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Federal Heights neighborhoods
of Salt Lake City, Utah

Chair's Message for November

by Gwen Springmeyer

It is time to talk again about the Ivory Homes application to rezone the three-acre parcel at 675 North F Street, north of the old Veteran's Hospital. We have been talking about this for the last three years.

The developer requests approval for a rezone from FR-3 Foothills Residential with 12,000 square foot lots to SR-1 Single Residence with 5000 square foot lots. They propose to expand from 9 residences on the property to 33 residences. The FR-3 was designated in the Avenues Master Plan to protect the land that interfaces with the foothills.

The GACC traditionally does not take a stand on zoning issues. We usually listen to both sides of requests, ask critical questions and forward our concerns to Salt Lake City Planning. But this issue has been different. The members have requested a vote twice after presentations at our community meeting. The first vote was 688 opposed to 4 in favor, and the second was 1,244 opposed to 25 in favor. The GACC communicated the results to the Planning Commission. Despite this opposition from the community, in June 2022 the Planning Commission sent a favorable recommendation on the rezone to the City Council.

The City Council will hold a Public Hearing on this rezoning application at 7:00 pm on November 10 in the City and County Building, 451 S. State Street, Room 326. City Council meetings are hybrid, so you may also participate online. See www.slc.gov/council/agendas for details.

If the Council approves this request, Ivory Homes will build the 33 residences on land intended for 9. Please think about how you feel about that. Go to <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/11/29/capitol-park-cottages/> for more information. If you have a strong feeling, one way or the other, then please attend the Council meeting to be heard. You may speak for 2 minutes. You may leave messages in the chat or fill out comment cards in person. All comments are read into the record.

While we are thinking about our foothills, I want to share with you some exciting information. Please visit the Salt Lake City Trail website at <https://www.slc.gov/parks/slc-foothills-trail-system-plan-trailhead-improvements-phase-i-design-phase/> to learn details about the SLC Foothills Trailhead Infrastructure Improvement Project.

The project will make improvements to five trailhead locations through-out the Foothills Trail System, with three of them above the Avenues.

The site details improvements to the Bonneville Blvd., 18th Avenue, and Popperton trailheads.



GACC in Person and Virtual Meeting November 2nd, 2022

- 6:00 to 6:10 GACC 2023 Officer and Board Election – Dave Alderman**
- 6:10 to 6:25 Thriving in Place – U of U City & Metropolitan Planning Students**
- 6:25 to 6:40 The Other Side Village - Joseph Grenny**
- 6:40 to 6:55 Recycling – Shannon MacMillan**
- 6:55 to 7:40 Community Reports: Fire, Police Legislature, City Council, SLC School Board, Mayor's Office, Public Lands, LDS Hospital**

7:40 to 7:50 Open Forum

7:50 to 8:00 Clean Up, Put Chairs Away

The GACC November 2nd Community Meeting will be a hybrid. Meet in person at the Sweet Library, 455 F Street, or join with Zoom.

We will post the Zoom Meeting Link and Password at <http://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 pm on November 2nd.

This project supports the greater demand for open space access, recreational opportunities, trail sustainability, and natural land conservation. These five trailhead improvements should also reduce parking impacts in neighborhoods adjacent to the Foothills Natural Area. The City has committed \$1.3 million, matched by a generous grant from the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation, toward infrastructure improvements at the five trailheads.

I consider myself fortunate to live within a short walk to the Popperton Trailhead, and I look forward to the progress!

By the time you get this newsletter, you should have received your ballot for the November 8 election. Ballots must be returned by mail to the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office by Election Day, put in a drop box, or delivered to the Clerk's office by November 7. There will also be in-person voting early and on Election Day. You can register to vote, check your voter registration status, and learn about the candidates at vote.utah.gov. For more information about the upcoming elections, visit slco.org/clerk/elections/vote-by-mail/. Please exercise your right to vote!

