

## GACC Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Virtual/At Home 7:00 PM

Welcome, Introduction by Laura at 7:00

Discussed a proposed gift of \$500 in honor of Phil Carroll for a bench to be located in Memory Grove Park, needing \$700 for bench to be installed early Fall, Board can allocate up to \$500. Anything more than that, full GACC membership has to approve at a general community meeting after being announced in the newsletter one month in advance. The GACC has \$150 pledged already. The cost will be \$900 total, so GACC Board will donate \$500, but we will need to come up with the remaining \$250. Carleton moved to approve the donation. Dave A seconded. Genevieve asked about adding his wife on the plaque. Unanimously approved. Dave and Jill V will donate an extra \$100. Laura will work with City Parks and Chris Wharton to finalize. Phil and Carlisle will be consulted on location in Memory Grove.

3. Review and Approve Minutes from the May Board meeting and June general meeting. Moved by Genevieve, seconded by Carleton; Approved.

4. Board Business and Updates

a. Outstanding action items – STREET FAIR: Daniel updated, saying the committee discussed restrictions likely due to the coronavirus. Health Department has not been issuing many approvals of such events. Permits department suggested additional sanitation stations and reducing entrances into the Fair, with limiting Port-a-potties; perhaps additional spacing may be required for the booths. Also, discussed limitations of volunteers and concerns, further trying to get buy-in from the 9th Avenue residents. Seeking Board comments and approval to move forward. The 9th and 9th team have quit planning temporarily, but have not cancelled. The Greek Festival is cancelled; Pride Festival moved to the end of September, and not sure what it will look like. Carleton said we are not over it and we are seeing another surge. He thought if a fourth of the people showed, it would still be crowded. Daniel is seeking input from Vendors and if they would be interested. Michael added that we have had 31 applications already, and two more came in today. Others said they would not participate until a vaccine, some said they would participate if every other booth. Genevieve, asked considering our good finances, then we are not dependent on the income, Michael concurred that we are okay without the income. Dave A said we received \$2,500 for an ACE fund, but we could keep it and not pay it back this year. They would like to know what we did with the money. Another idea is if not a street fair, then individuals would go out in their yards for “A Day in the Avenues” with social distancing. Genevieve asked about committee feelings, Daniel said most are concerned about the coronavirus, although most wanted to go forward with a block party idea for individual neighborhoods. Dave A said he has concerns about an outbreak due to such gatherings. Laura agreed with concerns about the GACC hosting such an event with regard to our mission. Gwen mentioned that the Farmer’s Market is to open this weekend. Peg said veggies only, not food truck and no vendors, but every other space empty with one way traffic. Also vendors encouraged to use Tap payment while discouraging cash payments. Vendors will have to change gloves between every transaction. It will be a Farmer’s Market only, and public will not be able to feel the fruit and veggies, but vendors will select for them. Gwen suggests waiting until we see how it goes. She also suggested spreading it out over more blocks. Peg said even spreading over more blocks

the street residents will not want that many people in their front yards. She said she was concerned about needs for many more volunteers. Phil commented about access concerns, but does not see how we can do this. Genevieve asked how Daniel feels about this, he said as much as he would like it, there are some many unknowns, that he leans to the side of caution, and postpone it this year. He suggests a community day in the Avenues, but celebrated differently, on the block level with what each neighborhood is comfortable with, and we could still promote T-shirts through the website. Dave V said the Vaccine will be coming out in July for testing. Peg talked about the T-Shirt fees and the company is able to print masks. Daniel showed the sample of the art work, and said it is not the final, but many commented about liking the concept, with "We are the Avenues" at the bottom. Daniel will send it out for us to view. Gwen asked about posters, but Daniel said all is delayed. She also asked about tote bags. Peg said we donated tote bags to Catholic Charities last year. She said we could take pre-orders for them, if we choose to do such. Laura said they not only talked about block parties but getting Avenues businesses involved such as possible discounts and maybe coupons when you buy T-shirts or tote bags. She also thought about advertising food trucks setting up at different locations or driving around the Avenues. Suggestions were made for some wearing masks. Also the company is making masks and some in the same color as our Avenues caps. Phil, suggested a mask with, "The Avenues are always great." Daniel said it sounds like we should not go forward with planning the Fair, but pursue other options. Gwen said the Days of 47 are cancelled. Daniel will go back to the Committee and look at other options. Laura appreciated the input.

