

Greater Avenues Community Council Board Meeting
Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street
Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 7:00 PM

7:02 PM - Brian Berkelbach calls meeting to order

Update from Det. Gibic: Package thefts are still happening. Send packages to your office.

There recently were strong arm robberies near the Smith's perpetrated by three hispanic men who are still on the loose. This is very abnormal for the Avenues. The Citizen's Academy is taking place, more at SLCPD.com. The SLCPD had an underwhelming recruiting class.

Transient camps in City Creek and elsewhere will be cleaned up in the near future.

Mary Maloney, SLCPL - Reservations for conference rooms will now open a week ahead of time. 'United We Read' is a program to connect readers by reading the same book. The current book is "Book of Unknown Americans," take a copy and then pass it on to others. Tuesday April 24 at noon, the library will host a financial expert on social security.

7:11 PM - Chris Wharton - The NW Quadrant bill passed and is bad for the city. [The Tribune has a great article on the plan](#). A special session could be called as early as May. There is good news in that the water bills did not pass, protecting our watershed. The city secured funding for low income housing and for Rio Grande treatment and law enforcement. They also filled slots on city board and finished the cemetery master plan. The council has also talk about gun violence and how to provide services for kids feeling afraid. The upcoming budget could include a sales tax increase and general obligation bond to fund city priorities, which include street repairs, affordable housing, public transit and public safety. Chris will be closely watching other water bills affecting the city.

Rep. Rebecca Chavez Houck - With Mike Noel not running, keep an eye on Kim Coleman't bill. She is frustrated by the inland port bill as well and hopes the governor will advocate for changes to be made. Rebecca is happy that her same day voter registration bill passed, but is concerned by the 2020 census which is likely to undercount. Utah needs to implement a complete count committee.

7:30 PM - Katherine Kennedy, SLC School Board - Katherine discussed data collection in schools and the legal process required to gather information. In regards to recent demonstrations about gun violence, students did not face any repercussions for walking out. The budget process is underway, the school board is worried about taxes that will take money from districts with deep tax bases and redistribute to others, despite SLC supporting 60% of students with free or reduced lunch. It feels as though SLC is being punished. The UHSAA has sanctioned boys and girls lacrosse in upcoming years. Chris Wharton is touring all of the city's schools.

7:45 PM - Nate Salazar with SLC discusses the new new 'call to haul' program for neighborhood waste removal which will kick off in June 2018. He also brought up the Know Your Neighbor volunteer program and the DWS refugee office. An attendee asked about the city's plans for LED street lights, for which Salazar said "there is none."

7:52 PM - Jeremy Holt with LDS Hospital talks about the new emergency mental health center, one of only a couple in the state.

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7:57 PM - Kyle and Mia with the SLC Parks department discussed some plans for area parks. Warm Springs Park will see new multiuse courts and pathway improvements as well as restrooms. Avenues Baseball is funding a proposed fence for one of the upper Lindsey Gardens little league fields. The community voted to endorse the proposal.

8:11 PM - Hillary Frasier with the SLC Marathon - Businesses were notified of plans March 31, homes will be given fliers on April 14. The race expo is on April 20th, and there will be a finishline expo at Library Square. Law enforcement will be present to assist with traffic.

8:16 PM - Braley Bullard from SLC Community and Neighborhoods talked about the outreach effort to anyone with stake in the future of SLC, including residents and commuters. The city wants to invest in critical public infrastructure in four areas - streets, housing, transit and safety. Only 36% of SLC streets are at 'fair' or better level. Funding will be for both reconstruction and ongoing maintenance. Half of residents pay over recommended $\frac{1}{3}$ of monthly income and there is a 7500 unit gap in low income housing. Residents are seeking more of the community policing model. 60% of the sales taxes are paid by nonresidents. The city hopes to implement a .5% tax increase and two general obligation bonds - taxes haven't been raised by the city in 20 years. The public comment period is open until April 17.

8:26 PM - Wade Mathews presents for Be Ready Utah. He discussed emergency preparedness for a number of situations, from wildfires to active shooters. He emphasized the need to pay attention to emergency broadcasts and heed orders from officials.

8:48 PM - Open announcements - The 10th East Senior Center is hosting 40s and 50s music. Lee Lesberg reminds the community of the 96 hour emergency kit fair on april 21. A community member discusses LED streetlights again, commenting on the bright nature of the light Chris Wharton asks him to email. Gwen Springmeyer talks about on/off-leash dogs at Warm Springs Park.

8:54 PM - The meeting adjourns.