

**Greater Avenues Community Council Board Meeting**  
**Virtual/At Home**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2020 7:00 PM**

Welcome and Introduction by Laura.

Present: Laura, Jill and Dave V; Peg and Dave A; Daniel; Michael; Genevieve; Robyn; Gene; Martina; Larry; Carleton; Gwen; Craig;

Visitors: Peter Wright and Linda Dean

2. Review and Approve Minutes: Dave A. moved and Michael seconded; Board voted to Approve with amendments and spelling corrections provided by Jill.

3. Board Business and Updates

a. Finance committee monthly report --

Michael Hughes had a minor update, including mentioning the ACE Award, with no activity noticed since application approved for Street Fair. Dave A said the Award will be kept even if the fair does not take place.

b. Meeting guests Peter Wright and Linda Dean talked about Ivory Homes' proposed development (13th and F Street) in the Avenues next to the Meridian Condos. It is now Single family zoning, but 25 houses and 20 ADUs for that site have been proposed. Higher density zone change is being proposed, not used in the Avenues before. Board of the Meridian is opposed to the development at that density. They propose current zoning as single family dwellings. Jill proposed putting the information about the proposed changes on our website. Dave A said the Planning Commission should be coming to us regarding our input about the development. We have had developers come and talk to us about projects affecting the Avenues. Linda said the whole community in the area, not just Meridian residents are opposed. Phil said Penny Lane is a private street, so access is to the East and down F street. Larry asked about any traffic studies on E Street for the proposed changes. Robyn encouraged getting the word out ASAP. Peter said City attitude is toward more dense development. Peg remarked about the cost of the proposed housing (800K-1.2 Million said Peter) and Peter reported the planned 5 feet between houses and no yard space. Genevieve asked if the board is supposed to be impartial. Michael concurred, saying that we could gather information and poll the community for their opinions. Michael suggested we may edit the article to maintain some neutrality. Ivory Homes reportedly formally applied a few days ago. Peter said the Mayor is pro "home density infill."

c. Laura said she thought the virtual meeting went fairly well, with 30 people attending. Gwen thought it went well. Laura asked if we agree to continuing virtual meetings. The proposed agenda for the GACC Community June meeting is about the Trail Master plan presentation by Louis Cogan. Question arose of whether we want two presenters or just having one?

Carleton asked how long the presentation would be. Laura said it is up to us and noted the standing reports seemed to take a lot of time. Laura would like to allow those reports to have time for questions. Jill said the time still needs to be managed. Peg said the Trails Plan is a big issue with the Coronavirus isolation. Gwen said the city has a Trail plan that was funded in the Mayor's budget, so we should focus on the one issue, and allow the monthly reports more time. Carleton concurred. Gwen has gotten the city and parks to agree to put trash cans at Popperton Parks, as citizens were using neighborhood garbage cans.

d. Laura brought up the July meeting and it is scheduled for the First. Gwen commented no parades and no vacations are likely happening. Laura mentioned Air Quality and ozone issues as topics of concern. Gwen attended the Clean Air Caucus last night and Bryce Bird, Director of Utah Division of Air Quality presented.

Dave V. mentioned Fire Department often has a presentation on Fire hazards for this time of year. Genevieve asked about publishing limits on Fireworks in the newsletter. Jill said the City Fire Marshall came a few years ago and presented an informative video on the disasters of fireworks.

Laura brought up the Billboards issue. Gwen proposed getting Eva or Chris to present on the updates on the billboard issue.

e. Martina was asked about the newsletter. Brian will write about an overall look at businesses in the Avenues. Jill is looking at the Idle Free city ordinance. Phil suggested going lighter like how are people adjusting to this new environment. Jill said air quality has added to Covid problems. Fourth Avenue may be one of the open streets, A to N street. Phil said D, & G, are adding bike lanes. Laura suggested an update on moving forward. Dave A suggested an article about the city flag proposal. Laura sent in some expanded symptoms for Covid testing. Peg reported a meeting with the Warm Springs Alliance to save the plunge building with an update for the newsletter. Daniel will send an article on the featured artist for the Street Fair. The Newsletter seemed well covered. Stephanie Duer had an article for last month's newsletter and could provide an update.

Phil talked about Covid impact on older people in the Avenues, with a lot struggling.

f. Mayor Erin Mendenhall is confirmed for our September meeting.

Laura Adjourned the meeting at 8:10.