

GACC General Meeting  
Virtual Meeting  
June 3, 2020  
Minutes by Craig Provost, Secretary

**Laura Cushman, GACC Chair 2020**, opened the meeting at 7:00 and introduced everyone and gave some technical guidelines. She had no announcements at this time.

**Representative Jen Dailey-Provost,**

Reported that the Appropriations Meetings were seeking cuts on the budget, and as she is serving on Social Services Committee, she is seeking to maintain funds for Public Health. The Executive Appropriations Committee will determine what to propose, she is seeking minimal cuts. She is hoping to appropriate other restricted funding sources.

**Eva Lopez, Community Liaison with Mayor's Office** acknowledged the efforts of our Police Dept at this time; Curfew is lifted, protests are continuing to happen downtown. She said the Mayor has full faith in the SLCPD, under Chief Brown.

The Mayor today signed President Obama's call to action. The Strategic Plan on Homelessness is on pause due to the Pandemic, they are looking at congregations of homeless persons and how they can be better protected.

She said a Cell Towers infographic is available on the SLC website. Placement of the towers is limited, but may be negotiated, but not always.

The city Still has most offices working from home due to the Pandemic.

They still want people wearing masks and social distancing & washing hands.

Safe Connect Streets is working well and people are utilizing them; they are hoping to go to Green at the end of June.

**City Councilman Chris Wharton** reported they are monitoring when to move to Green for the Pandemic. The Council met last night and are considering the death of George Floyd, and asked SLCPD to minimize force and to recruit more minorities. Many questions and comments were received. City budget was pushed out past June 9 to seek additional comments and more debate on police funding. The Mayor has proposed a flat budget, with council support with some variances. The only increases would be pay compensation already contractually obligated to give. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) will be different this year. Citizen sponsored projects were not to be considered, but this may still happen. Traffic Speed and Volume issues are being looked into especially in the Capitol Hill area, such as motorcycles. Capitol Hill Community Council is seeking to give input, and GACC may be able to do so as well.

The Ivory Homes development has been proposed for F Street and 13th Avenue, with 16 units with single family dwellings and some with detached garage with ADUs. There is still a lot of process to go through before the council can take action. Councilman Wharton was uncomfortable taking a position that has yet to be vetted by the planning commission. Peg asked if the Developers are asking for a zoning change, and he said it is why it is coming before the council.

Craig asked about the sod at 13th and Northcrest Drive, and suggested a change to indigenous and water-wise plants.

Another question arose about the development proposing a higher number of single family lots and more ADUs.

Laura said the issue is on the agenda for later. The plan presented is supposedly for more homes.

Michael said there are four documents on the City website with a set of plans and renderings submitted to the city with 25 lots with 5 with ADUs built into the original plan. A group of residents in the area have a Preserve our Avenues Zoning group, with their concerns for the project. That group and Ivory Homes will be invited to the July meeting. We have until July 13th to respond, so the GACC General meeting will be in time.

Jeremy Holt had a quick update from LDS Hospital, some of which Representative Dailey-Provost said, and he added there has been an increase in new Covid cases. He said, we are seeing people not wearing masks nor socially distancing, and SLC is a pocket of those areas with an increase in cases. Please adhere to the Governor's suggestions. He mentioned a couple of celebratory items, such as Intermountain and LDS working with U Health on Project Protect to make Masks, last Saturday the 5 Millionth Mask was made. They may try another week to make more masks. Another issue of pride was the Greenhouse at LDS, which seeds all the plants for the community hospitals, including geraniums, one "mother" plant is 50 years old. They came across terra cotta pots, which are no longer used, which have been given to caregivers with geranium plants in them, and he held out 50 pots of various sizes to give to Avenues residents, which may be done through emailing Jeremy Holt.

Laura had a question about observing more life flights, Jeremy said we are home more so observing more, but there has been no dramatic changes recently.

Katherine Kennedy may be unavailable as there was a parade for Ensign Elementary today. Detective Gibbic was unavailable, likely due to the protests.

Presenter Tyler Fonarow, Specialist with the SLC Trails and Natural Lands Program, talked about the trails all the way from Emigration Canyon to the Davis County Line. The first phase is developing city land trails. He talked about Trail etiquette, adding we do have signage with recommendations that 6 feet may not be enough on trails where people are perspiring, also leave no trace, such as picking up dog waste, and even being aware of gate latches, where it may be important to use a glove or a sleeve to open them. Sharing is caring is not true in this time, such as bike pumps. He emphasized the importance of dogs on leash in most areas. He also said we should all "Take it down a notch," to try not to end up in the Emergency Departments.