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GACC Community Meeting - Hybrid

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GACC Board Meeting - Hybrid

November 9th at 6:00 pm, Sweet Library. All are welcome. If you wish to participate or for special accommodations, contact GACC Chair Gwen Springmeyer. at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org.

Community Resources

Sweet Library www.slcp.org/ 801-594-8651

ALL City Libraries will be CLOSED on Monday, Nov 7 and Thurs, Nov 24 & Fri, Nov 25.

Kids Calendar

Book Baby storytime. Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am.
Preschool Storytime. Thursday mornings at 10:30 am.
Playtime. Friday mornings at 10 am - noon.

Teen Calendar

Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners (10 years old and up) a friendly introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for first-timers, led by an experienced player. Held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Adult Calendar

Sweet Reads This neighborhood book club will meet virtually on Zoom, Tuesday, Nov 22 from 7-8:30pm. November's book is American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. Visit <https://slcp.org/events> for the Zoom link.

Art Exhibit: Stop by the Sweet Branch for a new art exhibit titled **STORY-FILLED LANDSCAPES, SCENES AND FIGURES.**

Artwork by former Avenues Street Fair Featured Artist **Bernard Simbari**. This exhibit runs from Nov 12 to Dec 31, 2022, with a reception being held on November 12th from 4:00-5:30pm.

Neighborhood Avenues Exercise Class.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. FREE! Everyone Welcome! Contact Jan Root for our current location and for any questions at 801-455-2082, janroot@xmission.com.

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Community Resources

Law Enforcement/Crisis Lines:

- Crime in Progress 9-1-1
- Police Non-Emergency 801-799-3000
- Detective Marie Stewart 801-799-3012
- Domestic Violence Hotline 801-799-3756
- Suicide and Crisis Lifeline 9-8-8
- Drug Hotline 801-799-3784
- Gang Hotline 801-799-GANG
- Traffic Complaint Hotline 801-799-3311

Fire Department:

- Fire or Health Emergency 9-1-1
- Non-Emergency 801-799-3473

City:

- Bulk Waste Removal 801-535-6953
- City Council 801-535-7600
- Garbage Cans 801-535-6999
- Graffiti Removal 801-972-7885
- Homeless Outreach Services 801-799-3035
- Housing/Zoning Enforcement 801-535-7225
- Mayor Office 801-535-7704
- Noise Complaints 801-799-3000
- Parking Enforcement 801-535-6628
- Snow Removal Complaints 801-535-2345
- Street Lighting 801-483-6738
- Urban Forestry 801-972-7818
- Water Conservation 801-483-6860

County:

- Animal Services 385-468-7387
- Health Department 385-468-4100
- Household Hazardous Waste 385-468-3862
- Transient Camp Clean-up 385-468-4100

Community:

- Adult Protection Services 801-538-3567
- Child Protection Services 801-488-2620
- Community Resource 2-1-1
- Legal Aid 801-328-8849
- Urban Wildlife Assistance 385-419-3405
- UTA rideuta.com or 801-743-3882

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- Website www.slc-avenues.org
- Orange Crossing Flags 801-201-3415
- Street Fair www.avenuesstreetfair.org
- Urban Forestry goldenpeach36@gmail.com
- Wildfire Info AvenuesWildfireLiaison@comcast.net

The Salt Lake City Trails Alliance stands for Trails For Everyone and believes an improved and well-planned network of foothills trails that accommodates the needs of all users improves the quality of life and helps make Salt Lake City a unique and attractive 'world-class city'. Contact: Ashley Patterson slctrailsalliance@gmail.com, or visit these web pages <https://slctrailsalliance.org/>, <https://www.facebook.com/slctrailsalliance>, or <https://www.instagram.com/slctrailsalliance/>.

Save Our Foothills Save Our Foothills is a conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the Foothills natural lands adjacent to Salt Lake City. We are committed to saving the environmental integrity of these fragile public lands for future generations. Balancing Environmental Protection with Respectful Use—working together for conservation. www.slcfoothills.org/saveourfoothills.

