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Winding Down 2017 But Still a Lot Left to Do

by Kim M. Bowman Jr. After a summer of record-breaking heat, fall has finally found its way to the Avenues.

Just as spring brings a sense of renewal, fall is an opportunity to take stock in what's been accomplished and to plan for what's left to do in the year.

So far in 2017, the Council has hosted an incredible street fair, discussed critical community topics, and continued a fine tradition of promoting neighborly affections and connecting residents to the city, state, and world they live in. I simply couldn't be prouder of our community.

For example, at last month's meeting we heard from Ford White, West High School's Principal, and Matthew Smith, Assistant Principal at Bryant Middle School. There is passion and energy like you wouldn't believe in these schools, and all involved are enabling our Avenues students every day (it takes a village, after all).

There's still a lot left to do before the current GACC board hands over the keys to a new board in December, including deciding exactly who we're turning the operation over to. As you read this, our immediate past chair Dave Alderman is putting together a list of nominees for the 2018 GACC board. If you haven't already, please consider giving a small amount of your time to our board, one of our committees (e.g. street fair), or one of our affiliated organizations, like the choir or athletics association.

Your participation, in whatever form it takes, will always be warmly welcomed and greatly appreciated.

At our upcoming meeting, we will be revisiting the issue of homelessness and discussing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) for the first time in over a year. These topics go to the heart of some of the biggest issues being addressed in Utah, and deal with something fundamental and very human: the places we call home.

You should come expecting to hear a factual update on Operation Rio Grande, but also an honest discussion that reflects the sensitivity and sense of hope we all feel when talking about homelessness. ADUs are something we've been asked to weigh in on a few times over the last five years. What's different for me is I've stayed in an ADU as a short-term guest while on a trip out



Kim M.
Bowman Jr.

GACC Community Meeting

October 4, 7:00 p.m.

Sweet Library

9th Avenue and F Street

7:00 to 7:05—Welcome, Announcements (Chair).

7:05 to 7:35—Reports: Library, Police, Fire, City, School Board, Legislature.

7:35 to 7:40—Street Fair Update – Brian Berkelbach

7:40 to 7:50—GACC Board and Officer Nominations, Dave Alderman

7:50 to 8:20—Accessory Dwelling Units and the Avenues, discussion

8:20 to 8:45—Homeless and Homeless Services Issues, discussion

8:45 to 8:50—Open Announcements

8:50—Adjourn

of state since the last time the matter was before the council. My stay was different than I thought it would be, and I saw firsthand the impacts these non-traditional homes had on the character and accessibility of their neighborhood, both good and bad.

I look forward to another spirited discussion about ADUs at our community meeting before the topic makes its way onto the City Council's agenda in mid-October.

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AVENUES COMMUNITY MEETINGS

GACC Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 4, 2017, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all welcome.

GACC Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2017, at 7 p.m., Sweet Library. For special accommodations contact the GACC chair at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. Open to the public, all welcome.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street (at 9th Avenue), 801-594-8651, www.slclpl.org. **Kids Calendar:** Book Baby, Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, Preschool Storytime, 11:15 a.m. Playtime @ Sweet, Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Playtime for children 0 to 5 years-old and their caregivers.) Coding Club, Monday, 4 to 6 p.m. Develop computer coding skills at your own pace in a creative and collaborative environment. Kids and teens ages 8–18 can take part in weekly workshops where they’ll be able to work through a self-guided programming curriculum with the help of Library staff. Registration is required. Call 801-594-8651 during library hours. Not-So-Spooky Preschool Dance Party, Thursday, October 12 at 4 p.m. Dress up in a costume you can dance in! Not-So-Sweet Halloween Crafts, Friday, October 20 at 2 p.m. **Teen Calendar,** Coding Club: Monday, 4 to 6 p.m. Registration is required. Call 801-594-8651 during library hours. Ages 8-18. Teens After-Hours “Escape the Room”, October 6, 6 to 8 p.m. Tim Burton film series: Frankenweenie, October 13 at 4 p.m. Film in the Crafternoon. “Hocus Pocus”, Saturday, Oct 21 at 2 p.m. Halloween Craft Night. Monday, Oct 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tween Movie "Paranorman" Saturday, October 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. Teen “No-Trick-or-Treat” with Coraline and Candy, Tuesday, October 31, 6 to 8 p.m. **Adult Calendar:** Art Exhibit, “Love Letters to Italy” by Eileen Vestal. Exhibit ends October 25. Score: Simple Steps, October 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bob Ross Paint-Along, October 14 at 2 p.m. Author in the House: Halloween Edition, Various Authors. Thursday, October 26 at 7 p.m. Film in the Crafternoon. “Hocus Pocus” Saturday, October 21 at 2 p.m. Sweet Reads at Avenues Proper, 376 8th Ave on October 24, 7 to 9 p.m.

