



**CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
NOTICE & AGENDA
APRIL 28, 2026
6:00 PM**

Notice is given that the City of North Salt Lake's Civic Events Committee will hold a meeting on the above noted date and time at the NSL Public Works building located at 642 North 400 West, North Salt Lake, Utah. Some committee members may participate electronically. The following items of business will be discussed; the order of business may be changed as time permits:

AGENDA ITEMS

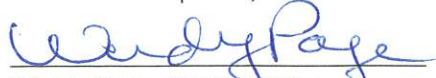
1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Public Comment
3. Assign a Committee Member as a Contact and Liaison with the Health and Wellness Committee for the America Potluck – July 5
4. Upcoming Event Planning and Incorporation of America's 250th Anniversary in 2026
 - a. Kite Festival - May 16
 - b. Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: Pride – June 1
 - c. Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: America 250 – June 8
 - d. Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: Juneteenth – June 15
 - e. Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: Back to School – Aug 10
 - f. Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: A Bolder Way Forward – Sept 14
 - g. Unity in Community & Vendor Fair: Latino Heritage – Sept 21
 - h. Liberty Fest – June 27, July 2 and July 3
 - i. Other(s)
5. Public Works Update
6. City Council Updates – Councilmember Tammy Clayton
7. Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2026
8. Schedule for the Next Civic Events Committee Meeting
9. 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 MARCH 24, 2026

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6 **DRAFT**
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8 PRESENT: Dallas Golden, Chair
9 Catherine Johnson, Vice Chair
10 Sarah Jensen, Treasurer
11 Tammy Clayton, City Council
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13 EXCUSED: Frances Marcus
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15 STAFF PRESENT: Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Randy Simmons, Operations Manager;
16 Carmen Wilson, Operations Manager; Linda Horrocks, Communications Manager.
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18 OTHERS PRESENT: Taressa Earl, Why I Love America; Emilio Rodriguez, Jim Cowley,
19 Elizabeth Miller, Eddy Thompson, Evie Thompson, Conrad Jacobson, Carolyn Jacobson, Gentry
20 Holbrook, residents; Alisa Van Langeveld, Suzette Jackson, City Council.
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22 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION
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24 Dallas Golden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and those present introduced
25 themselves.
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27 2. PUBLIC COMMENT
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29 There were no public comments.
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31 3. UPCOMING EVENT PLANNING AND INCORPORATION OF AMERICA'S 250TH
32 ANNIVERSARY IN 2026
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34 a. UNITY IN COMMUNITY & VENDOR FAIR: PRIDE-JUNE 1
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36 Councilmember Van Langeveld commented that all of the citizen chairs had been invited to
37 discuss the events.
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39 Catherine Johnson said she had previously mentioned switching events each year rather than
40 focusing on the same events. She felt that this would bring more unity rather than highlighting

41 the same groups every year. Councilmember Van Langeveld replied that this question had been
42 discussed and voted on by the City Council. She said at this time the City Council did not want
43 to switch events annually. She noted that this was a topic for continued discussion and explained
44 the history of how these events came to be.

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46 Councilmember Van Langeveld suggested removing “Unity in Community” from the events and
47 titling them as “Community Events” (Pride, Girls Night, Juneteenth, etc.). She said these events
48 started when the Governor designated Juneteenth as an official State holiday and encouraged
49 cities to acknowledge this Federal and State holiday. She continued that the City Council had
50 determined to designate this as an official City holiday with a paid day off for staff. She noted
51 that this then led to a low impact community event in conjunction with the food truck night.

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53 Councilmember Van Langeveld shared that one of the committee members for the Juneteenth
54 event had suggested hosting additional events. She said the Health and Wellness Committee then
55 discussed additional events including Pride, Latino Heritage, and Pacific Islander. She noted that
56 the goals for these events included that they were citizen lead rather than the City, supporting
57 those who wanted to chair these events. She shared that the Pride (chaired by Jeff Scroger),
58 Latino Heritage (chaired by Angie Dalio), and Juneteenth (chaired by Eddy Thompson) still had
59 citizen chairs which was part of the reason they continued to be held annually. She noted that
60 media coverage during the first several years, dance group participation, and continued citizen
61 chair support were also reasons these events had grown. She said the Back to School Night was
62 added last year and would be part of the Night Out Against Crime event this year. She spoke on
63 the origin of the Bolder Way Forward Night/Girls Night Out (chaired by Elizabeth Miller)
64 through former Councilmember Baskin and becoming the first designated Bolder Way Forward
65 city.

