

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

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

GACC Announcements: We've heard that the newsletter did not get delivered; we don't know exactly what happened, but it may have gotten delayed due to all of the political mailings occurring.

Area Reports

Fire: *Not present.*

Police (Det. Gibic): Five agencies, including SLCPD, conducted an operation to try to catch postal package thieves. They delivered bait packages and zero thieves were caught. Detective Gibic continued to push finding alternatives: a locked mailbox, delivering to your work, delivering to a neighbor who will be home. Also, car warm-ups: cars will get stolen if you leave it on! (It's also bad for the environment.) There have been two stolen trailers – you can secure these with chains. Detective Gibic showed photos of two suspects in recent burglary; call 911 if you see them.

In response to audience question about suspicious cars on Chandler Ave. – there are no updates.

Library: *Not present.*

City Council (Chris Warton): City finished CIP process. Funding secured for stairs in Lindsey Gardens connecting the upper and lower baseball fields, as well as for repairs to the most dangerous sections of the cemetery retaining walls. He plans to try to get more funding for the concession stand at Lindsey Gardens and more for the cemetery retaining wall in the next round.

City wants to pilot a partnership with the company Ring, in which the city would subsidize the cost of purchasing the devices. The idea is that neighborhoods would be less attractive for criminals if it was clear that the neighborhood was protected.

Thanks for those who supported GO Bond – going to the worst streets and the most used streets first.

City and legislature pursuing Olympic bid, announcements at end of Nov for 2026 or 2030.

Regarding question from audience: County and state reached a deal about conference center hotel (as noted in local papers today).

State Legislature (Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck): Representative Chavez-Houck is primarily focusing on transitional work, including making recommendations for who will replace her on various committees and caucuses. She supports medical marijuana but is concerned about the compromise legislation cutting out too many patients who need it, as well as the process by which the legislation is being developed (as was often the case in her tenure). In regard to the same-day registration, she noted that provisional ballot counts do not separate new registrants from other reasons. It is clear that people did participate in same-day registration, but it also was not applied consistently across counties.

Salt Lake School District (Katherine Kennedy): The School Board is funding two initiatives – some areas, including ours, are doing well. Because the state legislature could not decide how to spend the 2.3 million dollars budgeted, the School Board gets to decide. It is limited (e.g., they can't hire teachers with one-time funding). The Board is considering doing pilot programs related to their two initiatives, and then they can try to secure ongoing funding for the programs that are successful.

The School Board typically designates all schools as open, every year, rather than any of them as closed. Superintendent has proposed West High be closed to out-of-boundary students, but this has *not* been voted on by board yet. It is our most full high school.

In response to question: They expect to see a drop in enrollment with all of the apartments going up in the city, since these apartments are typically smaller and not serving families with school-age children. This is concerning, because the drops can be uneven and difficult to adjust to at each school.

In response to question: The "equalization" of our taxes going to other districts will stand for about five years, but it is concerning that, even though we have a larger tax base, we have more at-risk students.

SLC Mayor's Office (Nate Salazar): *Not present.*

LDS Hospital (Jeremy Holt): The recent flu shot clinic provided over 200 flu shots. There have been concerns about patients being discharged and staying in the Avenues rather than going to their next destination. In the past, the Hospital has tried to arrange cab or bus transportation if a patient did not have their own. Now, there is a new process being developed and piloted with Uber and Lyft to provide transportation more directly. It was phone calls from us in the community that informed the hospital of the issue and led to new solutions! You can call Jeremy at (801) 408-1285 or the general phone number for the hospital and they can direct the call.

2019 GACC Board Election: The slate was presented, voted on, and passed as proposed.

University of Utah Update – Radiation Oncology Proton Project

Dr. Adam Paxton presented a medical overview of the treatment and its advantages over photon treatment (e.g., it spares more of the normal tissue because it is more targeted). Krin Kirijas, the project manager, talked more about the construction project and its impact on the Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The lower trail will be closed 6:00 am to 6:00 pm on weekdays, with occasional weekend work, over the course of two years, starting this month. The plan will be to restore the trail after the construction is finished. See pdc.utah.edu/projects for more details.

Green Hill Update

See newsletter for details: there is conflict between two neighbors in particular about this space. The University Board of Trustees have *not* voted on this issue yet. Regardless, President Watkins has committed to preserving the rest of the space as green space. GACC Board member Gwen recognized the ability that President Watkins has to bring the neighbors together to talk about the issue.

Citizens Climate Lobby presentation

Jeff Anderson and Steven Glaser presented briefly on the health impacts of poor air quality and then talked about the grassroots organization, Citizens Climate Lobby. The focus of the group is to have a national carbon fee and dividends. They shared details about the plan, their initiatives at the national level, and efforts of the local chapter. There was a time for Q&A, and the presenters had material to share with those interested.

Open Announcements

Salt Lake City Mayor's Office: Elaine presented the e-scooter guidelines and talked briefly about the small cell antenna infrastructure that will be coming. With the approval of the GO Bond, we can find more details about the plans at fundingourfutureslc.com. Also, the Mayor is seeking high school students to participate in conversations about addiction.

Additional open announcements

- Audience member expressed concern about the 4th Street well. GACC Chair Brian shared about the efforts that the GACC Board has already taken to advocate for plans that are more in line with the neighborhood.
- The Sale Lake City Cemetery Sexton Mark Smith and others have put together a book about the cemetery, available for pre-order on Amazon at <http://tinyurl.com/cemeterybook>.

8:48 pm – Adjourn