The Agenda

Publisher's Statement

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GACC web page is www.slc-avenues.org.

Trunk or Treat, open to the public, City View Memoriam, 1001 - 11th Avenue, Wednesday, October 27, from 6 to 8 p.m. Avenues businesses will be there with treats for all our spooks and goblins. Also, the Red Cross will be there for a blood drive from 3 to 7 p.m.

City Academy, 555 E. 200 South, 801-596-8489, www.cityacademyslc.org. Your neighborhood middle and high school. Oct. 2: Lights On! Event – Refreshments and information on City Academy Student Learning Extension programs that are open to the community.

Finch Lane Gallery schedule of exhibits: Rebecca Klundt, Liberty Blake, and Elise Ostraff, mixed media; Justin Watson, digital installation; Photo Alt., group photography exhibition; now through November 17. Gallery Strolls October 20 and November 17. Gallery is at 54 Finch Lane. (1340 East 100 South).

The Salt Lake Avenues Community Choir (SLACC) is starting rehearsals with a bang. Some 92 singers showed up for the first rehearsal September 14. Rehearsals are held weekly on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LDS 21st Ward building at 2nd Ave. and K Street (the same rehearsal venue as last year.) The concert is Wednesday, December 20 at Libby Gardner Concert Hall. SLACC is organized as an official committee of the Greater Avenues Community Council.

Music and Memory Needs iPods. The Music and Memory program helps older adults reconnect with precious memories through personalized music. Jewish Family Service is a nondenominational social service agency, and is pleased to provide this program to older adults in the community. Personalized music is especially helpful to persons with dementia. If you have a loved one who has dementia contact us for information about how the program might help them. Our Music & Memory program relies heavily on the iPod Shuffle to deliver beloved music to the clients we serve. Unfortunately, Apple has discontinued the Shuffle and the Nano, leaving us scrambling to find an appropriate alternative. We are conducting a fall iPod drive in this area. If you happen to have a working iPod that you are no longer using, consider making a tax deductible donation to Music and Memory. Donation boxes will be at the Sweet, Anderson, and Marmalade libraries October and November. We rely on donations to keep this program running. We are in need of working iPods (especially the Shuffle), charging cords and plugs, and iTunes gift cards. Thank you for your generous support! Contact Rosemary at 801.746.4334 or rosemary@jfsutah.org for more information.

Avenues Exercise Class, -free- Everyone Welcome! Federal Heights Ward, 1300 Fairfax Road, Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Renate 801-534-1443.

So-called 'mother in law' apartments

Should Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations be Made Less Restrictive?

The Salt Lake City Council is considering changes to the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations that will, among other things, now allow Avenues units.

Seeing nearly-zero interest in the program—there has been just one permit issued for an ADU since 2012—the Council thinks the easing may see some new apartments being established in the Avenues. However, there is no way to know how many small 'mother-in-law' apartments have been created outside of the ADU program.

Currently, the only properties eligible for new, legal ADUs are owner-occupied properties located one-half-mile or less from a fixed transit stop for Front Runner, TRAX or the S-Line. ADUs are small apartments that share a lot with a single-family home. ADUs can be basement apartments, above and inside garages, or entirely separate buildings.

The current rules have significantly restricted the number of

**Public hearing: Salt Lake City & County Building,
451 S. State Street, Rm. 315, Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m.**

eligible properties up to now and have excluded the Avenues by definition. Eliminating the mass transit requirement would be one of the actions the City Council could take, according to a staff memo.

The ADU program seeks to:

- Create new housing units
- Provide more housing options in residential districts
- Allow more efficient use of existing housing stock

- Support affordable housing options
- Support transit oriented development and reduce auto dependency
- Support economic viability of historic structures

The proposed changes came about as a result of a straw poll conducted some weeks ago.

There will continue to be a maximum of 25 permits issued per year.

Permits would be granted through an administrative review process that includes a 30-day notice period to abutting property owners plus those across the street.

The City Council has asked to have reports that will enable the city to track how ADUs are impacting neighborhoods and where they are proliferating.

A public hearing was conducted in September and the city has scheduled another public hearing for October 3.

The Council asked for reporting requirements to be included so the City can adequately track how ADUs are impacting neighborhoods and where they are being built, so that future changes could be made if needed.

More information was requested on how the owner-occupied requirement effects properties owned by trusts and how enforcement issues will be addressed

The Salt Lake City Council wants public feedback about this proposal and will hold a **public hearing at the Salt Lake City & County Building, 451 S State Street, Room 315 on Tuesday, October 3 at 7 p.m.**

Salt Lake City Goes All In For Solar

Salt Lake City is looking to achieve up to 12 percent of all of its energy needs with recent addition of 756 solar panels on seven government buildings.

Our Fire Station #4 on 11th Avenue is decked out with new solar panels along with four other fire stations.