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67 Catherine Johnson commented that the events were called Unity in the Community but only
68 specific groups were featured and not all groups were represented. She said unity in the
69 community meant all and suggested hosting a cultural night or Flag Day that would be inclusive
70 for everyone rather than separate events only highlighting a specific group.

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72 Councilmember Jackson added that there were several discussions between the City Council and
73 that the vote had not be unified. She said it seemed like it was agreed upon for rotating events.

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75 Councilmember Van Langeveld emphasized that these events were meant to be citizen lead and it
76 was agreed that the events could be rotated. She introduced Gentry Holbrook as the Back to
77 School Night citizen chair.

78 Those present discussed the need to inform residents that they could suggest and volunteer to
79 chair different events. They also spoke on people who may not attend certain events such as A
80 Bolder Way Forward which was geared towards women.

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82 Councilmember Jackson noted that some residents had shared feedback that they were not in
83 favor of the same events every year that were taxpayer funded and City approved. She said there
84 was positive and negative feedback.

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86 Councilmember Van Langeveld commented that the City had not recruited residents to chair
87 additional events. She added that the events had been considered, when someone approached the
88 City and volunteered to chair an event. It was noted that former Councilmember Lisa Baskin
89 suggested adding “A Bolder Way Forward” night to the Unity in Community event series. Later,
90 a resident in attendance at an Events Committee meeting expressed support for the idea and
91 volunteered to serve as chair for the event.

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93 Councilmember Jackson mentioned that the City could only sponsor so many events due to
94 budgetary and staff constraints.

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96 Councilmember Van Langeveld shared that the budget for the Unity in the Community events
97 was \$1,000 each in contrast to the Liberty Fest celebration which was over \$100,000.

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99 Catherine Johnson suggested that the events could be varied or combined into a single event. She
100 also recommended that, instead of “Latino Night” the event be broadened to a “Cultural Night”
101 to include a wider range of cultures.

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103 Councilmember Van Langeveld spoke to staff capacity, noting that if the City received additional
104 requests that could be accommodated, they could be addressed at that time. She expressed
105 concern that canceling existing events, with active citizen chairs and engaged participants, in
106 favor of theoretical events would be out of balance.

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108 Catherine Johnson commented that to most citizens it seemed like the City Council had chosen
109 which events to host and which groups to single out. She said most residents did not know it was
110 an option to propose other events. Councilmember Van Langeveld replied that it was the
111 volunteers who had suggested the majority of the events including the Kite Festival and the Trot
112 or Treat.

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114 Councilmember Jackson mentioned that a veteran had asked if there would be events for
115 Veteran’s Day and another resident had mentioned Flag Day. She said the number one comment
116 she had received from residents was that the City should choose broad events that encompassed

117 the community such as a cultural night. She asked if men would not feel welcome to attend the
118 food truck night that was held in conjunction with the Girl's Night Out (A Bolder Way Forward)
119 event. She suggested the City sponsor Veteran's Day, Pioneer Day, Flag Day, or a NSL Day with
120 a broader blanket for everyone.

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122 Gentry Holbrook asked those present if they had attended all of the Unity in the Community
123 events. She shared that as a citizen she had attended these events even though she was not always
124 a member of the minority or culture and felt it was a great opportunity for residents to learn
125 about other cultures or supporting other residents who may not look like them. She spoke on
126 participating and learning from others she may not normally engage with and recognizing and
127 supporting fellow community members. She suggested inviting citizens to bring proposals for
128 other events and said there were already concrete examples and community engagement at the
129 existing events. She noted that these populations had historically been marginalized and
130 disregarded so having the City recognize this made an impact for them.

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132 Catherine Johnson commented that while she agreed with Ms. Holbrook's sentiments that it
133 should be a broader blanket to celebrate everyone in the community.

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135 Gentry Holbrook suggested that if a resident brought an idea to the City for an event that they
136 should be willing to chair that event. She mentioned how she had recognized an opportunity to
137 bring Little Free Libraries to the community in a more engaged format and had been involved
138 with this for two years.

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140 Councilmember Jackson said there was a good chance that a large subset of the population who
141 did not attend (such as males with Girls Night Out) or did not feel highlighted or seen in the City
142 when only a few niche populations were being highlighted. She felt this was a good reason for
143 rotating or broadening the umbrella so everyone felt included or identified with an event.

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145 Councilmember Van Langeveld commented that all City events were niche in some regard such
146 as the Kite Festival, Halloween event, or the Easter Egg Dash. She said all of the events were
147 meant to appeal to certain demographics and mentioned that not every resident attended the
148 firework display. She shared that every event did not need to be universal and that the nature of
149 these community events was smaller, non-competing with regional events, unified residents, and
150 acknowledging community that were not routinely recognized. She noted that attendance at the
151 food truck nights was better when combined with the Unity in the Community events.

