VOLUNTEER NEEDS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR CITY EVENTS

Councilmember Clayton asked about a generic post for volunteers at City events on the Just Serve website. Linda Horrocks commented that she posted opportunities to volunteer for specific City events (car show, races, etc.) through the Just Serve website. She mentioned creating a general volunteer post on the Just Serve website that would lead individuals to the City's website and a volunteer sign up form with additional events.

The Committee discussed volunteer needs for the Spooktacular and 5K (October), Kite Festival (May), and Liberty Fest America250 color run 5K (June). They discussed reaching out to the Youth City Council for volunteers. Linda Horrocks noted that she would recruit volunteers as

specific events drew closer. She asked for volunteers from the Events Committee for Liberty Fest and the car show.

Frances Marcus arrived at 6:15 p.m.

4. UPCOMING EVENT PLANNING AND INCORPORATION OF 250TH
ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA IN 2026

The Committee discussed how the America250 theme would be incorporated into several events including the Kite Festival in May, Unity in Community America250 on June 8th, and Liberty Fest in June/July. Catherine and Dallas volunteered for the Unity in the Community America250 event. The Committee discussed having the national anthem and color guard perform at the Kite Festival and Liberty Fest. They discussed auditions for the national anthem singing contest to be held at City Hall with judges from the Events and Arts Committees. They reviewed other America250 related items including creating a quiz for the Kite Festival, ordering patriotic swag (shirts, water bottle, stickers), having individuals dressed as famous Americans (Ben Franklin, Betsy Ross, Martha Washington, and George Washington), and storytelling. Another event suggested in honor of America250 was hosting a food drive at local elementary schools.

a. KITE FESTIVAL-MAY 16

The Committee discussed integrating the America250 theme into the Kite Festival event including having the contest winner or runner up perform the national anthem, a color guard presentation, and a themed quiz. It was noted that this was also Armed Forces Day.

Councilmember Clayton noted that she would order 500 kites and Linda Horrocks added that she would order stickers and tattoos.

Fran said she will get the color guard.

b. UNITY IN COMMUNITY & VENDOR FAIR: PRIDE-JUNE 1

Sarah Jensen and Fran Marcus volunteered to help with the Unity and the Community Pride event on June 1st. They noted that Jeff Scroger was the contact and citizen chair of this event.

c. UNITY IN COMMUNITY & VENDOR FAIR: AMERICA 250-JUNE 8

The Committee discussed the Unity in the Community America250 event on June 8th and noted that Councilmember Jackson was the contact for those hosting this event. Catherine Johnson and Dallas Golden volunteered to assist with this event.

d. UNITY IN COMMUNITY & VENDOR FAIR: JUNETEENTH-JUNE 15

Dallas Golden volunteered for the Juneteenth event on June 15th. It was determined that Eddie Thompson was the citizen chair and contact.

e. LIBERTY FEST-JUNE 30, JULY 2 AND JULY 3

Linda Horrocks reported that there would be an America250 color run 5K as part of Liberty Fest. She added that this would include white t-shirts with red and blue chalk dust/powder. Julie McLachlan, one of the City's recreation managers was looking into details about hosting this type of run. Councilmember Clayton said she would try and get the Youth City Council excited about helping with this race on June 27.

f. OTHER(S)

Sarah Jensen offered to volunteer at the Bolder Way Forward event on September 14th. It was noted that Lisa Baskin had suggested adding this themed event to the Unity in Community event series. There was a women at a previous Events Committee meeting who had volunteered to be the citizen chair of this event.

The Committee reviewed upcoming City events and those who had volunteered by confirming the following information:

June 1	Pride	Sarah and Fran
June 8	America 250	Catherine and Dallas
June 15	Juneteenth	Dallas
Aug 10	Back to School	Catherine
Sept 14	Bolder Way Forward	Sarah
Sept 21	Latino Heritage	New member once appointed

The Committee held a discussion on whether these events such as Bolder Way Forward/ Girl's Night Out, Pride, Latino, etc. may not be unifying. . It was noted that once you begin honoring one group of people, there is no possible way to include everybody, and someone will feel left

out. They noted that anyone was welcome to host or request a specific event. They spoke about promoting unity and diversity at one big event (multicultural) rather than having separate nights for each event or rotating events each year. They mentioned that attending events helped to provide education and interaction with those from other cultures and created allies and unity.

The Committee mentioned highlighting certain groups and advertising in the newsletter that other groups could host additional Unity in the Community events.

Those present from the public suggested more broad/generic events or hosting monthly theme nights which could include cultural, dancing in the street, Cinco de Mayo, Founders Day, veterans, seniors, etc. to appeal to different audiences. The members of the public also mentioned that while the cultural events should be held they felt it should not be City sponsored.

Linda Horrocks noted that the City Council had previously discussed transitioning these events to resident-led chairs with the goal of increasing community volunteer involvement with minimal funding provided by the City. She added that the Events Committee could revisit the topic at a future meeting as part of planning for 2027. Any recommendations from the committee could then be forwarded through Councilmember Clayton to the City Council for consideration.

Councilmember Clayton mentioned that the City Council did have a discussion related to Unity in the Community events and said there were residents who expressed that these events made them feel welcome. She spoke on the potential to have subcommittees plan and host these events.

The Committee also agreed it was good to hold City events in various locations throughout the City (on the hillside, Hatch Park, Foxboro). They discussed the need for more event advertising and the need for a stage.

The Committee proposed discussing 2027 Unity in the Community events in the future after the 2026 season and making recommendations for the Council's consideration.

5. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES-COUNCILMEMBER CLAYTON

Councilmember Clayton reported on the auditions to be held on May 8th for the national anthem singing contest. She suggested inviting the chairs of the Unity in the Community events to the Committee meeting on March 24th. She mentioned that NSL Reads had requested the Events Committee provide a table at their March 5th author night event.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Civic Events Committee minutes of January 27, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

Linda Horrocks requested to add the volunteer list for the Unity in Community events to those minutes.

Committee Member Golden moved that the Civic Events Committee formally amend and approve the meeting minutes from the January 27, 2026. Committee Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Contreras, Golden, Johnson, Jensen, and Marcus.

The Committee reviewed the America250 quiz to be shared at City events.

7. SCHEDULE FOR NEXT CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee decided to hold the next Committee meeting on March 24th.

The Committee proposed the following topics for the next meeting:

- Public comment
- Discuss 2027 Unity in the Community events and make recommendation to City Council
- Upcoming event planning
 - America250
 - Kite Festival
 - Unity in the Community: Pride-June 1
 - Unity in the Community: America 250-June 8
 - Unity in the Community: Juneteenth-June 15
 - Bolder Way Forward- September 14th
 - Unity in the Community: Latino Heritage-September 21
 - Back to School night: August 10
 - Photo Contest
 - Liberty Fest
- Public works update
- City council update
- Approval of minutes
- Schedule for the next Civic Events Committee meeting

8. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Civic Events Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on March 24, 2026 by unanimous vote of all members present.



Dallas Golden, Chair



Wendy Page, City Recorder

