

**Greater Avenues Community Council General Meeting
Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street
Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 7:00 PM**

7:00 PM – Meeting called to order – GACC Chair Jill Van Langeveld called the meeting to order. She presented Past chair Brian Berkelbach with a gift of appreciation for his work as 2018 Chair. Jill highlighted informational fliers for the SLC Marathon, including date, route and that the GACC will be hosting a water station and called for volunteers. She welcomed BS Troop 36 in attendance, working on their Citizenship badge.

7:05 - Community Reports

Library - none

Fire – Highlighted tips for mitigating fire hazards around property.

Police – none

City Council - none

City Mayor's Office - none

School Board - Kathryn Kennedy announced that the School Board is working on their budget. Expected enrollment is expected to decrease by about 30% in the next 8 years. The District will be looking at projected enrollments and school performance when deciding which, if any, school would be closed in the future.

Legislative – Representative Jen Daley – Provost commented on some current bills in the Legislature. The Tax Reform Bill, reversing the taxes from goods to services being balanced out by a decrease in income taxes. The decrease in education funding because of this is a concern. An Inland Port Bill would create some satellite ports out of SL Valley. She took questions regarding the Tax Bill, the Beer Bill and the closed door Republican Caucus hearings.

LDS Hospital – none

Committees -

Memory Grove Cleanup - May 18, starting at 8:00 am and ending lunch

Street Fair – Planning meeting is 1st Sat of the month, next on April 6, 10:00, at the Sweet Library
GACC received a check from City for \$2500, which is a nice recognition of the value of the Street Fair.

SLC Trail System Plan – Lewis Kogan, Trails and Natural Lands Division Director

See plan at

<http://www.slcdocs.com/openspace/Foothill%20Trail%20System%20Plan/FoothillsTrailSystemPlan.pdf>.

Mr. Kogan presented key pages from the document, including existing trails, process to seek input, proposed trail network, trail wayfinding, implementation/prioritization, and decommissioning trails. He said that they are excited about the plan but don't have near the maintenance dollars that would be needed, so they are looking into the possibility of creating a non-profit organization to help raise funds.

Next steps: Final draft will be on the website in next few weeks, then there will be a series of meetings with the SLC Council to review and approve.

Foothills Trail Stewards Program – Lewis Kogan

Currently there is an Adopt-a-spot program, in which individuals / organizations go through training and work with the department to specify obligations. Mr. Kogan asked these discussion questions: What do

we think would be reasonable? What could volunteers address? What would be inappropriate for them to address? He also described a meet-and-greet option as one idea.

Responses: Enforcement by volunteers will be difficult.

Volunteers could support trail maintenance, like they do with the the Forestry Dept.

Volunteers could be the eyes to report back to the dept about issues and where attention is needed.

Bonneville Shoreline trail uses volunteers to create and maintain trail integrity.

Volunteers could be docents for high-usage time - primarily for appreciation / providing information.

Audience member expressed concern about the fence surrounding the BMX bike park that is in need of repair. Mr. Kogan gave a bit of history and context about that area and provided the update that he has already contacted a partnering organization about steps to fix the fence. He reinforced that they rely on the public to report issues.

2018 GACC Financials – Michael Hughes, GACC Treasurer

See GACC 2018 Income & Expenses document for the actual amounts, which Michael reviewed.

Warm Springs Alliance – Sylvia Nobles, WSA Board Chair

Ms. Nobles provided an overview and history of the site and the challenges with making use of the space currently. The Warm Springs Alliance has sought feedback in various ways and generated a proposal for how it could be used. The Capital Hill Community Council (in which the property is) has passed a resolution in favor of these plans. The current proposal includes the hot springs, spa, restaurant, interactive history, retail, open spaces, and events programming. The Warm Springs Alliance has values of inclusiveness, wellness, connection, sustainability, respect, honoring history. Opportunities for involvement: Sign up, take survey, come to events, volunteer. See warmspringsalliance.org for more!

Next steps: The desire is for Salt Lake City to lease the property to Warm Springs Alliance to implement their business plan. The first official meeting with Mayor was in December, and the Mayor agreed to get city funds to do engineering study. They would also like someone from GACC to be on advisory board.

Open Announcements (8:40)

Update on 4th Ave Well: Please show up at 326 City County Building, for the Historic Landmarks Commission, tomorrow! It isn't a public hearing, but we are needed just be a presence and fill the audience.

From a neighbor on Northmont Way: Guns being used on the trail system, with one specific incident where 10 shells were found near the water tower. Neighbor contacted the police, without a satisfactory response. Please report to the police if you hear or see anything! If it isn't an emergency (or after the fact), you can call 799-3000 or contact Detective Gibic directly.

Green Hill update: The University of Utah had considered selling part of it to a neighbor, but they have dropped the sale. Green Hill will be kept as open green space in perpetuity.

Adjourn at 8:53