

GACC General Meeting December 2, 2020 Held Virtually

7:00 to 7:05. Welcome by **Laura Cushman**.

Announcements: The Agenda is late in getting distributed due to a printing glitch.

7:04 to 7:13 **Proposed 2021 GACC Budget - Michael Hughes**. presented and asked for questions
Phil moved to approve the budget for 2021 Michael added a proposed gift to the Friends of the Cemetery.
He mentioned the tax returns will close out the last year budget.

Gwen seconded the motion; move passed unanimously

7:13-7:24 **Dave Alderman** presented the by-laws changes proposed as in the newsletter, due to the pandemic and Zoom reality to provide for voting by majority of members present on email or electronic voting with name and address attached, but proxy voting still not allowed. Vote on this proposed change will be at next month's meeting. He asked for questions. Phil clarified that asking for names and addresses is not really a change due to live voting being evident. Question about whether electronic voting will still be allowed when meetings are back live. Genevieve clarified that for some meetings we do not have to be present, but may be present. Laura said further questions may be sent to Dave Alderman. Laura thanked Dave for his staying on top of such issues.

7:24 to 8:30 *Extended Reports:*

Eva Lopez, liaison from the mayor's office. Mayor planted her 1,000th tree in November as promised. Still looking for participants to learn to care for and plant more trees. Our Community Intelligence Unit department is being reorganized with officers reporting more directly, with more regular patrolling, Detective Gibic will be changing positions. Laura suggested we send a thank you to Detective Gibic --> alen.gibic@slcgov.com. Shelter abatements are happening, but still ensuring warm places for those in need. Thanked Councilman Wharton for stepping up during trying.challenging times issues. Trying to keep communications open and asking department heads to find solutions for problems, especially with cultural differences. New progressive solutions such as with housing. Wants to leave us with a message of resiliency, and a call to action to please apply for boards.

Councilman Wharton reported that it has been a challenging year. We were still able to accomplish a lot. Police reforms were addressed, including body cams and police review board of military weapons. Changes are being looked at to officer discipline with Police input. Public Market created hoping for funding from legislature with potential May 2021 opening at Fair Park. The city is working on another shelter residents. A Dock-less scooter ordinance passed to reign in that problem, with two scooter companies likely to prevail for scooter rights. There were 5G tower and Google Fiber questions, with an explanation about Right of way access for public utilities. Some design input was allowed, but lack of notice to neighbors is being looked at with possible changes to ordinances to improve that at the January meeting of the Council. Fleet Block 800-900 South and 300-400 West, rezoning for the Granary neighborhood. The city is looking at Equity issues. Major discussion about affordable housing initiatives and RMF zoning changes and City wide overlay with housing loss discussion. No questions.

Brandy Lee was introduced as the new LDS Hospital liaison. Public Distribution of the Vaccine will be decided soon. She said to stay tuned with the info that the Utah Dept. of Health and what the Gov-Elect Cox will be putting out. Also, stick with Science and look to Dr. Dunn, the State Epidemiologist, as well as Dr. Eddie with Intermountain as their Epidemiologist. LDS is "trucking along," & they do have capacity at this time. Things have been a little tight, but encouraging residents not to hesitate to reach out to your health care provider or the Emergency Dept. as needed. They are looking at elective surgeries and have not yet cut them back. She reviewed importance of wearing masks and washing hands. Laura asked about "so called" Covid hospitals and non-Covid hospitals. Brandy said each is doing everything for now, but more severe cases are directed to certain hospitals, to level the load. She gave an example of Intermountain in Murray helping with an extreme case. although LDS is considered a Covid hospital. With 23 facilities they are able to shift care as needed. Phil asked, does IHC have the freezer available for the Vaccine? They got Pediatric certification Monday. Contact info: brandy.lee@imail.org