b. Finance committee monthly report -- Michael Hughes said all is quiet except for the Street Fair applications coming in. He will start refunding their fees.

c. Digital GACC update – Dave Alderman and Michael will work on our digital presence, with Robyn Christensen helping.

d. Meeting guest Jenny Hewson introduced by Gwen, as an active participant in the PNUT (Salt Lake City Parks, Natural Lands and Trails) board, and encouraged accepting her as a new board member

1. Jenny Hewson- interested in learning more about Board and she lives in Arlington Hills, an area in which we could use a board member. She talked about her activism on the Trails and the Parks division, hoping to increase communication about the Parks and Trails. Genevieve said the Board really benefits from such information for Avenues and she would be welcomed. Jenny said she previously lived on 100 South and helped with Avenues Street Fairs in the past. She hopes to be able to join in and provide information from the PNUT board. Gwen moved to accept Jenny as a new member. Several seconded. Dave A said it should happen at the Council meeting. Gwen amended to propose the vote go before the Community Council at the next general meeting. Peg seconded. Board approved. Later suggested to Laura that Jenny be asked about her interest serving on the Board, which Laura did, and Jenny is more interested in giving PNUT updates to the board than serving as a voting GACC Board member at this time.

e. July Community meeting, and how we want to present. Ivory Homes is to present as well as the Preserve the Avenues Zoning Coalition. Daniel Echeverria from City Planning has agreed to start the presentations with the formal process from the City's perspective. The deadline for response to the City's Open House on this topic is June 26. The coalition is gearing up for this meeting and has mailed their petition to Avenues residents. How much time should we allow and should we ask for another presenter? Phil asked about the bylaws, and how do we announce that there is a vote about an issue,

but we can have an informal straw poll, with input about the reasons for the vote and the way it went. Laura said she has received a lot of feedback and many appreciated the GACC newsletter bringing up the issue. Phil recommended that we announce there is a vote in August, Dave A said if the city allows a extension to public input from the Planning open house, then we could vote in August, but the deadline would be past. Laura said the Council will receive Planning's report, and a vote could still be helpful at that point. Michael said the City Public Planning Division has an open house where anyone can make comments. Laura has the link, and Dave A said the link is on the GACC website. He said we can also ask questions about zoning details. Laura said we can provide info for the meeting. Laura asked if we want another presenter. Laura said Chris Wharton may begin the presentation with information about the issue and the municipal background. Daniel Echeverria, Senior Planner, may be able to give a preview of the process. Phil said citizens need more information. Dave A said it would seem to be a full meeting. Phil prefers to have the planner introduce it. Dave A said Echeverria would not want to get into the sides, but just to help understand the process. Robyn agreed about the importance of outlining the process. Laura will check with Daniel E. Laura said she has concerns about the July meeting, hoping the newsletter hits the mailboxes on time. Martina said the deadline of the 15th for the newsletter should be in time. Laura said perhaps we can postpone the August plans.

f. The Agenda Newsletter. Phil suggested a box on the front to discuss how to access a Zoom meeting. Martina said it was on the last page and in three places. She will put it bigger. Martina has an article on the fireworks rules, and updates on the zoning application from the Coalition. They will be sending a petition to the Upper Avenues residents. Martin also has plans for an update on the Covid virus. Dave A suggested an article on the LDS Hospital Greenhouse history as presented by Jeremy. Laura will approach him. Jill has an article on Air Quality. Laura asked Tyler about sending pictures about the Trails development plans. Phil asked if we should acknowledge what is going on in the country a little bit, such as policing in SLC. Genevieve asked about how we could. Jill said August has the Night out against crime. Phil said we should at least acknowledge the issues hitting the country. Gwen said the police budget issue may best wait for some crystallization of the issues. Genevieve said we may not be ready to settle into a new stasis, but we could recognize that this is a time not to be ignored. Gwen said August is too late. Phil said the police is not the main issue, and not recognizing what is going on would be a mistake, but we should say we are respectful of all the pain in the country. Laura said her message is planned to be about this. Phil agreed. Carleton suggested a list of readings available. Laura asked for input and to forward to the board about articles or readings, or shows. Also places to go where you might be able to help. Phil said this has been going on his whole life, and maybe this is the time to address these issues, we need to make these changes. Laura said maybe Detective Gibbic could provide some perspective. Carleton said regarding the issues of public safety, maybe we could approach someone for August. Gwen said in August we may need some discussion about how we can move forward with any budget changes for the police; Jill said her son-in-law is a public defender in Idaho, and just wrote an article on this, what we expect police to do and yet, what we think all they should cover. Police are in body armor daily and think about being in danger daily. Gwen said she was a peace officer for 20 years, and it is part of her being. Genevieve said we may acknowledge we recognize we are fortunate and express some compassion and empathy, and we are not blind to the fact that not all are as fortunate as we are, and not having easy answers. Gwen suggests Genevieve write the article. Laura said Genevieve could send a draft with us all providing input. Gwen said we could add a virtual hug. The Avenues Poster may be too idyllic at this timer, considering the protests. Phil will do the first draft and send to Genevieve. Robyn said even in the Avenues people are experiencing things in a different way,

