

**Greater Avenues Community Council General Meeting**  
**Sweet Library, 9th Avenue and F Street**  
**Wednesday, March 4, 2020 7:00 PM**

Laura Cushman opened the meeting at 7:00, welcoming all. She explained that the Agenda newsletters were returned and will be re-sent.

Daniel Gaffin is not here, but she reminded everyone the first Street Fair meeting is March 14 at 10:00 a.m. in this room at the Sweet Library.

Reports:

**Library** manager Mary Maloney announced new Art show is being hung tomorrow.

**Firefighter** Brandon Grover encouraged all to take a look at yard and house, and to limit fire risk factors; cleaning debris; thinning trees, or even removing them if needed. Hiring firefighters. Phil asked about coronavirus, with response, wash hands, and avoid large crowds. Captain Bruce Healey said they are ready and prepared, also pointed out the slides rotating throughout the meeting, which addressed Coronavirus (Covid-19) with information on risks, and precautions. The Fire department has appropriate masks and personal protective equipment. They are monitoring their contacts. Be aware of symptoms and reach out to medical care as needed. They do test first responders when there has been significant exposure. Also, watch for risk areas and risky populations. Paper masks not recommended for the general public, but if infected, then please wear a mask to limit exposure of others. A person asked about firepit on Canyon Road and Spencer Court; the fire department is working through that issue. Captain Healey recommends calling whenever a fire is in progress in the firepit.

**Councilmember Chris Wharton** updated us, and said Foothills Master Plan was implemented. Some connector trails may not be decommissioned, but will not be maintained. City will be hiring a team to help build trails with minimal impact and will have increased signage. An early notification ordinance is to help councils have time to speak to the issue before it goes to Council. Traffic Calming will be funded in the Avenues with studies for creative ways to manage traffic. The Cemetery Master Plan has been in the works for a while, hoping to move it forward to put it in place for the future. Increased transit options discussed briefly regarding East-West options, hopefully with expanded hours and more frequent service. The long awaited scooter ordinance was transmitted last night. State law says scooters treated same as bikes, but ordinance says stay off of sidewalks. We are the only city that does not charge a tax, which will hopefully change to help provide a source of money to help deal with the negative side effects of scooters. 5 scooter companies are operating in the city. Question about cars having windows shot out in December. Wharton also discussed wireless poles being put in place are within the right of way and they do not have to abide by historic district overlays. They are able to be fined for infractions like damaging personal property, please notify him via email. Google Fiber has left dips in the pavement, which is rough on bikers, he will look into that matter when given specific locations.

**Eva Lopez, Mayor's Community Liaison**, said Engineering and Streets is aware of the cell towers issue throughout the city. She recommended keeping her in the loop as well as using the SLCMobile app. The Mayor's State of the City Address was kicked off with Urban Trees program, starting on Earth Day (April 22). City is asking for donations of money and time to help plant trees. Each City department head has been asked to submit ideas for improvement. She

is renegotiating with Rocky Mountain Power to bring the time to reach 100% Sustainable energy use forward. Also, Eva discussed the Homelessness, specifically working on the 500 South encampment issue. Library Hours with the Mayor is coming up, March 21st 10-12, here at the Sweet Library. The wireless poles are supposed to be near the property lines, instead of in the middle of one's property and the view. Question from Laura about the Salt Lake Regional LED Signs, yielded information that they were not permitted, but it is a separate owner of the property, not SL Regional. The process is in negotiation.

**School Board Representative Katherine Kennedy** said the board agreed to pay for International Baccalaureate fees, and for Advanced Placement test exam fees for qualified students. Late Start approved for August 2021 at 08:45, for high school students, & may be extended to Middle Schools. CoronaVirus, Covid 19, issue led to discussion on how to get food to students that get the Virus. Questions arose on how to get that done, and discussed distance learning to be implemented. They are making sure there are adequate handwashing supplies, and handwashing time for students to do so. Also, some Asian students in some schools have been discriminated against. Principals are asking teachers to educate the students about reality of risks and precautions. They are seeking a new Principal for West high School. The Board is concerned about funding through the State. She was appreciative of Representative Suzanne Harrison for promoting late Start legislation.

**Tony Gliot, Salt Lake City Urban Forestry Division Director**, updated us on Municipal Forest Management. There are 86,000+ public property trees, most in parks, but not all; 290 species in the city, which is a nice diversity. He talked about the Urban forest Improving our quality of life with less CO2, as well as economic benefits to our heating bills. Our district has the second most number of trees (but behind Sugar House, although ours are older and bigger). 813 trees removed and 1341 planted in 2019, with 4,082 trees pruned and 4,390 requests for service. Three big Challenges: Decades of insufficient tree maintenance; Tree Damage/Destruction resulting from construction activities; Insufficient Water. Builders often ignore Tree protection Code laws. Supplemental Water is necessary for trees during the Summer. He hopes for growing the community through community support. He talked about the 1,000 Trees Initiative; Urban Wood Reutilization Program; Cemetery Arboretum (115 Different species); & Urban Forest Action Plan. Most of our trees go to landfill instead of composting for mulch due to contamination.

**Rachel Taylor, Southwest Monarch Study Research Associate** discussed Bookmarks in back of the room for guidelines to set up Monarch Butterfly way stations. The Monarch Butterfly Population is down 99% West of the Rockies since 1980, and 85% East of the Rockies. They may be listed as an Endangered Species in December 2020. She discussed many causes of decline, including Loss of habitat & climate change. She reviewed stages of development. Monarch website: [www.swmonarchs.org](http://www.swmonarchs.org)

#### **Announcements:**

Preservation Utah Pop up tours will be the last Saturday in April (25th; 10-5), see website for more information: [PreservationUtah.org](http://PreservationUtah.org)

Upcoming presentation March 12 at 7p.m., Cynthia Burrows, U of U professor, will present on How DNA plays a Role in Aging, Cancer and Disease at Shriners Hospital.

Laura Cushman closed the meeting on time.