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153 Sarah Jensen noted that broadening the events too much could risk diluting their intent and that
154 not everything needs to be the same. She also asked about the process for determining which
155 events would be approved if a large number of residents submitted ideas to the Committee.

156 Councilmember Van Langeveld shared that the City Council voted on events in October so that
157 staff could publish the event calendar in November for the upcoming year. She said the Events
158 Committee should make recommendations for events in 2027 to the City Council for approval.

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160 Councilmember Clayton asked if residents who had expressed concern about current events had
161 provided suggestions for other events. She also asked if those residents who had voiced their
162 opinions on certain events had actually attended those events.

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164 Councilmember Van Langeveld suggested conducting a public opinion survey to gather feedback
165 on which events the community would be interested in.

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167 The Committee was in favor of changing the name from “Unity in Community” to something
168 else.

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170 Councilmember Jackson commented that if the events did not feel unified and appeared to focus
171 on smaller, niche communities, it could raise concerns about the use of taxpayer funds. She
172 stated that the role of city government is to broadly serve all residents, rather than to focus on
173 select populations. Councilmember Van Langeveld acknowledged this as a valid point in
174 determining how City funds are allocated and noted that the same criteria could also apply to
175 events such as the Senior Lunch Bunch. She clarified that if the standard is to avoid funding
176 events not open to all residents or that serve only a small portion of the community, that principle
177 should be applied consistently.

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179 Councilmember Jackson said most of residents’ property taxes are allocated to the school district,
180 reflecting the community’s value on education. She added that seniors are the backbone of
181 society and have helped build the community. She felt that this differed from highlighting a
182 specific cultural group, such as the Marshallese residents, compared to broader groups like youth
183 or seniors.

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185 Gentry Holbrook mentioned the suicide of a young Black resident, noting concerns related to
186 bullying and a lack of engagement with available services and resources for youth in these
187 populations. She questioned what message was being sent.

188
189 Dallas Golden said that this year’s events had been set and suggested addressing this topic in
190 September when determining the events for 2027.

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192 Eddy Thompson mentioned that the community had the opportunity to suggest new events for
193 2027. He agreed with obtaining more information on what events residents wanted.

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195 Caroline Jacobson shared that the Senior Lunch Bunch had grown and showed seniors that they
196 had importance in the City.

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198 Councilmember Van Langeveld suggested a call to action in the newsletter or elsewhere to see
199 who would be willing to chair additional events.

200
201 Taressa Earl, Why I Love America, said she would like to see City involvement and unifying the
202 community under the flag of being an American. She spoke on promoting patriotism no matter
203 what color, religion, or social group someone identified with. She expressed concern that the
204 City had been unwilling to host patriotic and unifying events in compliance with a bill passed in
205 2023 per Governor Cox.

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207 Councilmember Van Langeveld commented that the City did host patriotic events including
208 Liberty Fest.

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210 Catherine Johnson said that she appreciated these comments and that the City and the Events
211 Committee had events planned to celebrate America 250 this year. She was in favor of
212 celebrating the holidays including Juneteenth, Flag Day, and Pioneer Day as City events. She
213 suggested that Pride or Latino Night should not be sponsored by the City.

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215 Taressa Earl spoke on segregation and special interest groups in California that had divided so
216 many communities.. She told of several city councils outside of the large cities that had chosen to
217 unify as Americans and create that culture for their cities.

218
219 Emilion Rodriguez spoke from his perspective as a Latino. He highlighted his involvement with
220 the Why I Love America committee and America 250 efforts, noting that these types of events
221 help foster unity within a community.

222
223 Councilmember Van Langeveld summarized that she recommended a call to action for residents
224 to suggest new events and to advertise this. She also suggested a name change from Unity in the
225 Community for current events. She expressed that the decision criteria for rotating or cancelling
226 events should be used universally for every single event to ensure fairness.

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228 Caroline Jacobson commented that some seniors may not attend other City events due to parking
229 or mobility issues.

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231 Councilmember Van Langeveld added that even the weather could impact whether residents
232 attended an event. She said it was great that the City offered events that met different needs. She
233 then provided a review for the event chairs and noted that the previous budget was \$1,000 which

234 had since been adjusted to \$800 per event for a total of \$4,500. She continued that there was a
235 focus on booths that were targeted from this population (Black or LGBTQ owned, etc.) as either
236 a vendor or services that were related. She suggested inviting previous vendors for specific
237 events and general vendors such as Utah Foster Care and the Health Department for all events.

