

GACC Community Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 4, 2020

Welcome by Laura Cushman and explaining the Zoom format and Agenda

Announcements: New liaison from LDS Hospital, but not noticed on the call.

Jen discussed her canvassing experiences.

1. Reports:

a. Police Detective Sgt. Alan Christensen, Supervisor of Detective Gibic, reported he has 7 Detectives under him. Motor Vehicle Theft is up and theft in general is up. He talked about people starting their car to warm it up and then the car is gone, seems to be an issue in district 3. Idling is another issue, as well as pollution, theft is another problem. He noticed garages without garage doors are easy opportunities. He advised to try not to leave expensive items in open garages. "Suspicious activity" is up. Also, family offenses are up 10 cases compared to last year, which he related to Covid and people being locked up with family. He reminded us not to leave valuable items in a car while shopping for groceries.

b. Eva Lopez had a question about priority calls and what categorizes these calls. Is there specific terminology? Priority one calls are Burglary alarms and Bank calls. A "suspicious male" walking in front of your house will get a lower priority, as will a call of something that happened the night before. Covid cases in the department have reduced their ability to respond as quickly. He advised against embellishing a report to try to prioritize a response. Try to be as descriptive as possible.

Eva Lopez Mayor's Office Liaison, said recruiting for Urban Forest Subcommittee membership, they are hoping to train people to care for the trees in our shared city trees on the parking strips, and helping to plant trees in the community. Cares act funding for rental assistance apply before 11/22. New SLC Flag: She shared some websites/links:

Boards & Commissions: <https://slc.primegov.com/portal/newForm/1>

New SLC Flag: slc.gov/flag/

CARES Act Funding: <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/2020/11/02/salt-lake-city-accepting-applications-for-cares-act-covid-19-related-federal-grant-programs/>

please refer to these links for my report. Parking enforcement is back in force, let her know if there is a problem in your area. Open spots for boards and commissions also available in her links. Calls and concerns about our state and Mayor is very concerned about the Covid rates and safety for all, please wear masks and be extra hygienic.

c. Council member Chris Wharton provided a link for the new flag <https://www.slc.gov/flag/> He said issues discussed with Capitol Hill area council and the Avenues, with a link available. There has been a decrease in enforcement of a muffler ordinance due to a court ruling. Temporary closures of streets did end yesterday or today, such as 4th Avenue. He recommended seeing the Rainbow Crosswalks at 3rd Avenue and K Street, initiated by an area resident. There may be grants available for such crosswalks as a possible speed reduction technique. Camping Abatements continue for the entrenched homeless camps due to health concerns. More efforts are continuing. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said it is unconstitutional to enforce municipal camping ordinance if you cannot insure there are enough beds for the homeless. The City is working with the County to help get through this winter. A Demolition ordinance is about to be passed saying a demolition could not occur until a new building has been approved, which is causing unintended consequences as dangerous structures are having fires inside or criminal activity. The city is working on

changing that ordinance to alleviate that burden. The District 3 Traffic Town Hall is available: <https://fb.watch/1z7GmWUhnA/>. The Council approved the City cemetery Master Plan. The council is addressing a couple of major housing issues: SRO ordinance called shared housing and RNF-30 areas in other districts, including central city. The December 1st Council meeting will address some of that.

d. Katherine Kennedy, School Board member, thanked Laura for her leadership. She said it has been an exciting month for her, and apologized for anyone for whom she caused any discomfort. They are continuing online learning, but Salt Lake Education Association (SLEA) was surveyed and found 72.2% strongly supported remote learning; 16.5 % support; 5% opposed. 4.1%. neither; 2.2% strongly opposed. There was a question about transmission for elementary school students brought up, and she reported 53% of students were either asymptomatic or did not transmit it to their family. She would like to see youngest learners go back, but she would worry about the adults in the building, so don't think it is safe to sacrifice people's lives. Group called CHOICE want to go back, but some teachers say they are willing to go back and teach if positive rate is less than 13%. They are trying to look at innovative solutions. She thanked Sgt. Christensen and praised Det. Gibic. Also the school does want public resource officers, although they also need nurses. They need the right people there. She praised Council member Wharton for his support. The school board is trying for more environmentally friendly buildings with a target of 2030. Another project, Diversify our Narrative, to put more books by People Of Color in our schools/classes. A book, Purple Hibiscus, was highly recommended before School prohibited Summer reading programs. Girls wrestling was approved 6 to 1. She thanked Rep Jen Dailey-Provost for her support.