Tenth East Senior Center 237 S 1000 E, enter on the north side for plenty of parking in the rear. Hours: M-F, 7:00 am-4:00 pm with Lunch: 11:30-12:15 Call 385 468-3140 or check the website which is updated frequently: <https://slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center/> The Center will be closed for holidays Nov. 11, 24, & 25. Sign up at the front desk or call for these special programs: Mahjong, Moving in Wholeness, and Line Dancing. Register for advice on Medicare Open Enrollment with Mary Boyer on Nov. 8.

Free Yoga Class Open to All. Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-9:30 AM, LDS Chapel 135 A Street. Bring your own mat and a strap if you have one. Questions, Barbara Cramer 801-355-1856.

The Unique Horned Lizard by Maria Goller



The Foothills area is a mosaic of diverse microhabitats such as rocky outcroppings, grasslands, scrub oak woodlands, and swaths of mule-ears (a friendly yellow bloom in the sunflower family). While some of these habitats are obviously beautiful to our eyes, other microhabitats may look barren as we quickly pass through them. For example, many ridges and slopes have patches of hot, rocky, exposed ground with little

plant growth. While you may assume few creatures live here, the unique and cute Greater Short-horned Lizards (“horny toads”) thrive in these seemingly desolate areas. Quite mild-mannered, horned lizards are broad, awkward, lumpy, and a little clumsy. Their unusual appearance (compared to that of other lizards) and brown coloration make them well-camouflaged and able to avoid a predator’s notice if they remain motionless. They tend to sit and wait for ants to wander close enough for them to slurp up. As such, you may not notice them unless they move or perch on a rock.

You may never have seen a horned lizard but you’ve probably heard at least one interesting fact about them. Yes, these unassuming lizards are capable of something that may seem intimidating. They can fill their eyelids with blood by contracting certain muscles. Then, by contracting these muscles again, they can rupture the thin eyelid membranes and squirt the blood outward. While this may sound frightening, horned lizards only use this tactic against certain predators and only as a last resort. They can also use a less aggressive version of the same process to clean dirt and dust from their eyes.

Like most of our reptile neighbors, horned lizards are often tempted to bask on or near trails. Since trails are stretches of exposed ground, they heat up faster than surrounding habitat and remain warm longer. Horned lizards depend on solar warmth for movement so they gravitate to these warm areas, especially in the morning and evening. Please remain aware of these frumpy, charming creatures when recreating.

The Other Side Village by Jen Howick

It takes a village to build the Village! Join us in building The Other Side Village, a small home master-planned community that provides affordable, permanent housing for adults coming out of chronic homelessness. An innovative, replicable, and scalable community model that combines the safety of a permanent home in a sober neighborhood with on-site medical and mental health services, paid employment opportunities, and supportive peer-to-peer connections and mentorship.

Developed by the executive team from The Other Side Academy, the Village is a practical approach to a multifaceted problem. Pending



a rezoning and lease agreement approval from the SL City Council, Phase 1 of the Village will be located at 850 West Indiana Avenue in Salt Lake City. The Village’s core governing philosophy is that people heal and thrive through community.

The residents will be mentored by trusted Village Coaches who

live on-site and have been homeless but now lead successful lives with real family-like connections while staying drug-free, crime-free, and employed. Coaches and residents work together to establish and maintain strong social norms that support every resident’s path to achieving their potential, from which dignity flows as each community member becomes part of the solution rather than a problem to be solved. Work and self-improvement are fundamental principles of happiness. As all are invited to contribute at their ability level, The Other Side Village will remain prosperous, self-supportive, safe, and strong.

The Other Side Village will have 430+ small homes across 31 acres, with multiple Community buildings for health services building, a grocery store, a hair salon, a gift shop, a performing arts theatre, outdoor theater. The Village will include amenities like dog parks, shared laundry facilities, outdoor cooking spaces for group gatherings, community gardens, and indoor cultural halls for shared learning experiences with the neighbors from the surrounding Salt Lake community.

