

Greater Avenues Community Council Board Meeting
Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street
Wednesday, May2, 2018, 7:00 PM

7:02 p.m. – Brian Berkelbach, Chair, calls meeting to order

Area Reports

Fire: The new Fire Station 14 (3800 West and California Ave) is completed! Grand opening will be May 17, starting at 9:30 a.m., with a dedication ceremony at 10:30 a.m., and public tours all day. Audience question about the purchase of vehicles to access trails. Also, a reminder to watch out for flooding and fast-moving rivers.

If you see fires at homeless camps, call the non-emergency police number, 801-799-3000.

Police: Repetitive messages: don't leave anything in your car and don't leave your house doors unlocking. Please be aware that the department is overworked and understaffed; if they take a longer time to respond, don't be angry with the individual officers responding.

Library: Summer Reading program starts June 2 with kick-off events, and it isn't just for kids!

City Council (Chris Wharton): City Council passed a sales tax increase – 5 cents for every \$10; with the increased revenue going to the four categories of priorities: public safety, roads, transit, affordable housing. As a clarification about the police department – there will be 27 new officers the first cohort being added; it's a phased approach to reach the 50 new officers planned. ADU ordinance – one change is that it would be conditional use permit with the ability for the Council to revoke it, in areas like the Avenues.

State Legislature (Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck): With her pending retirement, she is transitioning her committee work to others. During the Legislature's Override Session, she voted against all three, feeling that they weren't time-urgent issues and that there needed to be more time spent on a thorough review and revision of the bills.

SLC Mayor's Office (Nate Salazar): Further clarification about the police department: a portion of the increase of 2.2 mil for salary benefits is to ensure that SLC is competitive for new officers.

Tour of Utah will be in Salt Lake City again this year, on Saturday, August 10, 12:30-3:00 pm – route not finalized yet. The City is also doing a Memorial Day Freedom Loop, a 1.5 mile walk, with veterans, starting at 8:30 a.m. Mayor Biskupski issued a statement earlier today, with the release of the video, about the officer involved shooting that occurred April 18.

LDS Hospital: Free yoga class every Tuesday (see flyer), with focus on patients in cancer treatment and their family and friends. Review of the services they provide, including Blood Cancer Center (1 of only 2 in area). Jeremy asked "What else do we want to know about?" Answers: Community health, events coming up that are open.

Memory Grove Clean-up: There will work for all different physical levels. It is 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., starting at the gate to give out assignments.

Call 2 Haul Program, Salt Lake City Sustainability Department / Salt Lake Waste and Recycling:

Presentation included why the city changed the program, how the new program was developed (including the survey to seek input), what the requirements were for developing the new program, and details about the new program. See flyer for information about scheduling and material that is and is not accepted.

Campus Drive Road Update:

3 steps:

1. Sign up for email updates
2. Call Stacey with problems; she is in touch with the construction crew and can deal with it more timely

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3. Be resilient – there will be changes to the plan and impacts on your life, but they are working to minimize those.

One change about the plan from the content in the Agenda Newsletter – No Night Work! Work will 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; there will be no percussive noises at night.

Candidate Night – Utah State Senate District 2

Moderator Nate Blouin reviewed the Debate format

- Each candidate will be allowed 2 minutes for an opening statement.
- Questions have been submitted on cards and reviewed for themes.
- There will be 1 minute allotted for each candidate to answer each question.
- The first person to respond will rotate for each question.
- Each candidate will be given 1 ½ minutes for a closing statement.

* denotes the first respondent

Opening Statements

Derek Kitchen – I am a current SLC council member and small business owner. I have been involved in several successes of the SLC Council. Key issues for me are air quality, water conservation, schools will all be under more pressure with population increase. I want to re-address the Northwest Quadrant.

Chase Winder – I was born and raised in the Aves. I've spent career in politics: I worked for Congressman Jim Matheson in Washington, DC. More recently, I co-founded an education non-profit and work with teenagers at risk for dropping out of high school. Currently, I work at Qualtrics, where there is a value to "democratize democracy." I want our voices to be heard working from within the party in power.

**Jennifer Plumb* – I work at Primary Children's Hospital in ER; I've seen the opioid epidemic, and been advocating for Naloxone access and needle exchanges. Key issues are mental health, gun, affordability, air quality. I don't know everything, but I want to learn from experts and work with my constituents.

Question 1: What are you going to do to represent our voice, the progressive voice, in a Senate with a supermajority?

**Derek Kitchen* – We've been represented well in the past. I want to work across the aisle, find common ground and build bridges.

Chase Winder – It's about message delivery – we often want the same outcomes. I can be a voice that is moderate, listening, and inclusive.

Jennifer Plumb – Partisanship doesn't have to be the only way to operate. I've seen bi-partisan support with syringe exchange access bills. It isn't about who likes what part; it is just spun a different way.

Question 2: There may be several ballot initiatives this November. Do you have a favorite?

