

Greater Avenues Community Council General Meeting
Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street
Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 7:00 PM

7:00 p.m. – Brian Berkelbach, Chair, calls meeting to order

Area Reports

Fire: New Fire Station 3 opening on Oct 10. Wildfire season has ended and we made it through!

Police (Det. Gibic): Staffing is low; ask questions of the Mayor!

Library: Events Calendar on website has been improved; printed calendars will be branch-specific.

City Council (Chris Warton): City Council established State Street from 900 to 2100 South as a Community Reinvestment Area. City Council is working on funding decisions for Capital Improvement Projects; there will be one more working meeting. For the Avenues, we have gotten funding for improving the cemetery wall; another possible funding effort is the stairway between the baseball fields at Lindsey Gardens.

Continued discussion of accessory dwelling units, with one possible amendment being a conditional use permit, as a way to enforce owner occupancy.

In response to audience question, Chris talked about Pioneer Park changes, with the goal of increasing functional use and improving security. It has included taking out older trees, on the southern part of the park. There is a possibility of having limited retail space within the Park, but the City Administration has not finalized plans.

Discussion of Administrative decisions that are enacting the policy as determined by City Council. City Council also weighs in on matters related to the budget, zoning, and city ordinances. Stay up-to-date with newsletters from different departments.

Issue of LED bulbs on 12th Ave: Public Utilities will not be purchasing any more of the bulbs at that wattage. Chris has met with Public Utilities to continue to get updates on replacing the current bulbs and adding light shields.

State Legislature (Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck): *Not present*

Salt Lake School District (Katherine Kennedy): Next Tuesday, Oct 9, there will be another debate for the School Board position, at West High. Board continues to focus on goals of literacy and social and emotional wellness. In response to audience question, Katherine does encourage us to vote Yes for Question 1; it sends a message that we care about funding for education.

SLC Mayor's Office (Nate Salazar): Arts, Culture, and Events (ACE) funding application closes Oct 31. There is an updated Good Neighbor Guide. There are flyers on being a courteous e-scooter rider, with a survey available through Oct 31. See flyer about small cell infrastructure, and the State Legislation that came out requiring city cooperation.

LDS Hospital: *Not present*

University of Utah: Huntsman Cancer Institute will be starting construction on new proton therapy facility, anticipated to occur over two years. Impact: lower trail will be closed during the weekdays. Representative will present on it more at our next meeting.

GACC Updates

Street Fair Update: Still working on all of the final numbers. We will take volunteers for next year!

GACC Board and Officer Nominations: Slate of candidates is presented tonight, with more nominations accepted. It will be voted on at the November meeting. See attachment for the slate. No nominations were offered during the meeting.

Ronald McDonald House Expansion Project (Carrie Romano)

Brief history of Ronald McDonald House and current services. Expansion is to create backyard green space. It will include removing the non-contributing office building and preserving the two historic homes. No expectation of traffic or parking impacts of expansion. Lighting will all be low-level down-facing path lighting. It will be secured with a fence and a gate with keycard access; the security guard will include it in routine rounds. See latest issue of The Agenda for details.

Pump House at 200 N Canyon Road Update

Intro from Public Utilities: Well is at 4th Ave and Canyon Road, the southwest corner of the smaller (norther) of the park islands. This well provides up to 5% of total water in the system, particularly during drought years. The condition of the well has reached the highest level of need, with safety concerns for the workers and electrical issues (no longer able to be serviced). The initial rendering does not depict what is possible. They recognize there is concern about aesthetics and historic nature, impact on vegetation, and a thorough process of looking at alternatives. They want our input! They have brought an architect on board who is familiar with historic buildings. See flyer for updates.

Additional details in response to audience questions: By treating the water at the site of the well, it can go directly into the system, rather than pumping it to treatment location. It cannot be underground for the safety of the workers, as well as protecting it from surface water contaminations. Intention is that the building plans will be an iterative process, with the architect coming to the community for feedback. One option is a stand-by generator, that wasn't kept on site. Apart from the currently-planned on-site generator for emergency use, the loudest sound impact would be the cooling system, about the same as the air conditioner on a house. The chlorine isn't to treat the well water but to treat the pipeline, to keep the pipeline environment safe. Audience input: With the alternatives analysis, there may be options that are cost more, but we the taxpayers may be willing to pay that. They are trying to work around engineering constraints and other feasibility issues and many regulations.

Update from Salt Lake City Mayor Jackie Biskupski and key administrators

Key issues on the campaign trail: affordable housing, transportation options, clean air

In two years, they have developed Public Safety Strategic Plan, Affordable Housing Plan, audit of road conditions, Clean Energy Plan. Residents supported sales tax increase (2/3 of respondents to survey) and City Council passed it; there will be a dashboard to track how funding is spent. GO Bond would generate ~\$87 million to replace roads; it will be on November ballot. Overview of efforts related to treatment and housing options for homeless population; new resource centers. There are 51 police officers currently in training.

Police Chief: we've changed our approach; co-respond with social worker, recognize that punishing crime does not solve the homeless issue for the person, and trying to better separate homelessness and criminality. In the next five years, we will be fully staffed! District 3 is one of our safest, because the community is engaged. The serious crimes are down 28% year-to-date.

Fire Chief: Safety tidbit: clear a defensible space around your home! This helps us be able to contain fires more quickly. Have an escape plan, and then the fire department does not need to use resources on rescue. SLC Fire Dept is one of less than 1% in the country who have a specific type of accreditation, which is a great recognition of their work.

Parks Department: Pioneer Park redesign – it's a common solution to "open up the center of the park" which both increases usage and decreases crime. Most of the 53 trees removed were old and not

healthy. The plan is to plant 24 new sycamore trees, pending other possible improvements (e.g., new playground). There isn't a plan from the City to add retail space.

Housing: They continue to develop affordable housing options and plans. It gives the city a tool to work with developers to help direct their efforts.

ADUs update: the conditional permit would be in zoning areas that are currently single-family areas; ADUs would just be allowed in other zones. There is a one-stall parking requirement, but there are options for properties that cannot offer this stall. Second hearing scheduled for Oct 16.

Open Announcements (8:47 pm)

- Music and Memory – personalized iPods for older adults; there is a drive in partnership with the library going on now.

8:48 pm – Adjourn