He added there will be an abundance of sustainable trails developing over the next year and a half. Five projects are coming starting with Popperton Park with hiking (only) trails in the West Popperton area, as well as Spring Gulch. East Popperton will be for bikes only, but not a bike park. They are looking to develop sustainable trails and are focused on being aware of sensitive vegetation. They are looking to make them available to all ability and fitness levels.

Funding is for 3 of 5 projects, but Mayor Mendenhall hopes to fund them all, including more trails in Memory Grove; and Morris Mountain trails. A Twin Peaks trails will be developed as well. Dave A had a question about trailhead developments. The City will try to steer people away from the neighborhood entrances to more developed trailheads. Recycling may be available at trailheads.

Genevieve asked about Popperton and whether there will be a restroom or other facilities. Plumbing and sewerage is already there. Phil asked about the North End of Bonneville Drive and the parking, they are looking at a trailhead where the salt shed is

presently, and along the East side of Bonneville, but they are watching for fire hazards under hot cars, so are developing some protective structures.

There was a question from the chat regarding long range plans. Carleton asked about the widening of trails where bikers are seeking smoother places to bike. Tyler said the culture needs to change to help people understand not to widen the trails when it is muddy. BST was not sustainably built in the past, but newer development may have more switchbacks to minimize runoff on the present steeper trails. Michael asked about need for volunteers, and Tyler said that will be encouraged in specific ways and they will be announced in the future, and please email Tyler or the SLC Trails website.

Parking is a serious problem as seen during the Pandemic. The Mayor has increased funding to the trails to address such needs. There was a suggestion about getting Scouts involved.

A question arose about parking plans at Morris Meadows. Jill asked about extra parking available off of 18th Avenue.

Concern about increasing parking at Popperton Park was raised, Genevieve agreed, saying some people parking there work at Huntsman. One participant commented that Popperton is also used for overnight parking, which should be looked at first. Tyler said we have world class trails more accessible than most other cities in the world. They are researching other attempts to solve the crowd parking problems such as utilized in Denver, Boise and Seattle. Laura asked about the construction at Huntsman and the Trails just East of the JCC. The city will be trying to encourage people to access further East like at Red Butte and the University.

#### **Announcements:**

Kirsten Stoesser asked the GACC to be more involved in controlling traffic in the Avenues as she lives on I street and is aware of it being a major access point, but says the speed has been an issue more lately, with high speeds up and down the Avenues. Dave A is on the Transportation Advisory Board for District 3, and said the issues are common for all of the city. Traffic Calming was tried 10-12 years ago and the city had shelved their plans, but new studies are being done to find the most effective way, with some Stop signs, some road narrowing, and other plans under review. He also said they are asking about enforcement of the speed limits. Kirsten suggested more Stop signs along Virginia and I Street, especially considering the downhill speed is easy to get out of control. Chris Wharton said the Council is concerned about traffic issues and agreed we need to do more. The Council does not have experts, but are looking to get expert input on the issue.

The City Council did suggest hiring a consultant to explore what is being done around the country. He said he learned that stop signs are not for traffic calming. He has been persuaded that they were not effective, and only change the driver behavior briefly, and do not work for slowing the speed, also Speed Bumps do not work for that. Kirsten asked about dispersing the traffic to other avenues.

Dave A also talked about raised crosswalks being more effective than speed bumps, also rumble strips seem to be more effective. Laura asked about Stop signs which could be safer for pedestrians. Dave also mentioned our behavior, and by us driving 25 mph, it limits those behind us, and modeling the behavior. Jill mentioned the Stop Sign at Northcliffe and Terrace Hills, which she said is often ignored. Kirsten suggested looking at other countries, which have cameras to send violators citations by mail. Chris said the state legislature outlawed unmanned camera devices for traffic control.

Laura suggested this topic may be a good issue to address specifically for a future General Meeting.

**Daniel Gaffin** talked about the Street Fair, with Mark Walton to be the featured artist. The tentative location not yet announced as they are awaiting feedback on permits. Potential Vendors were approached about options considering the Pandemic. Next Street Fair committee meeting is not yet scheduled, and he is awaiting the Board meeting 6/10/20.  
Laura adjourned at 8:45.