Learn more and get involved by visiting our website www.theothersidevillage.com and emailing us at PartnerWithUs@theothersidevillage.com.

Recycling in Salt Lake City by avid recycler, composter and community gardener Shannon MacMillan

I am originally from Hollis, New Hampshire, a small town that did not have recycling collection services. The waste collection included driving to a central town transfer station to separate your household waste into separate bins for trash, aluminum, steel, and certain types of plastic, paper, and newspaper. We did composting in our yards. When I moved to Salt Lake City, I was surprised and pleased to learn about the well-managed waste management services.

I joined the Facebook social media group “Buy Nothing The Avenues” to post and look for ‘still good items’ for reuse. This is satisfying, but I was confused about what I could and couldn’t recycle or compost and why. When I saw the free Master Recycling program <https://slcmasterrecycler.com/> advertised in SLC Green, I excitedly signed up to tour the various facilities and become more educated on one of my favorite hobbies.

To complete the program we:

- Visited the new (2020) advanced recycling facility known as a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). <https://slcgreenblog.com/2020/08/13/new-mrf/> I met Roger Horne, the general manager, and I was able to ask direct questions about recyclables.
- Met with Jason Utgard of Momentum Recycling. We learned glass recycling is still not at total capacity, and they need to get the word out to recycle more glass.
- Met with Aimee Horman of the Jordan River Commission on the status of our local rivers, creeks, and watersheds and participated in a canoe cleanup of the Jordan River. Volunteers are always needed: <https://jordanrivercommission.com/volunteer/>
- Attended a seminar on Living a Zero Waste Lifestyle at Hello!Bulk Markets. **Package Free Store | Utah | Hello Bulk Markets.**
- Had a very informative tour of the Food Waste Recovery Facility. **Residential Public Drop-Off - Wasatch Resource Recovery**
- Met with Healthy Environment Alliance (HEAL), a nonprofit focused on clean energy and climate change action, and learned about policymaking. **HEAL Utah Action Alerts**

I learned there are about 50 years of ‘life’ remaining at The Salt Lake Valley Landfill, so anything we can do to divert waste through reduce/reuse/recycling will extend the longevity. Because our resources are finite, it is essential to conserve as much as possible. Salt Lake City has the resources to accomplish this through cutting-edge sustainability but needs to spread the word to get more people involved.

For questions on recycling, ways to reduce household waste, or clarification on this topic, please get in touch with me directly at shannonbmacmillan@gmail.com.

GACC Elections for 2023 Board & Officers

At our October General Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the slate of candidates for the Officers and Board for 2023. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The vote will occur at the Nov. 2nd General Meeting. Per our bylaws, no further nominations will be accepted at the November meeting.

The candidates for officers are:

- Chair Merilee Morgan
- Chair Elect Joseph (Jurphy) Murphy
- Secretary Jim Jenkin
- Treasurer Michael Hughes

Gwen Springmeyer will serve as Past Chair

The candidates for the Board are (* denotes a new Board member):

Area 1 Canyon Road/West Avenues

- *Haynes Goodsell
- *Jim Jenkin
- *Ryan Kendrick

Area 3 Northcrest

- Shane Carlson
- Carlton DeTar
- Beverly Langué
- Craig Provost
- Jill Van Langeveld

Area 5 – Midwest

- Phil Carroll
- Laura Cushman

Area 7 Eastern Avenue

- Robyn Christensen

Area 9 – Federal Heights

- Dave Alderman
- Peg Alderman
- Gene Fitzgerald
- Steve Milfer
- Gwen Springmeyer

Area 2 – Ensign/LDS Hospital

- Hilary Jacobs
- *Dan Sowards
- Kathryn Wright

Area 4 Mideast

- *Emily Ercius
- Daniel Gaffin
- Elyse Goldstein
- Michael Hughes
- Dianne Leonard

