

**Greater Avenues Community Council Meeting**  
**Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street**  
**Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 7:00 PM**

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

GACC Announcements:

Memory Grove Clean-up was last Saturday – Thanks to Phil Carroll

Next month's community meeting will be July 11, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday

**Area Reports**

**Fire:** It's wildfire season and time for fireworks. Remember that the state only allows fireworks July 2-5 and July 22-25 (this timeframe is new this year), and standard noise ordinances apply (that they can only be used until 11:00 pm, except on day of holiday, when it's until midnight). It's always illegal in Avenues and Federal Heights!

It's drier and hotter already this summer; be sure to stay hydrated. The Fire Department just purchased 2 6000-gallon dip tanks to provide air support and are involved in other wildfire preparedness efforts both for the department and in working with the community. Question from audience about violations of fireworks ordinances: call 911 or non-emergency police number, since it is about enforcing city ordinances.

**Police (Det. Gibic):** Common issue continues to be mail theft; best solution is to invest in locking mailboxes! Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street. Detective Gibic provided stats on staffing, including current staffing and the recruitment process.

**Library:** Don't forget about all of the databases available online to you. Also, the super summer reading challenge just kicked off, and it is for all ages!

**City Council (Chris Warton):** The Council is almost through the budget process.

**Inland port update (Chris Warton and Rep. Chavez-Houck):** The Legislature seems willing to reopened the issue for discussion. The city's primary concerns are the amount of taxes that will go to the city and the environmental impact (air quality, wetlands).

**State Legislature (Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck):** No additional updates

**Salt Lake School District (Katherine Kennedy):** It's time for Graduation Days! The SL School District budget has been finalized and they won't be increasing taxes, but the State is taking "float money" for equalization (sending money to other areas of state) and will do so for the next 5 years. In addition, projections are that the SL School District will have declining enrollment generally, with so many apartment buildings being 1- and 2-bedroom and not geared to families.

**SLC Mayor's Office (Nate Salazar):** City is looking at a possible General Obligation Bond; see flyer for more information and opportunities for public feedback. The Tour of Utah will be in the Avenues on August 10; see flyer for route.

**LDS Hospital:** Farmers markets – LDS Hospital station will include kids' "produce bucks" to promote healthy habits

**Avenues Athletic Association:** Pickleball tournament this weekend!

**Campus Drive Construction (Stacey Adams)**

Significant University Hospital patient impacts led to a change in the overall construction plan; North Campus Drive work will be nights and weekends only. While lanes will stay open during the day, the roads will rough; consider taking alternate routes throughout the work. See updated flyer for details. Stacey's group will be canvassing the homes in the area next week.

## Candidate Night – Utah State House District 24

Moderator: Gene Fitzgerald

\*denotes the first respondent

### Opening Statements

*\*Darin Mann* – I've been involved in conservation efforts related to saving Bear and Jordan Rivers. I've done this by building coalitions of diverse groups to pass legislation. I do not accept corporate donations.

*Scott Rosenbush* – I'm a moderate Republican from New Jersey. I've had experience in public service, including having done so in an elected capacity. I've learned that you have to listen to everybody. Quote from Paul Rawling, about Democrats being left out of the decision-making process.

*Igor Limansky* – I've been involved in grass roots, including being involved in the Obama campaign to register voters. It was an inspiration to see Obama's success.

*Jen Dailey-Provost* – I've been an advocate on Capitol Hill for the last 10 years. You can be effective as a Democrat: you have to be dogged, you have to be relational. The primary reason I am running is because Trump is in White House. I'm concerned about the state budget and protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

*Jacquelyn Orton* – I want to put my decades of experience to work for you. My early career was in journalism and non-profits. I've served on the House Banking Committee in DC. I've worked with the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions. I worked with US Congress on both sides of aisle. I've worked to make sure that funding continued at the federal level for waivers for low-income students to take AP exams.

**Question 1:** What would you do to promote excellent education? Would you raise taxes to do so?

*Darin Mann* – (shared about his personal experience) We should empower our teachers to take control of their destiny through collective bargaining. I've been working with Briscoe on carbon tax, to use that funding towards our children. After school programs are important to give stability to our children. I would raise taxes.

*Scott Rosenbush* – No one would say that education is not one of our top priorities. Utah does an exceptional job already, for what we have to work with (per pupil funding is low, but outcomes are comparatively good). There's no one size that fits all. We need to fund programs as needed by the district. I may or may not raise taxes, but I wouldn't raise taxes the way that they recently did.

*Igor Limansky* – My job is with United Way; I work to get parents engaged in classrooms. / Yes. I was in supportive of Our Schools Now. It's important that we have a welcoming environments for kids, and that we're making sure their basic needs are met.

*Jen Dailey-Provost* – Half of teachers retire within 5 years of starting. The #1 indicator for a well-educated kid is a high-qualified teacher. Child care for teachers as a key effort to pursue. We all know what we need; we need to come up with solutions, by having all the stakeholders at the table.

*\*Jacquelyn Orton* – My kids have gone through and graduated from the public school system. I've spent over 10,000 hours in Salt Lake schools volunteering. It's important that we educate them for the jobs we have in the state. / Yes, we're underfunded! I traveled to get signatures for Our Schools Now. We need to put the focus back on the kids instead of the adults on the Hill.