e. Representative Jen Dailey-Provost thanked Laura for her leadership during this year during a presidential election and Covid. She said State issues are important, and said all Constitutional Amendments passed, including Education funding, which is very important and now is a time to get involved. She added, if this is important to you, stay vigilant, and small changes in the balance of power in the House may affect these issues, but many ballots are still being counted. She asked that we please be vigilant regarding the Corona Virus. We all need to continue to do the best we can, if noting someone acting unsafely try to kindly advise them to be safe. We have to be careful and please get your flu shots. Legislative session coming up, but will start in January and still will be 45 days long. She will post some links including a constituent survey. and some election questions. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeukFFPZIfHed4wkwUC19KDdSbuwS CnZhNMh1PnJTAbg As4Q/viewform>

2. GACC Board and Officer Elections: Jill asked someone to move to accept the slate. Mary Ann Wright moved to accept the slate; Jen Dailey-Provost seconded the motion. Slate accepted unanimously, as listed in the GACC Agenda.

3. Sharon Turner, Public Relations Coordinator, Public Utilities Department, SLC; Holly Mullen Project Manager. Dawn Wagner shared info on the 5th Avenue and U Street Pump Station Upgrades. Laura Briefer and Jesse Stewart deputy director was also here and other guests. She discussed Purpose, Project Need (16 inch lines); to transfer water form one pressure zone to another, to insure water service in uninterrupted with a back up generator in a building with some improvements in the esthetics with some upgrades. The Project Concept was also discussed. They will try to Match the buildings in the area like the Mt.

Calvary Catholic Cemetery offices. Then they discussed Project Timeline. Expected completion Date is Spring of 2022, if funded in early 2021 with designs available then. They will try to minimize construction impacts, and they will take sound guidelines and standards. She gave contact info: dawn,wagner@slc

Laura Briefer added some comments about planning for earthquakes, and now windstorms made them aware of other needs. We need to make sure people are not out of water, and during Covid 19 this became more evident for hygiene & safety. She lives on T Street nearby and it is part of her neighborhood. Project Manager – Dawn

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Engagement Manager – Holly Mullen: holly.mullen@slcgov.com 801-483-6757

4. **Keith Van Otten**, City Cemetery Sexton, discussed the Cemetery Master Plan and Windstorm Status. 261 trees were destroyed. They are limited to 4 burials per day, now 2 per day this week. but moved up to 3 per day due to Covid needs. The Cemetery has been closed since Sept 8 & 9. Must sign a waiver for risk. Root balls remain. Applying for FEMA to cover the damaged trees and detailed procedures to remove the root balls from a historic site. The cemetery had 3,000 trees before, but some had insect damage, which is still there. The Utah State Office of History is guiding them, an Archeologist was hired for a headstone survey, and artifacts search. Friends of Cemetery Group Development is looking at tree planting project for mid-November. A “Wreaths Across America” Veteran Event is planned for December 16th. Arboretum Project on pause until next Spring or Fall unveiling. Master Plan was adopted by the City Council, and reviewed briefly. 1840 130K burial sites 24K left since they have 6 cremations Mark Smith previous Sexton in whose honor the Arboretum may be dedicated. Plan to guide preservation and management. Cooperating with Urban Forestry department. N Street fencing was put in to match the fencing that was there. \$1.7 million is budgeted for the Cemetery projects, with Roads preservation and \$14million to upgrade/repair. The main purpose is to expand access and enhance appropriate uses of the cemetery. Plan to create columbarium walls. The Plan was initially adopted without a funding source. so they have proposed Capital Investment Priorities. \$34 Million dollars is projected to incorporate all the plans. Costs do not include costs from the storm. Sexton is an old title, which used to be housed on site and helped bury people. Find a Grave is a great resource to find gravesites on the SLC webpage. They plan to repair irrigation pipes such as old galvanized pipes. Jenny Hewson thanked him for his presentation. and provided contact info for those interested in Friends of the Cemetery Group: jenny.hewson@gmail.com. The research does not have an overview map available yet, but they are hoping for a kiosk available outside of the office to help people locate sites of family members. He discussed that they are following State and federal guidelines for burial of Covid cases, and are keeping the offices closed. Winter will be more of a challenge, due to extra labor required. They are trying to stay healthy. Keith van Otten contact info: Keith.vanotten@slcgov.com

5. Open announcements: None

6. Adjourned by Laura at 20:40

Respectfully submitted,
Craig J. Provost