Derek Kitchen – With the changing population in the state (Washington County is the fastest growing), Better Boundaries is significant. All of the other ballot issues would be addressed in the legislature if we were represented. Medicaid expansion is another important initiative.

**Chase Winder* – Count My Vote. More paths to the ballot is a good thing. Also, even though it was tabled, Our Schools Now was important. Medical marijuana is important to help people in pain with less dangerous ways than highly addictive drugs.

Jennifer Plumb – They are really important, to listen to "the will of the people." I supported getting them all on the ballot. Medical Marijuana bill is critical.

Question 3: What is the first issue you would address and what have you done already to prepare for that?

Derek Kitchen – The Northwest Quadrant. Already, only 40% of land in SLC is taxable, there are large numbers of commuters into the city, and then this issue. It's important to make sure residents have a

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voice and that city gets needed money to support infrastructure. Other initial efforts include early child education and affordable housing.

Chase Winder – I'm an outdoorsman, so I care about protecting public lands; I feel really different from my party on this issue. It's critical that we do whatever we can to ensure that these lands are protected. Another initial effort includes education, in particular addressing teachers' pay.

**Jennifer Plumb* – Gun reform. There are big pieces (e.g., no more assault weapons), but there are also small steps we could do: increase education, demonstrate competency to have a concealed weapon, red flag laws. I can bring the right people with me.

Question 4: What do you see in the future for UTA and public transportation?

**Derek Kitchen* – I've been involved in the development of the Salt Lake City Council Transit Master Plan. Regional transit authority is important. The bill passed this year had good things in it.

Chase Winder – Transportation: how do we move people throughout the state; how do we choose where funding goes? I've been meeting with UTA and UDOT to discuss what the public needs and wants are. It's important to look at transportation holistically.

Jennifer Plumb – I'm definitely not the expert on transit. I would want to look at the question "What is the disconnect, in which people who don't use public transit just write it off?" Also, "Where is the public discourse?" I can work on the communication issues related to the issues.

Question 5: How should we address the substance abuse crisis?

Derek Kitchen – The "collective impact approach" of Operation Rio Grande was limited by a lack of Medicaid funding. One contributing factor is the over-prescribing opiates. Education and job training as components of treatment. It's important to have social therapy and mental health care in the prisons.

**Chase Winder* – It is multiple phases. First phase: cleaning up where there are high-drug spots (e.g., Operation Rio Grande). Second phase: looking into the complex societal problems (including the inter-generational poverty work by the state). Third phase: job training.

Jennifer Plumb – I lost my brother to a heroin overdose. It is critical that there is money to fund treatment. Currently, there is no parity between mental health and physical health.

Question 6: What about the Northwest Quadrant?

Derek Kitchen – Reopen it again. A key priority: get a portion of the tax increment back to SLC. How: engage with representatives from other areas of the state and build coalitions.

Chase Winder – It's an issue when we're being left out of the conversations; I can be at that table on the inside.

**Jennifer Plumb* – This cannot be a done deal. I don't know how, but I am dogged determined. Other areas of the state are/will face land grab issues, and they should care about it from that perspective.

Question 7: How do you see your role working cross-jurisdiction and how do you see those partnerships?

**Derek Kitchen* – The government that governs the closest governs the best. Example of the collective impact as a collaboration between multiple government entities and other areas.

Chase Winder – I've had experience working with every level of government, including through Qualtrics (building surveys for the city).

Jennifer Plumb – I'm coming from outside of government. A key for me is to take it to the people.

Question 8: How can we address the funding needs of education?

Derek Kitchen – It's critical that we start looking at early childhood education! Look at our neighboring states and what they are doing for best practices.

**Chase Winder* – "weighted people unit" needs to be increased; finding sustainable funding sources; teachers' pay increases.

Jennifer Plumb – Make it a priority. Stop tax cuts for big corporations.

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Question 9: How do we maintain a high quality of life, especially with a doubling population, including addressing issues like air quality?

Derek Kitchen – There were 7 bills this year that didn't pass aimed at the Salt Lake watershed; 2/3 of growth is internal (children); it's going to take long-range planning (consider the year 2100).

Chase Winder – I suffer from asthma, so I'm personally invested. I've already met with state officials to discuss. I look at personal responsibility (on the list for a Tesla) as well as public issues, like transportation (UTA).

**Jennifer Plumb* – Start with enforcing EPA; reinvest in solar; look at gas efficiency.

Closing Statements

**Derek Kitchen* – Growth will be my theme. I want to be a partner for SLC at the state. I will be a workable, willing partner. There are both opportunities and challenges with growth.

Chase Winder – Civility is missing; we can work together. I seek to be a moderator and a negotiator.

Jennifer Plumb – I am bringing my constituents with me; I will listen to others for ideas.

***Candidate answers are not in totality. For complete Candidate viewpoints and platforms, please visit their websites.*

Open Announcements:

Tenth East Senior Center – keep in mind the variety of services they have, including a dance program for individuals with Parkinson's and tennis lessons.

8:45 p.m. – Meeting Adjourned.