

Greater Avenues Community Council Board Meeting
Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street
Wednesday, January 3, 2017, 7:00 PM

7:01 PM - Brian Berkelbach calls meeting to order. He briefly discusses plans to organize community block parties and asks community members to get in touch if they'd be interested in chairing an event.

Representatives from the fire department educate the community on the importance of carbon monoxide safety in the winter and advise on detectors, battery life and checking and servicing furnaces and water heaters. The firemen also mention entry level testing for employment, information can be found at www.slcfire.com.

Detective Gibic briefs the community on the district's current low crime rate, which is mostly transient related. He calls the Aves the "best place to live in the city." Gibic warns against open garage doors and unlocked cars. Residents can email techpermits@slcgov.com for broken signs and other maintenance issues. Gibic also talks about the need for residents to stay engaged in the hiring process of the city's police officers so that quality does not go down and residents trust their officers.

Librarian Mary Maloney discusses monthly events, which can be found here:
<http://www.slcp.org/events/>

Catherine Kennedy with the SLC School Board discusses upcoming budget meetings.

Nate Salazar from the Mayor's office congratulates Chris Wharton on being elected vice chair of the City Council. The city's brown bin for yard waste will be suspended from 1/22-3/2. The city is doing a great job on sustainability, with sustainable fire stations coming. Properties for new homeless resource centers have been secured and are being designed by reputable firm, ground will be broken in April.

Chris Wharton, City Council member, discusses priorities of the council for 2018. They will include infrastructure, public safety, affordable housing and sustainability. Chris talks about development of an inland port in the NW quadrant.

Rep. Chavez Houck talks about her priorities for upcoming session, which includes election day voter registration, funding homeless issues. Schedule an appointment for Visit Our Hive Day, 1/13, <https://www.facebook.com/events/544995225858936/>, email Jackie Rosen at jrosen@le.utah.gov for more information. There is a town hall meeting happening on 1/27 at LDS Hospital.

7:39 PM - Dixie with the Better Boundaries initiative discusses the way in which a ballot initiative can become a law. She discusses the importance of community support for legislation to be enacted to keep legislators true to their constituents.

Austin Cox with Our Schools Now gives data about Utah's last-place standing for per-pupil spending. The initiative would enact a .45% increase on sales and income tax to generate \$700 million, which is distributed proportionally to local school districts to address local issues.

Alex Lohr with Utah Medical Marijuana Initiative distills question to, "Should sick people be criminalized for using cannabis as a treatment?" $\frac{3}{4}$ of Utahns are in favor of the measure. The initiative is seen as a way of curbing Utah's dire opioid crisis.

Catherine Kanter represents the Better Boundaries redistricting initiative. The initiative is led by a bipartisan board. The sheer number of ballot initiatives illustrate disapproval of

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legislature's action, but many of Utah's races go uncontested due to hyperpartisanship. Citizens need to be engaged and unencumbered by gerrymandering to bring faith back to democracy.

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Count My Vote did not appear, but Dave Van Langeveld spoke on their behalf and talked about how the initiative gives the general public, not party delegates, the choice of candidates.

The final ballot initiative is full Medicaid expansion. There are 60,000+ Utahns who do not qualify for Medicaid or subsidies. Expansion allows anyone up to 138% of the poverty level to qualify for coverage and imposes a safety net to prevent legislative manipulation. It is funded by a .15% increase in non-food sales tax.

8:24 PM - Desiree from Wasatch Elementary discusses the SAFE Neighborhoods program, there is a meeting at the school on January 23 for the entire community.

Cindy talks about indoor pickleball at the 10th E (237 S) Senior Center. Participants and volunteers are needed.

Mike Fowler plugs the Avenues Athletic Association - AAASLC.com

8:29 PM - Brian adjourns community meeting.