**Question 2:** How do you plan to combat homelessness in SLC and in Utah

*Darin Mann* – I've gone to feed the homeless people with produce from our farm. Livable wages are needed; \$15 minimum wage. We need to increase treatment centers and support Housing First and Housing Co-op models.

*Scott Rosenbush* – I have a problem with the way they carried out Operation Rio Grande, by arresting people before there were beds. Speaker Hughes was the one who pushed the funding, and he's retiring; we need to make sure funding continues.

*\*Igor Limansky* – [With Operation Rio Grande] We saw some improvement in creating additional beds. We have to make sure everyone on the streets has access to those resources and housing (Housing First Initiative). It's also important to be helping before they become homeless. One focus should be preschool education; 40% of kids start kindergarten behind, and it sets them up for a lifetime of struggles.

*Jen Dailey-Provost* – Preventative services are important. The Medicaid Expansion Ballot Initiatives is a good effort, as well as Briscoe's Affordable Housing Bond. We need to be ensuring we have the health care workforce. There is a need to increase substance abuse treatment providers by 300%; we should be working with higher ed institutions in the state to do so.

*Jacquelyn Orton* – I've talked with people in Rio Grande area, and they are often from other counties in Utah. We need to be funding mental health treatment in rural areas.

**Question 3:** Do you support the development of an inland port? Would you work to revise it?

*Darin Mann* – I'm against the inland port as it stands. The wetlands are vital to our economy; we can't trade one source for another, and that is in addition to their empirical beauty. It's concerning that Greg Hughes appoint himself to the board. I have experience fighting against the old boys network. We need to stand up for our people and our planet.

*\*Scott Rosenbush* – I support the concept, that SLC was working on before the Legislature got into it. There was no one in the Republican Caucus to report back to the City what was going on. I think it needs to be modified substantially, but I support the concept.

*Igor Limansky* – I think that only having 2 members of 11 being representatives of SLC is problematic. Decisions about land use need to be reviewed; the port authority should not be able to override city. Example of sending coal without tight enough restrictions.

*Jen Dailey-Provost* – The City is considering a lawsuit against the state. It will be debated again in 2019 session; residents of every city in the state should be looking at how the state is superseding a city's government.

*Jacquelyn Orton* – It was a hostile takeover of SLC property. There is hypocrisy of decrying the "takeover" of Bears Ears by the federal government. The State didn't want anyone from SLC to be at that table. I'm most concerned about environmental impact, including the mercury in Salt Lake that goes into the air as the lake dries out.

**Question 4:** How would you address the air quality problem in the valley?

*Darin Mann* – We need to start divesting from fossil fuel, create/increase the incentives for the use of solar, incentivizing urban agriculture and food co-ops (reducing carbon footprint for food). Also, public transportation is related to inequity, when low-income people are unable to get to where they need to go.

*Scott Rosenbush* – There are things that the government can encourage, and there are individual steps we can all take. 48% of population comes out of tailpipes. Tier 3 fuels will put less pollutants in the air. Specific steps that individuals can take: don't idle your car, plant a tree.

*Igor Limansky* – One idea is community solar programs (like through the U); there could be a state-wide community solar program to buy in bulk and make it more affordable. Other areas can provide and example, such as California mandating that 15% of cars that come into the state meet certain criteria. Things like public transportation, and expanding existing programs all contribute.

*\*Jen Dailey-Provost* – I've looked at other ordinances in other areas regarding city-wide solar power grids. It is a multi-jurisdictional effort. 40% of emissions is from buildings, so we should be making sure new buildings are green-leaf certified.

*Jacquelyn Orton* – I have two kids with chronic bronchitis. We should expand UTA, to provide more efficient services with smaller buses and more routes. We should hold polluters accountable. We can be part of the solution individually; it doesn't take legislation.

#### **Closing Statement (1 minute)**

*Darin Mann* – This is a state seat. I have spent many years travelling the state, and bringing the voice of those constituents to the Hill. A youth leader is needed to inspire youth across the state.

*Scott Rosenbush* – The answers [tonight] were fairly similar, though we may go about it in different ways. We [each of the candidates] have this district's interests at heart. I want to fight the battle from the inside.

*Igor Limansky* – Obama's story changed my life because I could see myself represented in him. Kids from multicultural backgrounds can have the opportunity to see themselves represented in me. I want to represent people who are fed up with old boys club. My campaign has made it a point not to take an special interest group money.

*Jen Dailey-Provost* – I love living in a progressive district. I have a lot of feelings of being disenfranchised, as do others. For example, only 22% of representatives in the state are women, and I want to be part of that group. Also, I've already served on the state's Opioid Use Task Force and other committees currently or in the past.

*\*Jacquelyn Orton* – I want to bring my experience to work for you. I have the network within our state and the national press to get the word out. If I can pass legislation with people in DC, I can do it here.

#### **Open Announcements (8:37 pm)**

- Residents shared about concerns they had related to property development, Independence Day celebrations / fireworks.
- More events are coming up to meet one or more candidates.
- The 10<sup>th</sup> East Senior Center is having an open-house BBQ, on June 27.
- Recognizing Katherine Kennedy's comments about advocacy at West High's graduation.