Area 6 Lindsey Gardens

- David Berg
- Brian Berkelbach
- Mary Grayzel
- Merrilee Morgan
- Joseph (Jurphy) Murphy

Area 8 Arlington Hills

- Tom Brooks
- Jenny Hewson

ozone production. Afternoon thunderstorm clouds block sunlight, causing ozone production to slow down for the day, while moisture from the storm destroys the ozone that has formed. Drought conditions can also occur during a heat wave; soils are drier leading to dust storms and forest fires are more common. Fires add CO₂, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ to the atmosphere.” UCAR (scied.ucar.edu)



Weather: On days with fog, light or no wind, or temperature inversions, weather conditions can allow pollution to build up to unhealthy levels. We are particularly susceptible because of the “bowl we live in” – a valley surrounded by mountains. Under normal atmospheric conditions, air is warmer near the ground and colder at higher altitudes. In a temperature inversion, the situation “inverts”, and cold air at the surface gets trapped under a layer of warmer air. During the winter, snow-covered valley floors reflect rather than absorb heat, preventing the normal vertical mixing of warm and cold air that keeps pollutants from building up to unhealthy levels at the surface. The longer the inversion lasts trapping more and more pollutants near the surface, our air becomes very unhealthy to breathe.

If you would like to view a daily pollution forecast listing both particulate and ozone levels each morning, go to <https://air.utah.gov/forecast.php>. You can read some fascinating information. When you scroll to the end you’ll find the signup boxes so the information can be sent from Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to your email inbox each morning and updated all day long.

How Would The Avenues Solve The Housing Crisis?
by Ruedigar Matthes

The Salt Lake City government is updating its five-year housing plan, which is called Housing SLC, and is seeking public feedback on how the City should address the current housing crisis. This update to the five-year housing plan is an important moment for setting priorities over the next five years. The Housing SLC team has released surveys, conducted focus groups and interviews, held community events, and worked with partner organizations to ensure that resident voices - particularly those facing the greatest housing instability - are heard in the process.

Alongside Housing SLC efforts, the City has been working on an anti-displacement effort called Thriving in Place that will inform policy, program, and funding decisions to help keep communities and residents in safe and affordable housing. With rents rising locally (and throughout the nation), this effort is critical to ensuring stability and quality of life for residents of all backgrounds and income levels. Through surveys, interviews, focus groups, and other outreach efforts, the Thriving in Place team has heard from thousands of residents. A full report of the findings can be found on the project website, but some of the key takeaways include:

- *Displacement in Salt Lake City is significant and getting worse.*
- *There are no “more affordable” neighborhoods in Salt Lake City where lower-income households can move once displaced.*
- *There are not enough housing units at any price and a significant lack of affordable units for low-income households.*
- *Over half of Salt Lake City’s renter households pay more than 30 percent of their income on rent.*
- *Phase One results are a call to action.*

The Thriving in Place effort focused on renter households, since renters face greater displacement risks than homeowners, but staff is aware that homeowners, especially low-income homeowners, are not immune to displacement risks.

The findings and recommendations from both processes will be incorporated into Housing SLC and will guide the City’s housing efforts over the next five years. Housing SLC will include an implementation plan that will clearly outline goals and milestones. The initial engagement period is wrapping up, but findings will be put on the project website shortly and a draft plan will be available in early 2023.

To learn more about the City’s anti-displacement work, please visit ThrivingInPlaceSLC.org. You can learn more about the five-year housing plan process at slc.gov/housingSLC/.

Air Pollution - Things That Affect Your Outdoor Exposure

by Jill Van Langeveld

On any given day, the types and amount of pollution we breathe vary by our location, the time and season, temperature, and even the weather. With a little thoughtful planning you can limit your exposure.



