

## GACC Community Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting

August 5, 2020

Laura welcomes the group participating virtually at 7:05

7:06 to 7:45: Reports:

Chris Wharton, City Council Representative: Aware of F street development vote, has had unprecedented number of emails on the issue and has not responded to all yet, as he is still awaiting info. City has developed a City Cemetery plan as it is soon to be full and is still an asset that needs maintenance. An ordinance is to be changed to make donations to the city more easily for a “Friends of the Salt Lake City Cemetery group” to raise support from the community. It is the largest municipally managed cemetery in the country. He discussed leash laws and perhaps trying alternating days for on leash and off leash in some city parks. More monitoring and perhaps more enforcement, in some areas like Memory Grove. Electric Scooters may be regulated more by the Council, reach out to him if you have a strong opinion. Equity and Police initiatives, two ordinances being considered with more oversight and more input from the Council. Also, may ban military grade equipment. Please give him feedback on the issues on equity and policing, and police reform. State Law says SLC has to have a police department.

SLC Flag design is moving forward. Go to <https://www.sl.gov/flag/> for more info, and to vote on your choice or give feedback.

Question about SLC having a police contract that would shield an officer from accountability. That is complicated. Some of the current provisions set forth a procedure for officer discipline. Please give him feedback/input for followup.

Question about trees that may be demolished at Warm Springs Park for a soccer field. He will be talking with Parks about a plan to spare as many trees as possible.

### **Eva Lopez, Community liaison from the Mayor’s office:**

Started with the Streets typology survey with a link <https://www.sl.gov/transportation/2019/08/30/typologies/>

Mayor Mendenhall announced some reforms of the Police Department seeking accountability and justice. <https://www.sl.gov/blog/2020/08/03/mayor-mendenhall-slcpcd-chief-mike-brown-announce-substantive-policy-changes/>

Rose Park wi-fi connect development to improve access in that area, with a hotspot that you can drive up to at 760 North 1200 West. <https://www.sl.gov/blog/2020/08/04/pilot-program-offers-access-to-internet-computers-for-rose-park-residents/>

Parking meters were left unchecked for a while, but they will be resuming monitoring and ticketing. She also discussed the City flag design and encouraged people to go to the website to register their opinions. <https://www.sl.gov/blog/2020/07/28/salt-lake-city-to-resume-fares-at-parking-meters/>

**Katherine Kennedy-Salt Lake School Board Representative:** They had a long board virtual retreat discussing goals, starting schools later, focusing on literacy and social and emotional wellness, as well as arts, and equity and excellence. She is excited about our new Superintendent, who had a smooth transition. The start of school is delayed until Sept 8. USBE may give a waiver on the number of days for required attendance from 180 days of school, but the waiver allows 170 days. There will be a remote start at the beginning of the year due to the rate of Covid being over 10%. She discussed worries about transmission being spread through the schools and to the community as a whole. There were 31,000 COVID tests last week, vs 42,000 the week before. NY Times said Utah is short on testing. Looking for a rate below 5% before opening the schools, she appreciates County Mayor Jenny Wilson, and Governor Herbert requiring masks in schools. It is possible to quarantine a school sports team if they test positive, more easily than quarantining a school. There was a question about the effect of a waiver on holidays, deferred until a later date.

Laura said the New superintendent, Larry Madden, was trusted by the teachers and parents.

**Captain Winkler – Salt Lake Fire Department,** talked about continuing protocols with Covid, with no active cases, and said the Ensign peak fire July 18th due fireworks, ended with 4-5 acres burned. We are out of the fireworks season. They are overseeing trail work at Popperton Park and looking at safety on any trail being built.

<http://www.slcdocs.com/openspace/Foothill%20Trail%20System%20Plan/FTSPPart2.pdf>

7:46 to 8:00: **Community Council vote: Ivory Development rezoning application for 675 North F Street.**

Chris Gamvroulas of Ivory Homes said he appreciated the feedback and they have sketched out some alternatives as they adjusted to the concerns expressed. They had a meeting with several neighbors. They are happy to come back in September to share what they plan to take forward. A question about staying with present zoning, but they are moving forward with the same rezoning, but with adjustments with common open space with larger yard areas, limiting access to Capitol Park Ave, and adding sidewalks to finish the road on F Street. He promised there will be more changes and they are adjusting to lower the number of units, and are testing out the plans and designs, Allowed by zone up to 12 units, their plan of 25 will come down some. Driveways on F would mimic across the street, like single homes, but Capitol Ave would be more along lines of condo developments like the Meridien. Planning to go ahead with some changes. They will not go back to the original plan.

