

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING 642 NORTH 400 WEST, NORTH SALT LAKE
APRIL 28, 2026

FINAL

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jon Rueckert, Public Works Director; Randy Simmons, Operations Manager; Carmen Wilson, Operations Manager; Linda Horrocks, Communications Manager.

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

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Dallas Golden, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He welcomed attendees, including new committee member Kathleen Kleinman, who introduced herself and expressed her enthusiasm for serving on the Committee.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. ASSIGN A COMMITTEE MEMBER AS A CONTACT AND LIAISON WITH THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE FOR THE AMERICA POTLUCK-JULY 5

Linda Horrocks explained this was a nationwide initiative and the City Council desired to participate. She commented that the City's America Potluck event would be held on Sunday, July 5, 2026 at Tunnel Springs Park.

Tammy Clayton explained this event would be planned jointly with the Health and Wellness Committee and a liaison from the Civic Events Committee had been requested to attend the Health and Wellness Committee meetings for further coordination. Dallas Golden volunteered to

be the Civic Events Committee's liaison and report back on any assignments needed for the event.

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

a. KITE FESTIVAL -MAY 16

Sarah Jensen led the discussion confirming the Kite Festival would be on May 16th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She noted set up for the event would begin at 8:30 a.m.

Tammy Clayton stated there should be eight to ten youth volunteers from the Youth City Council. She acknowledged her work to secure a company's participation that flies giant kites.

The Committee discussed details of the event including:

- Costumes for Benjamin Franklin, George & Martha Washington, and Betsy Ross will be provided by the "Why I Love America" group.
- Catherine Johnson would coordinate costumes.
- Conrad and Caroline Jacobson will portray George and Martha Washington.
- Costumed participants will distribute short early American history questionnaires to children. Completed questionnaires can be redeemed at the City booth for prizes.
- Swag/prizes will be provided by Carmen and Linda.
- Food trucks - Tammy Clayton would contact Donut Kabob and also try to secure an additional smoothie or drink vendor.
- Patriotic backdrop, ballons, and photo booth props were shared by Linda Horrocks that had been ordered.

Catherine Johnson reported 16 participants currently were signed up for the National Anthem Auditions. She noted these auditions were scheduled for May 8th at City Hall. The Committee discussed performance options including one selected performer for all events; or having multiple performers for different events (Kite Festival, July 3 fireworks at Eaglewood, and other Liberty Fest events).

Fran Marcus acknowledged the difficulty in securing a military color guard. She suggested scout troops may be available as an alternative for the Kite Festival. The Committee agreed scouts would be appropriate for the Kite Festival; however, a formal military color guard would be

preferred for the July 3 Liberty Fest fireworks event. Fran Marcus stated she would continue outreach.

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

Dallas Golden noted Sarah Jensen would assist Jeff Scroger, citizen chair, with this event. The Committee discussed rebranding events as NSL Nights Out, following prior discussion with Councilmember Van Langeveld.

Linda Horrocks announced the hiring of Jesika Stinchfield, Events & Digital Promotion Coordinator. She indicated they had collaborated on a new NSL Nights Out series logo, and Jesika developed draft event design concepts. The Committee expressed support for the new branding.

Linda Horrocks distributed NSL Events t-shirts to committee members to wear at City events. The Committee discussed potentially wearing America250 NSL shirts at the Kite Festival if those shirts are available for sale.

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

Catherine Johnson mentioned the America250 citizen group had sent her and Randy Simmons an invitation to attend a planning meeting on May 12th for this event. She indicated she would forward Dallas Golden's contact information to the group so he was also included.

Catherine Johnson revisited the idea of a patriotic home decorating contest. The Committee discussed a time frame (June 14th to July 5th), prizes (ceremonial flags possibly provided by Representative Melissa Ballard), and obtaining additional flags.

Kathleen Kleinman suggested partnering with local bakeries or food businesses to create America250 specialty items, encouraging residents to "collect them all."

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

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

- e. UNITY IN COMMUNITY AND VENDOR FAIR: BACK TO SCHOOL-
AUGUST 10

The Committee will review the details of this event as the date grows closer.

- f. UNITY IN COMMUNITY AND VENDOR FAIR: A BOLDER WAY
FORWARD-SEPTEMBER 14

The Committee will review the details of this event as the date grows closer.

- g. UNITY IN COMMUNITY AND VENDOR FAIR: LATINO HERITAGE-
SEPTEMBER 21

The Committee will review the details of this event as the date grows closer.

- h. LIBERTY FEST-JUNE 27, JULY 2, AND JULY 3

The Committee discussed some details of these events as they discussed the other events but a more detailed planning would be done at future meetings.

- i. OTHER(S)

There were no other events discussed.

5. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Jon Rueckert reported the City celebrated Arbor Day on April 25, 2026 at Tunnel Springs Park. He noted Chevron was a great partner for this event and had many employees attend to help plant trees. He stated there were very few NSL residents at the event this year.

Mr. Rueckert mentioned the Flash Cairo Dog Park would hold a grand opening and leash cutting on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. He commented on a few of the details that were planned for this ceremony.

Jon Rueckert indicated the Trails Master Plan Survey was now open through Sunday, May 17th and encouraged all to give feedback on the current trail network, areas of improvement, and priorities for trails in North Salt Lake.

6. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES-COUNCILMEMBER TAMMY CLAYTON

Councilmember Clayton commented that the City's final budget for fiscal year 2027 had not yet been adopted but the City Council was working on it. She acknowledged the Committee's requests had been submitted for consideration in the upcoming fiscal year but there was still time to turn in any other budgetary requests if needed.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Committee Member Golden moved that the Civic Events Committee formally approve the meeting minutes from March 24, 2026. Committee Member Jensen seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Golden, Jensen, Johnson, Kleinman, and Marcus.

8. SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

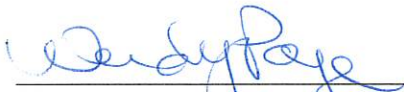
The Committee decided to hold the next Committee meeting on May 26th.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

The foregoing was approved by the Civic Events Committee of the City of North Salt Lake on May 26, 2026 by unanimous vote of all members present.


Dallas Golden, Chair


Wendy Page, City Recorder