238
239 Catherine Johnson asked if the vendors should be from the City as it was a City sponsored event.
240 Councilmember Van Langeveld replied that the service was for residents and while local vendors
241 should be a priority that there should not be a limit. She mentioned that these events also had a
242 DJ or live entertainment with a priority for local performers and the potential to rent a stage for
243 next year.

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245 Dallas Golden spoke on the location for these events including Hatch Park once it reopened.
246 Councilmember Van Langeveld said these events had been established at Legacy Park. She
247 spoke on providing balanced events across the City and areas that were more or less supportive
248 of these events.

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250 Councilmember Van Langeveld continued her review of the events and said a DJ or performers
251 could be invited or suggested that utilizing a playlist would save money.

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253 Jon Rueckert commented that a small sound system was available for use at these events.

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255 b. UNITY IN COMMUNITY AND VENDOR FAIR: AMERICA 250-JUNE 8

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257 Conrad Jacobson commented that he reached his 250 miles in February for the America 250
258 walking contest. Linda Horrocks noted that he should be highlighted for achieving this goal and
259 that the sponsors of the event, Zions Bank, had some opportunities available for those who
260 completed the challenge.

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262 Conrad Jacobson shared that he and his wife would dress as George and Martha for the Kite
263 Festival on May 16th at Tunnel Springs Park. He asked that the Committee supply the costumes.

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265 Dallas Golden agreed to dress as Ben Franklin and Councilmember Clayton mentioned Elexis
266 Contreras had agreed to dress as Betsy Ross, although she has moved out of the City.

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268 Councilmember Jackson asked about the parameters of the budget including a stage and the
269 potential for America 250 t-shirts. Linda Horrocks replied that she was working on shirts and that
270 staff could order certain things as needed.

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272 Jim Cowley commented that he was a resident and part of Why I Love America. He spoke on the
273 upcoming event planned for North Salt Lake in June and said it would include a color guard, a
274 reading of the Declaration of Independence, and drone photographs with residents holding a
275 large flag. He added that this would be a great opportunity to celebrate the City and America 250.

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277 Catherine Johnson and Dallas Golden commented that they would coordinate with the Why I
278 Love America group and assist with this event

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280 Eddy Thompson asked about other America 250 events throughout the State and if Why I Love
281 America was affiliated with those events. Jim Cowley replied that they were a separate
282 organization but would tag team with America 250.

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284 Taressa Earl added that the proposed event should be festive and educational with displays
285 including artifacts and banners explaining the history of the United States as well as patriotic
286 music. She continued that the Mayor or a City Councilmember would be invited to lead the
287 group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a reading of the Declaration of Independence, a
288 presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution, and recitation of 27 grievances. She spoke
289 on the commemoration of America 250 with a photo of residents holding the giant flag. She also
290 mentioned photo opportunities with a 1952 red pickup truck with America 250 flags.

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292 Linda Horrocks noted that North Salt Lake was an official America 250 city and had an official
293 logo that could be utilized. She also mentioned that Representative Melissa Ballard had
294 presented the City with a flag that had flown over the State Capitol that could also be
295 incorporated into events or awarded to someone.

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297 Catherine Johnson asked if the City could have U.S. flags at these events. Randy Simmons
298 replied that staff could place these flags and asked for specific locations.

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300 Taressa Earl suggested the flags be placed around any platform or stage and maybe a walkway.
301 She also requested a banner with City information to be displayed at the event.

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303 Linda Horrocks noted that the City had a large logo banner and feather flags.

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305 c. UNITY IN COMMUNITY AND VENDOR FAIR: JUNETEENTH-JUNE 15

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307 Dallas Golden will coordinate with Eddy Thompson who is the citizen chair for the Juneteenth
308 event.

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310 d. UNITY IN COMMUNITY AND VENDOR FAIR: BACK TO SCHOOL-
311 AUGUST 10
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313 The Committee confirmed that the Night Out Against Crime would be held in conjunction with
314 the Health and Wellness Fair and the Back to School Night on August 6th rather than with the
315 food trucks on August 10th. They discussed the layout for the Night Out Against Crime joint
316 event including accommodating the helicopter and police dogs.

