

Minutes of the GACC Board Meeting held Wednesday, August 12, 2020 Virtual/At Home 7:00 PM

1. Welcome and Introduction by Laura

2. Review and Approve Minutes of the July Board meeting and August general community meeting as amended by Michael. Gene moved and Dave A. seconded approval of the minutes, unanimously approved.

3. Board Business and Updates

a. Outstanding action items –

Discussed whether to cancel Zoom upgrade or keep for September meeting where Mayor Mendenhall will be the guest and a large number of residents will likely attend? (cost:\$50). Phil proposed continuing for one more month. Daniel asked about live streaming on Facebook. Dave A moved to continue the Zoom subscription for the next month or two. Genevieve seconded. Unanimously approved.

b. Finance committee monthly report -- Michael Hughes: Street fair refunds have all been done. T-shirt sales: 56 people ordered 96 shirts (\$960). Dave A recommended ordering shirts. Peg said today is last day to order shirts, but through tomorrow accepted. Additional t-shirt orders will be accepted, but the order will be placed at a later date and t-shirts likely will not be available by the 12th. Timeline of the first t-shirt order is to arrive by September 5th, so a week to deliver. Jill and others will help Peg deliver.

Street Fair budget: \$2,500 rec'd from City, and another contribution of \$500 is coming in for banners and yard signs. \$3,000 is the pool. (?) A stipend was discussed to go to Mark for creation of the image and time spent redrafting the image for t-shirts and the banner. With all planned expenses we will be under our budget. Daniel said he has ordered 100 yard signs and a few banners and an item for the webpage.

c. Street Fair Update. The next street fair meeting will be Saturday, August 22.

Laura called the city to discuss permits for block parties. They are asking for a longer request period, although they are processing requests quickly, but ask people to review the Covid guidelines. Fees are involved unless a person has previously applied. Laura said Ava Lopez was supportive. Daniel asked about the link for the city website and Laura suggested including it in the newsletter.

Daniel said the committee is trying to keep it simple and encouraging keeping it small scale in each neighborhood.

c. 675 North F Street. Meeting guest(s) Peter Wright thanked us for letting him present their case at the GACC general community meeting Aug 5. The vote at the General meeting results: 688 to 4 against rezoning. He asked about how to keep the issue alive. They may put out yard signs with a series of issues addressed. He would be glad to hear ideas. Laura congratulated him on the results of the vote and the petition.

d. Friends of Salt Lake City Cemetery. Jenny Hewson on Parks, Natural Lands and Trails, (PNUT board) talked about starting up a Friends of Salt Lake City Cemetery group. She was asking for input on individuals to contact for participation. She has talked with other local groups, seeking info on how to develop such a group. Please email her: Jenny.hewson@gmail.com. Gwen, Dave and Michael would like to help with this group. Laura said perhaps we could include an article in the newsletter. Laura asked

about the timeline. No rush, as it is in her hands at the moment. Laura recalled our plans to schedule the new cemetery sextant, Keith, to come talk to the GACC.

Gwen said Keith was not ready previously to come to GACC, but is now ready. The cemetery has applied for and is likely to be accepted to be a National Arboretum. He may be approached to speak, perhaps for October. He could also talk about their tree beetle infestation.

SEPTEMBER meeting agenda discussed – Upcoming elections, Mayor Mendenhall administration [confirmed], may talk about her stepping into the position and then open to questions from the floor. Gene suggested having questions ahead of time, and then having Laura moderating questions. Dave A said we could probably come up with questions from the board. Also, we could use the chat box to posit questions and someone summarize them. Genevieve said she had an issue about a complaint driven system for inspections. She would like inspectors to be able to examine areas when they see something.

Gwen recognized the value of a complaint driven system. Gene asked about having questions to give to the mayor ahead of time. Email questions to Laura, which she will summarize. Gwen worried about questions on the chat, as it may have something we do NOT want to ask. Laura suggested perhaps directing questions to the moderator. Phil talked about the question of affordability of housing. Gene asked about the structure of the meeting. We have 45 minutes with the Mayor. Gene advised letting her know the structure. Genevieve said the Mayor was impressive at handling such varied questions.

Laura said Heidi from the Research Park may want to present their redevelopment vision in September or a future date. Genevieve said the Sunnyside group is quite concerned about future development in the area. Another(?) Public Utilities would like to attend a near future meeting to discuss future plans.

OCTOBER - Keith Van Otten, City Cemetery Sextant; U of U Research Park. U of U proposal (or City Public Utilities?), Laura asked about a candidate night? Kamala and Biden will be in town the night of our October meeting. Gwen suggested Congressional District 2 with Chris Stewart and Kael Weston. Dave V said we should look at legislative races for our districts. Jennifer Dailey-Provost is running unopposed. Dave A said the local County and at Large races. Gene said Stewart would be unlikely to show up. Genevieve asked about the Vice-presidential debate, and Robyn said it will be at Kingsbury Hall at 7 p.m, and on the major news networks. Gwen likes Laura's idea of a watch party.

Gwen thanked Laura for how she has been handling our meetings over Zoom.

Laura discussed issues of the Vote on the 675 North F Street rezoning, and the timeline for the planning commission and David Escheverria said it is not likely to be until September. Laura asked for input about the information needed in the letter from the board. Genevieve asked Dave A's input on what should be in there. He said to include the reasons for the citizens voting against it including traffic, safety, lack of open space, environmental impact and affordability. Dave A said we should put in all the issues of concern. She will work on it to submit electronically. We historically had not allowed absentee voting, but we should address that we allowed email voting due this unusual year with the virus, which is why we included them. Only 34 votes were "in person." Dave A said we should change our bylaws to validate our lack of in-person meetings due to covid-19, to allow for voting online.

September Newsletter Items: Park Vision plan for U of U. Michael said we do have a lot of content, and may approach Eva for more info. Gwen talked with Park Staff about "pop-up meetings" for their city-

wide land use plan. She will try to provide info for the newsletter to improve citizen participation. Most of the events are scheduled for September. Laura suggested an article on Cafe Shambala, also info on the Street Fair will be an article. We will try to get social media out to promote the Mayor being at our September meeting.

Robyn asked about the Friend's of the Cemetery being an article. Jenny said it is early for that. Gwen said there is some work to do before we are ready for such an article. Peg suggested to post it as only a

"Did you know" blurb. Michael will draft and let Jenny Hewson approve. Genevieve liked Jenny's approach to looking at strategy in developing the proposal. Laura suggested just a blurb about the cemetery being public land.

Robyn moved to adjourn and Peg seconded, Unanimously approved at 8:48 p.m.