

Greater Avenues Community Council General Meeting
Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street
Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 7:00 PM

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

- GACC Announcements: Avenues Street Fair is this Saturday!!
 - Volunteers are still needed, included prep on Friday evening and Opportunity Drawing booth.
- GACC Candidate Night will be for our regular monthly meeting next month, October 2, at Gardner Commons, Room 1900, at the University of Utah (free parking).
- Candidate Nights in the Park coming up in City Creek Park (Luz Escamilla on Monday, 9/9, at 5:30 pm, and Erin Mendenhall on Saturday, 10/12, at 4:00 pm)
- Brian Berklebach, past GACC chair, announced nominating committee for GACC Board for 2020. Nominations will be presented as well as accepted from the floor at next month's meeting, and the election will occur at November's meeting.

Area Reports

Fire: September is National Preparedness Month – review fire exit plans, and check out bereadyslc.com. Fire Dept can come out and review your home for areas of concern. Chief encourages neighbors to be on an app where they can communicate updates to each other. See newsletter for more details and updates.

Police (Det. Gibic): Complaints about speeding and running stop signs at 11th Ave, so Motor Unit is doing enforcement. Questions from audience about other concerns. At Popperton Park, if you see people there after hours, you can call the police and they will clear it out. Det. Gibic added a camera to try to help.

City Council (Chris Wharton): Capital Improvement Projects were finalized. Related to the Avenues: \$480,000 for concession stand at Lindsey Gardens, \$20,000 off-leash dog park at Warm Springs. City Council voted to continue contract already in place to give up to \$28 million in tax reimbursements related to those who privately own specific land (7,000 acres) within the Inland Port boundaries. The agreement includes specifying space that needs to be open space, the developers will pay for infrastructure, specific percentage that will go to affordable houses for next 40 years, and so forth. Note that the money is not from sales or property tax, but from the future taxes that would be generated by the development of that land.

State Legislature (Rep. Jen Dailey-Provost): There may be a special session to revise HB-3001 (which was the legislature's revision of Prop 2 – Medical Cannabis). There are going to be continued discussions about tax reform. Questions about status for Medicaid Expansion and Prop 3, as well as Prop 4 – Independent Commission for Redistricting.

Salt Lake School District (Katherine Kennedy): *Not present.*

SLC Mayor's Office (Josh Rebollo, Community Liaison, Joshua.Rebollo@slcgov.com): City successfully hosted UN conference. City is looking for crossing guards. City has hired a census coordinator and she will come to community councils to talk about efforts to get a complete count for the 2020 census; more information to come.

University of Utah updates (Shawn Wood)

Robin Burr – Rice Eccles Stadium South End Zone Replacement

PowerPoint included project scope, specific improvements planned, construction schedule, parking considerations (specific to football games)

Audience questions

Open Announcements (8:03 pm)

- Request to have someone from the City to talk about what can and cannot be recycled in the blue bins, and what to do with the stuff that cannot.
 - Specific concerns: Styrofoam, glossy paper
- Memory Grove Foundation – “advocating for the preservation, maintenance, and enhancement [sic] of Memory Grove, the parks, and green spaces along City Creek” – see www.memorygrovefoundation.org

Clean the Darn Air Ballot Initiative (Yoram Bauman)

Standupeconomist.com to see videos of his actual job

<https://www.cleantthedarnair.org/>

Policy summary: “Our 2020 ballot measure proposal for Utah is to provide \$100m a year for air quality programs, \$50m a year for rural economic development, and long-needed tax reforms like eliminating the state sales tax on grocery store food, all of it paid for with a modest carbon tax on the fossil fuels that are the main source of both local air quality problems and global climate change.”

Check out the calculator on the website to see how it will impact your expenses.

8:50 pm – Adjourn