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318 e. UNITY IN COMMUNITY AND VENDOR FAIR: A BOLDER WAY
319 FORWARD-SEPT 14
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321 The Committee discussed what to name this event including Girls Night Out and Dallas Golden
322 mentioned that the name could be similar to the Night Out Against Crime event and suggested
323 that the Unity in the Community events could be renamed to Night Out with Juneteenth, etc.
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325 f. UNITY IN COMMUNITY AND VENDOR FAIR: LATINO HERITAGE-SEPT
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328 The Committee will review the details of this event as the date grew closer.
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330 g. LIBERTY FEST-JUNE 26, JULY 2, AND JULY 3
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332 The Committee discussed utilizing Why I Love America in future years including during the
333 Liberty Fest celebration.
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335 Taressa Earl said that Constitution month was in September with a kickoff event in August. She
336 suggested the Committee discuss potential dates. She shared that the Why I Love America main
337 event would be at the State Capitol on August 17th. She clarified that the Governor had invited
338 cities to hold an event commemorating September as Constitution month.
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340 Catherine Johnson mentioned there were 27 slots open with 10 slots filled for auditions for the
341 National Anthem contest. She said they could use multiple winners who could perform at the
342 Kite Festival, Liberty Fest, and other events.
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344 Linda Horrocks confirmed that the color guard would perform at the Kite Festival and July 3rd
345 race. Catherine Johnson said Fran was arranging for the color guard.
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347 The Committee also discussed a more formal program at Liberty Fest including honoring
348 veterans at the Liberty Fest event, the color guard performance, and the Star Spangled Banner.

349 h. KITE FESTIVAL -MAY 16

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351 Councilmember Clayton commented that she would order 500 kites with red, white, and blue
352 tails for the Kite Festival.

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354 The Committee discussed what type of food truck to invite to the Kite Festival. They also
355 discussed handing out America 250 swag (stickers, shirts), a potential balloon artist, costumes
356 (Ben Franklin, Besty Ross, and the Washingtons), a manned booth, and a themed quiz. Taressa
357 Earl said their group had many costumes from this era that the City could use for this event.

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359 Dallas Golden mentioned utilizing the #NSLlife hashtag for events and to encourage others to
360 use it as well.

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362 i. OTHER(S)

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364 There were no other events discussed.

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366 4. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

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368 Jon Rueckert reported on the Purge the Spurge event on April 11th at 10 a.m. at the Springhill
369 Geological Park which was sponsored by the Trails Committee. He said the ribbon cutting for the
370 dog park would be May 11th at 6 p.m.

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372 Councilmember Van Langeveld mentioned The Dog Den may want to participate in a dog parade
373 with rainbow kerchiefs at the dog park ribbon cutting.

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375 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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377 The Civic Events Committee minutes of February 24, 2026 were reviewed and approved.

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379 **Committee Member Golden moved that the Civic Events Committee formally approve the**
380 **meeting minutes from February 24, 2026. Committee Member Johnson seconded the**
381 **motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Golden, Johnson, and Jensen.**

382 Committee Member Marcus was excused.

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384 Sarah Jensen was excused at 7:50 p.m.

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386 6. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES-COUNCILMEMBER TAMMY CLAYTON

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388 Councilmember Clayton commented that she would report on the discussion from this meeting
389 to the City Council including rotating events and a potential name change to Night Out for Pride,
390 etc.

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392 Linda Horrocks observed that the Why I Love America group presented a well-developed event
393 plan and requested minimal assistance from City staff. She noted that this model is the intended
394 framework for all Unity in Community events to help reduce staff burden. She added that
395 graphic design and advertising would still require support from City staff.

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397 Councilmember Van Langeveld noted that staff support should include graphic design and
398 advertising with the citizen groups providing the planning and organizing.

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400 The Committee confirmed the color guard on July 3rd for the firework show (potentially at 6:30
401 p.m.) and May 16th for the Kite Festival (at 10 a.m.). They also confirmed a flag display at the
402 Kite Festival.

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404 7. SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

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406 The Committee decided to hold the next Committee meeting on April 28th.

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408 The Committee proposed the following topics for the next meeting:

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- 410 • Public comment
- 411 • Discuss 2027 Community “Night Out” events and make recommendation to City Council
- 412 • Upcoming event planning
 - 413 ○ America250
 - 414 ○ Kite Festival
 - 415 ○ Unity in the Community: Pride-June 1
 - 416 ○ Unity in the Community: America 250-June 8
 - 417 ○ Unity in the Community: Juneteenth-June 15
 - 418 ○ Bolder Way Forward- September 14th
 - 419 ○ Unity in the Community: Latino Heritage-September 21
 - 420 ○ Back to School Night: August 10
- 421 • Public works update
- 422 • City council update
- 423 • Approval of minutes
- 424 • Schedule for the next Civic Events Committee meeting

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426 8. ADJOURN

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428 The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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430 *The foregoing was approved by the Civic Events Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on*
431 *April 28, 2026 by unanimous vote of all members present.*

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Dallas Golden, Chair

_____ *Wendy Page, City Recorder*