Peter Wright speaking on behalf of the Preserve our Avenues Zoning Coalition. The Coalition objects to the rezoning as overly dense, and changes suggested would still be overly dense. Loss of trees, minimal setbacks, and walkability are not exactly a good fit for the area. Child safety question. Socioeconomic issues addressed as these houses would not be “affordable.” A “Concept Plan” is not binding, and can change to many different things after a zoning change is approved; the zoning change would not keep them to their proposed concept. The Change to FB-UN1 would allow many design changes and would allow two dwellings plus an ADU per lot. On 3.2 acres under the new zoning there could be a maximum of 46 lots and 138 dwellings, which in the Coalition’s opinion is just not appropriate for this small area.

Vote with polling feature on Zoom, unless you have already voted by email. Please do not vote again. Laura announced preliminary vote results, but voting will be allowed through the end of the meeting by email.

Voting Results: 675 opposed and 4 in favor of joining change. Laura will prepare a letter to present the results to SLC Planning and City Council. <https://slc-avenues.org/news-events/latest-news/item/123-re-zoning-application-in-upper-avenues>

8:01 to 8:45:

**Jon Larsen, SLC Transportation Division Director** discussed traffic calming and other issues. Traffic calming is anything put in place to slow the traffic through a neighborhood. The top complaint throughout the city is speeding in front of their homes or schools. There is often some controversy when traffic calming is put in, old technique was speed bumps, but prior program was discontinued. It is still happening, although more piecemeal since then. There is renewed interest in revitalizing a traffic calming program. They researched best practices nationally. implementation was one street at a time, which pushed traffic to adjacent streets, so the change has focused on one neighborhood at a time, instead of by each street. More options have been explored. There is funding from council to develop a city-wide plan using a data driven equitable process, and to engage in developing customized neighborhood plans. The big question is how to fund it. He was asked to share his email: [jon.larsen@slcgov.com](mailto:jon.larsen@slcgov.com). Right now they are quite limited. Question about motorcycle noise, but he said more take issue with large truck noise. Question about State street and South Temple noise, asking about putting more speed limit signs, he will ask Traffic engineer. Laura asked the best procedure to follow for questions such as the above. He said State street is UDOT controlled but gave the phone number for such concerns: 801.535.6630. He said the SLC mobile app for anything city related was also good to use. Signs don't enforce comment with question about enforcement. Jon said traffic calming can help, as he has reached out to police and they do what they can. There was a request for larger stop signs (36 inch signs) on D street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue, near the Open Classroom where the school crosswalks are.

He discussed the Stay Safe, stay active initiative during the pandemic, including 4th Avenue, which is very popular. Comment that West Capitol Hill has been taken over by motorcyclists with continuous noise, and not getting anything done. Jon will pass that along to see what can be done.

He displayed the Street and Intersection Design Guide Typologies site:

<https://www.slc.gov/transportation/2019/08/30/typologies/> with the draft out for review for 10 more days. He discussed Neighborhood streets and Neighborhood shared streets. He suggested giving comments and feedback by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Funding our Future program of a half cent sales tax passed a few years ago, led to expanded bus route service on some streets, with more to come.

Laura asked about the most productive step to take in the middle avenues with her worries about slowing traffic other than sitting in the street as there are many cars flying through the Avenues. Jon said they are hearing these concerns city-wide. He said to get engaged and let the Mayor know of support for traffic calming. Jon displayed yard signs that may be available to help catch people's attention to slow down. Final question about the flashing speed signs, which he said are available on request, but some do not want them on their yards.

8:46 to 8:50: Open Announcements.

Shoeleh Assemi tried to share a petition digitally, but had trouble doing so. She referenced an application by 89 D Street, a restaurant housed in a building that has historically been a market. The new owner wants to put an outdoor patio for 18 people on the east and south side of the building next to her property. She and other nearby neighbors are asking the City to decline the outdoor seating. There will be a hearing before the planning commission next Wednesday. She shared worries about lack of monitoring of these picnic tables for cleanliness, time of use and other issues. She will try to share a link to a petition as it will change the fabric of the neighborhood. Willie Littig also a D Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue neighbor addressed his concerns about the issue. More information about the project including site plans can be seen here:

<https://citizenportal.slcgov.com/CitizenAccess/Cap/CapDetail.aspx?Module=Planning&TabName=Planning&capID1=20PPA&capID2=00000&capID3=00076&agencyCode=SLCREF&IsToShowInspection=>

September 2nd next Community meeting date, Mayor Mendenhall has been confirmed as our primary speaker and meeting guest.

Next week virtual board meeting, Wednesday August 12. Laura will send zoom invite.

Laura adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.