Proximity: Air pollution levels are higher the closer you are to an emissions source. For most of us, our highest exposure to air pollution occurs near busy roadways, idling cars and gas-fueled equipment such as lawnmowers. It could also be a burn barrel, a backyard fire pit, a BBQ grill or a crackling wood fire in your own fireplace. Oops -- that last item would be indoor exposure and this article is about

outdoor exposure. However, if you think about it, the fire in your fireplace starts out as indoor air pollution, but when the smoke goes up the chimney, it becomes outdoor pollution for the neighbors.



Time and season: Fine particle levels are often highest in the morning because of low wind movement, but levels can elevate any time of day. Ozone, a summertime pollutant, levels are highest in the afternoon and evening when temperatures are 90° plus. Temperature inversions are a big problem during winter days as all the pollution we put into the

air keeps collecting in the atmosphere until a strong, windy storm can blow it elsewhere.



Temperature: “Air temperature affects the movement of air, and thus the movement of pollution. The warmer, lighter air at the surface rises, and the cooler, heavier air in the upper atmosphere sinks. This is known as convection and it moves the pollutants from the ground to higher altitudes. Some pollution, such as ground ozone is made more efficiently in sunny, hot summer weather. In the summers and especially during extreme heat waves, ozone often reaches dangerous levels. Humidity can help to decrease

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Wildfire Tip

by Shane Carlson

This year began with several big fires in neighboring states and a “mega drought” that has continued to worsen. By all accounts, 2022 was going to be a rough wildfire year. That hasn’t happened (yet). Well done! Keep it up! Let’s finish out the year with the same sort of success. Fall grasses are pretty dry right now. Be careful with all landscaping equipment capable of generating a spark (small engines, metal blades, etc.), especially when clearing grasses or working near “fuels.” Fall is a great time to start planning (and implementing) next year’s landscap-ing changes. If your property borders City owned open space, you can now apply for a Citizen’s Wildfire Mitigation Program (grass removal and re-vegetation). Info and an application can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/SLCWildfireProgram>. Keep an eye out for a mailer with info on the program from our District 3 Council member Chris Wharton.

Fourth Annual Sock Drive by Ali Barnes



Let’s make this year’s sock drive even bigger than last year’s!

We will be collecting new, warm socks for kids, men, and women Nov 13-27. Socks can be left on my porch, 373 5th Ave or text Ali Barnes at 801-631-8084 for pickup. Alissa

Kean’s first and second graders at Ensign Elementary will be helping us! Good places to purchase warm socks are Amazon, Smith’s Marketplace and Costco.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

GACC Member Spotlight: Carleton DeTar

District: Northcrest

Committees: GACC CERT



My wife, Laurel, and I moved to the Avenues in 1978 when I joined the Physics faculty at the University of Utah. When our family of three children and a dog outgrew our 12th Avenue home, we moved to Little Valley Road. We love being able to walk the foothill trails starting from our front door. Our friendly neighbors are our mainstay. I became a board member after training for the Community Emergency Response Team. I am now retired, but still heavily involved in research when not visiting our five young grandchildren or traveling the world.

Environmental Tip by Tom Brooks

November (Thanksgiving) is our time to reflect on what we are thankful for. For 300,000 years, we humans have been in awe of creatures, the sun, moon, stars, forests, mountains, and seas.

Humans ARE the stewards of this Earth. It’s our desire to see things be orderly, beautiful, and functional.

We’ve got this, but we’re running out of time to rectify mankind’s overburdening our planet with pollution. Our neglect and inaction have caused many flora and fauna, which we were thankful for, to go extinct. We can save them and ourselves by replacing the energy we create from fossil fuels, like coal and gas, with clean renewable energy sources, like the sun and water. We can reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere through photosynthesis found in trees/vegetation, and algae. We are grateful stewards that know how to take care of those things we are thankful for.

While we’re being thankful: Thanks to Gwen Springmeyer for her hard work and focus on our environment, as our GACC Chairperson over the course of this year.

Comments? Tom Brooks email cooper.brooks@gmail.com