

Greater Avenues Community Council General Meeting
Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 7:00 PM

Laura Cushman opened the meeting, welcoming all in attendance.

Fire Department report talked about concerns such as the snow and getting down the hill on our narrow streets and asked to keep our fire hydrants clear of snow. Also, Carbon Dioxide alarms increase this time of year, due to houses being closed.

Detective Gibic again asked to email him for any questions as he hopes to make us feel like we are in a small town. He talked about the 36 recruits in the new class for the Police Academy. He would like to see Bonneville Blvd around City Creek closed at nights, and on weekends due to racing that is going on at night, but will be seeking input from the community. He also was concerned about transient camps in the area. Due to a question about bathrooms in the parks being closed on weekends, he said public bathrooms are often closed permanently in Winter, due to criminal activity sometimes occurring there and park staff being unarmed.

Councilmember Wharton said the City Council wants to engage with the legislature to be proactive and to work with the new mayor. He said their Legislative Priorities include: Improvements to the Inland Port; Protecting extraterritorial jurisdiction; restoring retirement benefits for police and fire; and traffic calming solutions. He talked about the new council member for District 5: Darin Mono in the Ballpark area and welcomed another person of color on the council. The next Council meeting will be a retreat to discuss priorities for the year. Signs at SL Regional Hospital should not be that big and bright, but unsure how it happened. He was thankful for increased enforcement of dog leash laws on the trails. A trails plan question led to his saying we may have some trails designated as foot only due to erosion, and some may not be maintained, but not any of the established trails. A question about the Second Avenue road condition between Canyon Road and E street, led to the answer that he was not sure when is it due for resurfacing, but not likely this year.

80% of city roads are in terrible condition said **the Community Liaison for the Mayor's Office:**

Issues discussed: A lot of Growth, wanting to control that growth and be aware of equity issues. Mayor Mendenhall will try to have quarterly meetings with the citizens of the city.

The Homeless Center is looking for donations at the Wiegand Center.

90-100 people are using the overflow shelter, they are being shuttled in and shuttled out, so no active homeless population noted in the Sugar House area.

They are looking at Safety concerns

Environmental Stewardship is an issue important to the Mayor. She promoted the Clean up the Air Challenge. Use the website: SLC-Avenues.org can lead to sign up for the challenge. The mayor has asked each department head to stay and to build equity and sustainability in their department.

A Question about cleaning bike lanes will be looked into by the liaison

Food Equity Advisories to help bridge gaps to fresh food as we do have food deserts in some areas of the city.

Mayor Mendenhall will give The State of the City address, March 2nd, 6:30 p.m., Meadowlark Elementary, 497 Morton Dr., Salt Lake City, Utah

Mayor filed an appeal to Utah Supreme court on the Inland Port decision.

The SLC Mobile app was recommended for most concerns in the city.

3 of new homeless centers are in SLC, but data could not be evaluated on success of efforts to help the homeless, One question was asking what is being done to standardize the data.

The liaison said they can track most through the county and statewide homeless data.

The hope of more affordable housing that would come on line, but it has not happened as fast as hoped. Trying to get more grants to build more affordable housing units.

Catholic Community Services decided they cannot step into the role of shelter management.

Question about yearly trash pickup, Mayor does want to bring it back, but not official yet. Council is supportive of bringing it back.

Jen Dailey-Provost thanked the LDS staff for their hosting the townhall last weekend.

Week two of the Session reviewed. They are going through the budget, with \$50-200 Million dollar cuts expected in Human Services.

Tax Reform bill was rescinded which is driving the uncertainty with the budget for the year, leading to more concern about fiscal notes for each bill.

Senator Anderegg's Affordable Housing Bill needs funding of \$50M.

Councilman Wharton said the Session seems to be unusually quiet, Jen said it seems usual for the first couple of weeks, but with the pall of the Tax Reform being rescinded has dampened the speed somewhat.

Controversial Bills coming such as reproductive rights; most are passed with consensus to get some things done, but touchy stuff tends to come at the end.

ERA Bill by Rep Kwan, has huge support across Utah, and is getting support, but trying to get it assigned to a friendly committee. 70% of Utahns are in favor.

Question about wine delivered to homes, maybe coming.

Laura McClellan Handwerker, SLC Transportation Planner, discussed:

Enhanced Bus Service, UTA improvements on frequency and route expansion

Route 2, 200 south (faster); 900 South and 2100 south 15 minute freq from 6 am -7 pm;

Efforts to improve air quality

Two point funding strategy, Taxes and an \$86M funding bond.

New routes with direct East-West routes to schools, colleges and Universities

Some late night times extended

She recommended the Transit App, on which it is easy to schedule and plan trips.

Paying Exact change \$2.50 or \$1.25 for seniors also Transit pass programs and SLC residents \$42/month.

UTA GoRide App.

FarePay is a physical card

SLC.gov/transit

This Saturday at Pump House site on Canyon Road a Valentine's celebration before the area changes 11000- Noon

Taylor Stevens, Reporter for The SL Tribune, discussed the Inland port, planned to help get goods to market faster; Primarily SLC NW Quadrant 16,000 acres.

She discussed some of the history:

The 2015 Relocation of Prison led to development of infrastructure in the area.

Kem C Gardner Institute released SL Inland Port Market Assessment, confirming SL County meets economic criteria to pursue the Inland Port concept

Benefits of a Port: (trying to report unbiased)

SLC is considered to be in a prime geographic location with Interstates 80 and 15, and I-70, as well as international Airport

Proposed as largest ever economic development project and expected to create jobs: reportedly high paying jobs.

Potential Consequences

Air Quality and quality of Life; environmentally sensitive area and migratory bird habitat; lack of transparency; and Lack of zoning control loss and local decision-making; less funding of important needs

What comes next:

Completed first phase of public engagement

offering other opportunities for feedback

expects to present business plan outlining how the area will be developed

Use of Rail study to be undertaken

Stop the Polluting Port Group is represented by Deeda Seed and is more reformist

Civil Riot group is younger and more radical.

Environmental Impact Study not done.

Health Impact Study is being proposed.

Question about Zero Impact on Air Quality

Jack Hedge, Director of the Inland Port, reports concerns about adhering to clean port standards.

Hub and Spoke model includes possible Toelle Valley and other rural areas, which may help spread development money and spread some of the pollution.

GRAMA request found Toelle County is further along with 12,000 acres suitable for development with landowners consent.

Lots of conversations going on behind the scenes, including with

The Romney Group; SITLA lands, and LDS and Kennecott;

Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) upzoned from Ag to Light Manufacturing

Water Treatment Plants are uphill from the Prison and the Inland Port so infrastructure will provide for \$ to get the infrastructure developed.