

**Greater Avenues Community Council Board Meeting
December 9, 2020
Zoom to your Room**

1. **7:04pm Meeting Called to Order** by GACC Chair, Dave Alderman
 - a. Dave welcomed the new Board members and greeted the returning members. The Board expressed gratitude to Laura for her stellar service during 2020. The Board needed to be very agile as many events were cancelled or reimaged. Laura did an excellent job of leading during this confusing time. The Board did an excellent job of thinking outside the box. Dave introduced himself and asked each of those present to tell a bit about themselves. We have an amazingly talented and connected Board. The takeaways from the introductions are:
 - i. We are very well represented-interesting and accomplished folks are stepping forward to keep our community council going.
 - ii. Reaching out to neighbors and those we meet through other activities is the most effective way to recruit new talent to help our Community Council get stronger and to increase neighborhood awareness and participation.

2. **Review and approve Minutes**
 - a. Gwen Springmeyer moved that the minutes from the November 11, 2020 GACC Board Meeting be approved as submitted. Jill VanLangeveld seconded. There was no discussion. The minutes were approved by the Board.

3. **Board Business and Updates**

*At the December 2nd meeting, the Planning Commission approved the petition to rezone the property on 3rd Ave and N, where the gas station is located and the adjacent property from SR-1A (Special Development Pattern Residential) to R-MU-35 (Residential/Mixed Use) .

*The property Ivory Homes has purchase is also seeing a zoning change.

*At the December General Meeting the 2021 Budget was approved. Projects that are on the budget are: Memory Grove Clean-up; Street Fair; 96 Hour Emergency Prep Fair; Choir; Athletics Association.

*On December 8 Michael received word that we needed to apply for ACE (Arts, Culture, Events) funding. This is due the first week of January. The last few years we have received \$2500 in grant funding.

 - a. 2021 Plans and c. Committees
 - i. **Memory Grove Clean-up** Traditionally this is held the 2nd Saturday in May. This year it is suggested that we aim for a middle Saturday in June. It is not yet too hot for planting and workers and it gives a little more time to see where COVID vaccinations and immunity is. Phil will work with the city to arrange the date and on the logistics of the day.

- ii. **Street Fair** This past year the committee was able to get many in the neighborhood excited about the reimagined street fair. Daniel is ready to step back. We need to look for a new chair. There is a good core group of volunteers that form the committee and there are templates for running all aspects of the fair. Daniel will consider those that volunteered and showed leadership from 2 years ago (when the world was open and we could actually be smiling with our mouths instead of our eyes!) given the unusual way that it all went down. Gwen suggested that there are people who are waiting to be asked. Daniel agreed because he was asked. Phil will provide a list of Block Captains as a group to begin with.
- iii. **CERT/96 Hour Emergency Preparedness Fair** Carlton planned the Fair for April in collaboration with the Ensign Stake. It fell victim to the pandemic closures and restrictions (how do we prepare for that?!). He suggested that he would try to coordinate with the Stake for a possible move to fall 2021.
- iv. **Popperton Plots** Now in its 7th year there are 37 plots rented out and the common areas are flourishing. SL Garden Club has taken on Popperton as it's philanthropy of choice by supporting the Butterfly Garden. Our Wasatch Community Gardens liaison is Van Hoover. The Board members are: Michael Hughes, Gwen Springmeyer, Ed Lawfer, Rebecca Dewey, Stephanie Hatton. Just a fun fact to know and tell from the discussion is that Crown Lillies are repellent to voles and other sneaky garden rodents. As I was looking up the difference between Moles and Voles, I learned another fun fact: Moles (M= meat eaters. They eat grubs and worms). Voles (V=vegetarians. They eat the roots and bulbs of plants)
- v. **Avenues Choir** The Choir has received ZAP funds and will continue to apply for this funding. They are talking about ACE Grants as well. The main contacts are Gina Duncan, Check Clark, Peggy D'Azevedo, Michael Hughes. They were unable to host their concerts in person this past year and are hoping for a different outcome in 2021. –We are all hoping for in-person concerts. What a magical way to kick off the holiday season!!!
- vi. **Avenues Athletic Association** Michael reported that there is a new High Counselor assigned to get it active. They have \$3200 in the bank account. Michael is a signatory on the account. As soon as it is safe they want to resume league play.
- vii. **Website** We need to build this committee. Laura was mentioned as a possible chair of this committee. We will discuss this further and pursue the revitalization of this committee.
- viii. **Finance Committee** This committee is currently not staffed. Michael, as Treasurer, is required to be on this committee. There should be at least one other member. We will discuss other members of this committee.

- ix. **Discussion** regarding creation of a **Friends of the Cemetary**.
 1. There is a Friends of the SL Cemetary forming a 501c3 .
 2. Benefits of creating our own Committee would be connectivity. Knowing what's going on and the ability to help with publicity and getting word out .
 3. Not necessarily interested in creating a financial linkage.
 4. Jenny suggested that it is important to have a liaison to the Friends of the SL Cemetary.
 5. Gwen and Peg agreed that maybe setting this up as a sub-committee but not necessarily a committee would be the way to go.
 6. All agreed that we need to discuss this at greater length to determine if this should be on our list of Priorities. We want to ensure access to the Board and Community. We will also discuss funding from GACC.
- x. **Discussion** about creating a **Parks and Trails Committee**
 1. The city has floated the idea of "clean-up" responsibility for trails and parks in community council areas.
 2. This will be discussed at greater length at another meeting.

b. Priorities the priorities from 2020 were:

- i. **GACC Sponsored Community Project**
 1. This was the Pergola at Popperton Plots which didn't happen and so we will continue this to 2021
- ii. **Avenues Businesses**
- iii. **Promote Registration of Voters**
- iv. **Candidate Nights (Governor, Legislature, County)**
- v. **Emergency Preparedness-Annual Priority**
- vi. **Air Quality-Annual Priority**
- vii. **Building Codes**
- viii. **Clear the Air Challenge (February)-Annual**
- ix. **Walkable Neighborhoods/Safety**

Dave asked the Board to let him know of any priority suggestions that they had and any additional items for General Meetings that would be of interest. We will discuss this at the January Meeting.

4. **The Agenda for the January Meeting** was discussed. In addition to our usual reports we will vote on the By-Laws change to 3.5; We will ask Jen Daily-Provost to provide an update on Legislative Session and management of public participation in the session. Ashley Miller from Breathe Utah to talk about legislation and the K-12 curriculum. This was approved by acclimation.
5. **January Newsletter-** Dave- message, GACC Mission, and Clear the Air Challenge; Jenny-Cemetery Update and Parks and Trails update; New Board

Member introduction-Martina; Jill-Air Quality and Student Health and Performance.

- 6. Attendance for Board Members** at meetings is a requirement of Board service. Dianne will begin to take attendance at Board and General Meetings using the participants list through Zoom. **When** we get back to in-person meetings a list will be passed at Board meetings and Board members will mark their own attendance.

Ideas for future Meetings

- Transportation up canyon issues
- COVID Vaccines
- Fremont Island Bird Life
- Redistricting

Meeting was Adjourned Good Job everyone!