

CITY OF NORTH SALT LAKE
CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING 642 NORTH 400 WEST, NORTH SALT LAKE
JANUARY 27, 2026

FINAL

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

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

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. Frances Marcus was introduced as the newest appointee to the Civic Events Committee.

Frances Marcus shared that she volunteered at the Salvation Army food bank on Fridays, volunteered at the car show, and was a veteran. She noted that she had lived in the City for 22 years. She added that she had been in the military for 26 years and then worked at a school for the deaf and blind.

Dallas Golden then invited those present to introduce themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Horrocks explained that those members present from the public had been invited to attend the Civic Events Committee meetings and provide input on the America250 events.

3. OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT TRAINING

Those present participated in the annual training on the Open and Public Meetings Act which was required training per State Code for all councils, commissions and committees that were subject to the Open and Public Meetings Act.

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND TREASURER

Committee Member Contreras moved to elect Dallas Golden as the Committee Chair, Catherine Johnson as the Committee Vice Chair, and Sarah Jensen as the Committee Treasurer. Committee Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Dallas Golden confirmed that the Civic Events Committee elect a Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer in accordance with the committee's bylaws and noted the election of the following officers for the Civic Events Committee for 2026:

Chair: Dallas Golden

Vice Chair: Catherine Johnson

Treasurer: Sarah Jensen

The motion was approved by Committee Members Contreras, Golden, Johnson, Jensen, and Marcus.

5. PLANNING FOR CITY COUNCIL REPORT ON FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Dallas Golden confirmed that the report to the City Council would be February 17, 2026. He requested budgetary information for the report. He reviewed the potential topics for the report including:

- Committee goals
- 2025 accomplishments
- How events engaged the community
- Lessons learned
- 2026 priorities and events
- Pictures
- America250
- Budget requests

The Committee reviewed priorities including the America250 theme in events.

6. JOINT COMMITTEE COORDINATION UPDATE

Councilmember Clayton mentioned collaborating with the Health and Wellness and the Arts Committees particularly on America250 events.

7. RECAP OF EVENTS

a. WINTER LIGHTS FEST

Linda Horrocks requested that notes from events be compiled into the shared drive.

Conrad Jacobson reported on attending the Winter Lights Fest and the unveiling of the mural. He added that there were issues with parking. He suggested a new location for Winter Lights Fest in 2026. Linda Horrocks noted that when the Hatch Park remodel was completed parking would be much easier. She spoke on designated parking in other locations and the use of a shuttle. She also recommended a chairperson for each event.

Councilmember Clayton mentioned that she had received compliments on the scones and other residents had requested cookies.

8. UPCOMING EVENT PLANNING

a. 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICA 2026 INCORPORATION INTO EVENTS

Councilmember Clayton mentioned incorporating the America250 theme into the photo contest, America potluck on July 5th, neighborhood block parties, the Kite Festival, Veterans Day event, and the NSL Reads (Three by the Third).

Linda Horrocks shared that the City received \$1,500 from the State to be used in conjunction with America250.

Councilmember Clayton noted that liaisons would be established with the Arts (Camille Thorpe), the Health and Wellness (Sam Ball), and Trails and Active Transportation Committees.

Dallas Golden asked the Committee for feedback on what America250 swag should be ordered. Linda Horrocks mentioned t-shirts could be ordered.

The Committee discussed ideas including themed shirts, as well as potentially dropping shirts, candy, or other swag from an airplane.

Elexis Contreras shared that she would be moving out of the City but offered to assist with events.

b. KITE FESTIVAL-MAY 16

Councilmember Clayton suggested ordering the kites earlier this year. The Committee discussed incorporating the theme of America250 since May 16th was Armed Forces Day. Sarah Jensen agreed to be the Chair for this event. The Committee discussed having U.S. trivia questions or a scavenger hunt with prizes (America250 swag) at the events.

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

The Committee discussed having at least two members to chair these events rather than one person overseeing all the Unity in Community events.

Linda Horrocks commented that the Health and Wellness Committee would assist with these events. She mentioned that there were citizen chairs for the Bolder Way Forward (September 14th), Latino Heritage (September 21st), and Back to School night (August 13th) events as well.

Linda Horrocks reported that Jeff Scroger with the Health and Wellness Committee would be the citizen chair for the Pride event. Sarah Jensen and Fran Marcus volunteered to represent the Committee and work with the citizen chair for the Pride Event.

The Committee assigned the following members to work with the citizen chairs and support the Unity in Community events for 2026:

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| 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 | (assign the new member once appointed) |

d. UNITY IN COMMUNITY & VENDOR FAIR: AMERICA250-JUNE 8

Catherine Johnson spoke on a contest for a resident to sing the National Anthem at Liberty Fest. She asked that this contest be advertised in the newsletter. She also mentioned working with

local elementary schools to collect 250 items (cereal boxes, canned food) and donate to a local charity.

Linda Horrocks said Councilmember Jackson had a citizen chair in mind for this event. Catherine Johnson and Dallas Golden volunteered to represent the Committee and work with the citizen chair for the America250 Event.

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

Linda Horrocks noted that Eddie Thompson would be the citizen chair for this event. Dallas Golden said he would represent the Committee and work with the citizen chair to help with this event.

9. CITY COUNCIL UPDATES-COUNCILMEMBER TAMMY CLAYTON

Councilmember Clayton commented that she would report on the new Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer as well as upcoming events during the City Council reports on February 17th.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Civic Events Committee minutes of November 25, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Committee Member Johnson moved that the Civic Events Committee formally approve the Meeting Minutes from the November 25, 2025, Civic Events Meeting, as written. Committee Member Contreras seconded the motion. The motion was approved by Committee Members Contreras, Golden, Johnson, Jensen, and Marcus.

11. SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT CIVIC EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Dee Lalliss suggested a public dancing event for August like square or line dancing.

The Committee proposed the following topics for the next meeting:

- Public comment
- Upcoming event planning
 - America250
 - Kite Festival

