

Greater Avenues Community Council General Meeting
Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street
Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 7:00 PM

7:00 PM - Chair Brian Berkelbach opens meeting and welcomes attendees.

7:03 PM - A member of SLC Fire from station 4 encouraged community members to apply to become a firefighter. The deadline is March 31, more information can be found at slcfire.com/jobs. The department won the Outclimb Cancer charity challenge recently. The representative also asked community members to start thinking about wildfire season and preparing for spring and summer now. The department is happy to consult with residents.

Becky from the Sweet Library talked about the new artwork decorating the branch by artist Todd Howelsen. The third Saturday of each month is [movie afternoon](#).

Det. Gibic was unable to attend but passed on information about the citizen's academy starting soon. Additionally, the homeless camps on Victory Rd. will be cleaned up in June.

7:09 PM - City Council Member Chris Wharton discusses the NW Quadrant situation. At the time, the plan was being pushed through the legislature on the third substitute. It includes WVC and is coming down to the wire - the city is negotiating to retain control. Call the governor to voice your concern and push him to veto. Other major legislative issues involving the city are the transition of UTA and watershed bills. Phil Carroll asks Chris why he thinks the legislature is so boldly going after the city this year. Chris responds that Speaker Hughes has been ambitious in his last year but that the governor has been clear on not eroding local control.

7:24 PM - Katherine Kennedy with the SLC school board discusses school safety. The schools are now locking doors, doing drills and have passed a safety resolution. Katherine also touches on the theme of SLC's position as the liberal capital of the area in terms of tax funds being distributed throughout the area, while 59% of SLC students are eligible for free or reduced cost lunches. There's lots of need in the district despite the large tax base.

7:33 PM - Nate Salazar from the SLC Mayor's office talks about an option to increase sales tax in SLC, raising \$35 million annually to address issues involved with growth. SLC has taken on the Climate Positive 2040 initiative, which brings carbon emissions down by 80%. The city also recently approved a gender pay equity policy. A final note regarding plastic bags: Don't use them, but if you do, don't recycle them as the city's equipment can't handle them. Send them to the Bennion Center who repurposes them to help the homeless population.

7:43 PM - The Avenues Athletic Association needs volunteers to help run facilities during events, with officiating, web design, photography etc: <http://aaaslc.com/>

7:45 PM - County Mayor Ben McAdams discusses civic engagement. Ben talked about his upbringing from childhood to odd jobs to college and law school. He talked in-depth about homelessness and how he has worked to redefine metrics surrounding the issue. The mayor described well-intentioned regulations having the wrong consequences and that ending chronic homelessness would require housing first, then addressing basic needs, addiction, mental health, and job training. Ben described 'collective impact' as an important means of solving problems, looking at the issue from many perspectives and allowing departments to work together instead of discretely to see a better picture. His goal is to develop a sort of "homelessness index" to quantify the problem and show a clear picture of improvements.

8:33 PM - Lee Lesberg spoke on behalf of SAFE Neighborhoods. There is a 96 hour preparedness fair on April 21 at Wasatch Elementary from 10 AM-1 PM.

Cindy from the 10th East Senior Center thanked the community for a successful open house recently. The center also has a new director.