and recommended saying we are here for each other in unity and support. Dave A said maybe we can ask people to provide ideas about how we should address these issues during this crazy time. Brian will write about a business, but asked for suggestions, which were discussed. The Tea Shop next to Cafe Shambala was suggested. Someone else suggested Sawadee. Genevieve asked about a way to recognize the 31 vendors that were already willing to participate. She asked Michael about a way to recognize these vendors. Michael said 75% are not Avenues residents, but frequently participated in the Fair in the past. Gwen said maybe in the September issue we could acknowledge the vendors. Robyn said perhaps we could recognize them in Social Media, highlighting Vendors and how to access them, to help them make it through these rough times. Gwen asked about the 12 year old girls who make bracelets all summer in preparation for the Fair. Michael said we may be able to help them out some way. She asked of Daniel, if they could be included in the Virtual event. He said Park Silly is going Virtual and providing links to their vendors. He said perhaps we could do the same, providing contact information. Daniel asked about an article about not having the Street Fair. Laura said we could wait for the August newsletter, many agreed. Gwen said we then may have more plans determined to be able to provide more information. Brian asked about entertainers, and how and when we could provide anything about them. Laura said she is online, and zoomed out (fatigued from so many Zoom meetings), many agreed. Robyn said perhaps we could hold off. Gwen suggested having one group playing in Popperton Park and another in Lindsay Gardens. Also, some have had radio performances. Laura said perhaps we could leave it to the neighborhoods to plan for themselves. The Street Fair committee will discuss further and get back to the GACC Board with their ideas.

Laura Adjourned meeting at 8:42.

e. 2020 GACC priorities – (S.M.A.R.T. goals! – Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely)

1. GACC Sponsored Community Project
2. Avenues Businesses
3. Promote Registration of Voters
4. Candidate Nights (Governor and Legislature...County?)
5. Emergency Preparedness
6. Air Quality
7. Building codes
8. Clear the Air Challenge (February)
9. Walkable neighborhoods/safety

JANUARY -- Airport update and Temple Square construction status

FEBRUARY -- Michael Hughes, presentation of 2019 GACC Budget, Actuals,

Laura McClellan Handwerker, Transportation Planner – Enhanced bus service system (10-20mins)  
[confirmed]

MARCH – Tony Gliot, Urban Forestry Division Director [confirmed]

Rachel Taylor, SW Monarch Study [confirmed]

APRIL – SLCFD Wildfire Prevention update [confirmed]

City Parks and Avenues Baseball [pending approval]

Mendenhall administration [confirmed]

MAY - SLCFD Fire Prevention Update [pending] Shireen Ghorbani, At-Large County Council Member. She is giving updates about what is happening at the County level [confirmed]

JUNE – Trail Master Plan, Lewis Kogan - Salt Lake City Public Services Trails & Natural Lands Division Director [pending] (Do we want to have just one speaker or try for 2?)

JULY – Ivory Homes and Neighborhood Coalition

AUGUST-

SEPTEMBER - Mendenhall administration [confirmed]

OCTOBER -

NOVEMBER -

DECEMBER -- usually reports, present budget and socialize – Bonnie Athas arranged with Smith's for food

g. Presentation Topics for future months?

Air quality speaker

Elections = candidate nights

Traffic calming

h. Other Priority Issues?

- SL Regional billboards

- Rezoning on F street

GACC Sponsored Project – Gazebo @ Popperton Park

How can we move forward during Stay at Home?

4. Review and Approve Agenda for July 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting:

7:00 to 7:05 Welcome, Announcements

7:06 to 7:45 Reports: Library, Police, Fire, City, School Board, Legislative, LDS Hospital, Committees, 7:46 to 8:00 Ivory Homes

8:01 to 8:45 Preserve the Avenues Zoning Coalition