

**Greater Avenues Community Council General Meeting**  
**Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street**  
**Wednesday, May 2, 2019, 7:00 PM**

**7:00 p.m. – Jill Van Langeveld, Chair, calls meeting to order**

GACC Announcements:

- Memory Grove Cleanup is Saturday, May 18
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Well Open House scheduled for Thursday, May 9, at the Memorial House in Memory Grove Park
  - Vote at next month's meeting about the GACC official stand
- Meet the Mayoral Candidate night on July 10, at LDS Hospital
- Please help reduce the Dyer's Woad Class B Noxious Week
- Avenues Street Fair planning meeting on Saturday, May 4

**Area Reports**

**Fire:** May is Stroke Awareness Month; be aware of indicators and action steps. Remember to practice safety around snow melt run-off areas.

**Police (Det. Gibic):** *Not present*

**Library:** Mary shared some changes in layout at the Sweet Branch. You can now reserve meeting spaces for all branches on the library website. Teen Squad applications are due May 15.

**City Council (Chris Wharton):**

- The City Council has worked to award \$6M in Community Development Block Grants
- Regarding the hotel behind the Union Pacific Building: Chris voted in favor of the financing so that the City could be a partner both for historic preservation and to enhance arts & entertainment culture downtown.
- City Council did fund a feasibility study for Warm Springs – engineering analysis of building.
- RFP is out for year-round market, considering it at the State Fairgrounds.
- 300 North Pedestrian Bridge is on schedule.
- City is looking at single-room occupancy issues.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ave Well – Chris wants to ensure that residents' voices are heard, while recognizing that there is a limited role that the council has.
  - Note that Historic Preservation Board is actually pushing that the building *not* look historic when it isn't actually historic.

**State Legislature (Rep. Jen Dailey-Provost):**

- Tax reform – 5 more town hall meetings
  - Check out "Utah House Dems" and Jen's page on Facebook for more info
- Interim sessions coming up – she sits on health care and national resources
- Ballot initiative process – what the legislature can and cannot change
- Audience Question: Carbon Tax ballot initiative that is similar to Joel Briscoe's bill (cleanthedarnair.org)
- Audience Statement: Recognize her efforts to get state-wide WWII Memorial
- Audience Question: Inland Port – how to stay informed? It has been an issue about closed-door meetings...she suggests objective media (e.g., Salt Lake Tribune and Deseret News)

**Salt Lake School District (Katherine Kennedy):** *Not present*  
**SLC Mayor's Office:** *Not present*  
**LDS Hospital:** *Not present*

### **Local Schools for the Avenues (7:30 pm)**

Each principal shared highlights about their school and ways to engage. Some key points are included below.

#### *Principal Deborah Chandler from Wasatch Elementary School*

- Wasatch Elementary has a focus on arts education
- Registration for current students is open
- May 17 is the Arts Showcase – silent auction, community art gallery
- June 5 is last day of school – end of year carnival

#### *Principal Erik Jacobson from Ensign Elementary School*

- He appreciates community involvement
- Curriculum and Assessment (C&A) – he likes to think of Community & Achievement
  - Collaborative learning with older grade mentoring younger grade
- 330 students is one of smaller schools, but they are working to add students to create a strong community environment but doing so in a thoughtful way
- Ensign and Newman are not expected to have the decrease in enrollment that the District as a whole will be facing, with the stable neighborhoods and draw of families with children
- WHY Ensign? Academic excellence, strong teacher-child relationships and connection to the Avenues
- Discussion of boundaries and open enrollment (if there is room)

#### *Principal Larry Madden from Bryant Middle School*

SLCSE Bryant is 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades

SLCSE High will be phased out to start at 9<sup>th</sup> (through 12<sup>th</sup>)

Vision: At SLCSE, we develop the character and skills necessary to "Change Reality." We are courageous and persistent problem-solvers. We take healthy risks. We make mistakes and learn from our mistakes. We care about the quality of our work. We use professional language and kindness to develop learning communities. We take care of our abundant resources and use them to serve our school community and beyond. We use our curiosity, imagination and adaptability to direct ourselves in our quest; as learners, critical thinkers and ethical world citizens.

Discussion topics included the following:

- Teaming = Small Schools
- Team structure: purpose and advantages, etc.
- Student Well-Being, including Cambia Foundation Grant
- Technology
- Funding Resources
- Goal at Bryant is to get kids ready for any high school

- SLCSE High School has several similarities
- Everyone Graduates!
- Getting scholarships

**Audience Questions:**

- Dual Language Immersion in Spanish; coding is more about the concepts the specific language
- Charter schools – there are different types, parents should ask questions and see what feels right

*Principal John Kelly at Washington Elementary School*

- Received funding and approval to improve usable outdoor space
- Discussion of programs, including arts; MTSS (multi-tiered system of support); partnerships with businesses and organizations (for financial, volunteers, and resources); other programs to support students academically, physically, emotionally/mentally; partnerships with the University of Utah and Westminster (student teachers and other arts and education programs)

**Open Announcements (8:43 pm)**

- Upcoming historic window repair workshop (see flyer)
- Neighbor who asked about Nextdoor – many people endorsed it
- Updates from Laurie Hoffman on Northmont Way / 18<sup>th</sup> Ave – no more gun shots; fencing being fixed around BMX park
- Laurie Hoffman also shared about an upcoming STEM Camp at Westminster for 72 girls

**8:47 pm – Adjourn**