Katherine Kennedy from the School Board thanked Chris Wharton for his report. She agreed the year has brought surprises. The board voted to send elementary students back to school in January. She was in the minority in that decision, with positivity rates in the 23% range it is difficult. She is supporting the plan for the younger children, but said principals are in a difficult spot. Remote learning is the main focus for now with no in person classes, and teachers will not be forced back into classrooms and may take unpaid leave if they have to do so. The Teacher's Union is encouraged to advocate for the teachers and for teacher safety. She discussed goals of literacy rate improvement and social/emotional health and wellness. They are trying to track students remotely. Attendance numbers are generally very high and higher than in years past, most in the 90% range. Questions? Pushed for teachers to be prioritized for vaccines. CDC just rolled out their prioritization, She is asking the legislature to take a second look and asking Jen to help look at that. Question about teachers not wanting to get vaccines, such as those with allergies to eggs. She thinks vaccines are scientifically valid and we should support vaccinations. She talked about support of persons with disadvantages and those with the least protection. She is appreciative of our community support for remote learning. Laura thanked her.

Representative Jen Dailey-Provost thanked our community for our activism. Commented that electronic access has improved attendance. The Legislative session will start January 19. She will not be running as many bills, as she will be serving as the Assistant Whip for the Democratic Caucus, and will be a member of the Executive Appropriations Committee. The Outlook is better than a couple of months ago. Some communities have been left further and further behind, She is watching closely for budgeting for Education with the Proposed G amendment passed. She is worried about pitting priorities for education and people with disabilities against the other. Education funding is important. She is writing a Bill on Racism as a public health crisis and is seeking another sponsor to support it. She is looking at the Medical Cannabis workgroup to help Sen Vickers in those efforts. She will also try for a digital opportunity bill to make sure all have access to good internet service. Crises in our state have been on a back burner due to COVID, such as opioid crisis and homeless issue. She is on the Opioid task force with Sean Reyes. Thanks Phil and Michael for their work on homelessness. COVID Vaccine Utah to get 100-400,000 doses. The first group will be for health care workers, with critical care first; also need to vaccinate support staff. Then residents and employees in long-term facilities. Not sure if recommendations or requirement. Also there is a question of who pays for the vaccines, IF feds pay, then they do have a right to dictate. But if state pays, then we have more say. State did roll out their plan in October, Feedback was asked for to go to the Corona virus task force, Almost all agreed teachers need prioritization. She also supports the need for essential workers, and is worried about racial disparities, for those essential workers, often in close contact with a lot of people. She will keep us posted, although Legislative session will be busy. During Session, will be open to the public, but strict guidelines like wearing masks, and social distancing. She is going to be working with colleague Elizabeth Weight also a docent at the capitol, will work on a virtual tour of the capitol for HD 24. Questions? email and phone on the chat: she has regular meetings available. Phil asked about Senior Housing and the struggle that 65 and older is in wave 2; age is a higher priority. He clarified for the people/staff for the senior facilities. Date on when we will know how many Utah will actually have? When we actually get them. Laura asked about the second round, Jen said it depends on how prescriptive the CDC is and what controls they maintain; essential workers and Teachers hopefully. Utah Department of Health Website has the info. She encouraged us all to maintain public health safety guidelines, even if someone has had COVID previously. Another question was will redistricting be done? Yes, a commission that will guide the redistricting committee outside of General Session in March. She is hoping for a seat on the committee. Laura thanked Jen. There was another question about Air Quality bills. Jen was recently selected as co-chair for the clean air caucus, and has not looked, but knows there will be more work on the inland port, and there is a bill file on solar energy. Worry about disenfranchisement of poorer communities. Comment about PM 2.5 and status of air quality. Encouraged feedback to legislature. Jen asked Mary to post the link for the feedback. Her contact info: jdprovost@le.utah.gov 385-321-7827

Dave Alderman thanked Laura for all the changes with the Pandemic and how she has kept everyone involved as well as homeschooling. He had a certificate for her and a gift certificate to the Salt Lake Running Company, Laura said running has been her therapy and was appreciative.

There were no Open Announcements. We adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Provost