In a press release, Sophia Nicholas, Department of Sustainability, said the new installations bring to 14 the number of city government facilities powered at least in part by solar. The panels are expected generate up to 320,000 kilowatt-hours of energy annually.

The locations receiving solar installations thus far in 2017 include Fire Station 1, Fire Station 4, Fire Station 7, Fire Station 10, Fire Station 13, Regional Athletic Complex and Pioneer Police Precinct.

Mayor Jackie Biskupski said in the press release, "Salt Lake City is committed to powering our government operations, and ultimately the whole community, with 100 percent renewable energy."

The panels will provide between 17 percent and 92 percent of each site's annual electricity needs, depending on the facility.

Over the warranted life of the panels of 25 years, the total amount of solar electricity generated is said to be equivalent to burning over 8 million pounds of coal.

Cost was approximately \$500,000.



Salt Lake City photo

Great Weather Was Just for Starters at GACC's Successful 2017 Street Fair

What a wonderful day for our Avenues community!

As you all know, the 2017 summer temperatures were one for the record books. We couldn't have been more fortunate for the fall sampler that took place on September 9 – comfortable temperatures brought huge crowds up to 8th Avenue for yet another successful Avenues Street Fair celebration.

Participants in the Children's Parade kicked off the day's festivities as they marched down 8th Avenue singing the popular song "Best Day of My Life." The local youths sported some clever costumes and demonstrated some impressive dance moves!

The Fair featured nearly 200 vendors, all of which seemed to have quite the buzz around each of their booths. Thank you for supporting our local artists, philanthropists, entrepreneurs, and political organizations!

The food, entertainment, and artistic talent were all greatly appreciated by fairgoers. We really did try to offer something for everyone!

The transformation of 8th Avenue over a 24-hour period was an incredible sight to see. I want to thank everyone who participated in planning the event as well as those who helped with day-

of activities. If you can believe this, we had around 10 West High National Honor Society Students show up at 6 a.m. for set-up, leave to take the ACT Test, and return at 6 p.m. to assist with the cleanup. Thank you all for your service!

I also want to thank our numerous corporate sponsors, vendors, churches, etc., which donated in various ways to make sure the Fair was a great success.

And 'thank you' to our neighbors on 8th Avenue; you helped us throw the party of the year and we couldn't think of a more picturesque venue than your front yard.

The Street Fair is the annual fundraiser for the GACC. As mentioned, the Fair was a great success, so please stay tuned as we work with the community to determine the next project coming to our community. Previous projects and initiatives include the Popperton Plots Community Garden, Memory Grove Clean-up, Avenues Community Choir, and the monthly mailing of our newsletter.

Thank you again to all who participated. And be sure to mark your calendars for next year's fair – Saturday, September 8, 2018!



Brian Berkelbach



Fairgoers flocked into the venue at 9 a.m.



Photo: Peg Alderman

Thousands attended GACC's signature annual event.

Relive your Street Fair Experience with Our Special Street Fair T-shirt

There are still a number of 2017 Street Fair T-shirts available for purchase.

The shirts have the Street Fair logo/poster image on them and mostly large sizes are still available.

If you are interested, email Peg Alderman at hallopeg@gmail.com or text 281-731-8669. Shirt color is a light tan. Price is \$10.



Unlocked Cars Continue to Attract Thieves

The Avenues continues to have a problem with unlocked cars giving up valuables. Car prowls outnumber residential burglaries by about three to one.

With Christmas shopping season just around the corner, hitting the "lock" button is even more important, SLCPD Detective Alen Gibic told the Community Council.

Help The Kids Stay Safe On Halloween Evening

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.

Top Tips

Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors. Assume that dark costumes will *not* be seen.

Since masks can sometimes obstruct a child's vision, try non-toxic face paint and makeup whenever possible.

Have kids use glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.

Use the buddy system

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision.

If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lighted and to trick-or-treat in groups.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30

Did You Know?

On average, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day of the year.

p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

When selecting a costume make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Encourage kids to attend a local Trunk or Treat event instead of canvassing unfamiliar neighborhoods. Their "take" of goodies may be larger!

—adapted from Safe Kids Worldwide, <https://www.safekids.org/halloween>.

We had no winner in the October photo contest. Next month our topic will be "Avenues Icons." Get a new picture and try to capture something unique that makes the picture stand out, such

as a unique angle, catchy lighting, a person walking or bicycling by, something like that. Entries due by October 15. Submit to newsletter@slc-avenues.org.

FREE FLU SHOTS



Tuesday, October 17
6 to 8 p.m.

in the LDS Hospital Main Lobby

Flu shots for adults and children 9 and older while supplies last.

For more information, call 801-408-2182.



THIS MONTH'S MEETING:
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2017,
7:00 P.M.
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