

**Greater Avenues Community Council (GACC)
General Meeting
January 6, 2021
Zoom 32 Attendees**

Dave Alderman, Chair of the GACC, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

Welcome and Announcements

Welcome extended to all participating at our zoom General Meeting. Dave recognized that this was an unusual day since the Newsletter had not yet arrived in mailboxes it was difficult for people to know the agenda and to attend. The Board is aware of the issues with getting the Newsletter out and the need for timely delivery so the Board is looking at alternative mailing options.

Dave shared the evening's Agenda

- Welcome and Announcements
- Reports
- Jen Dailey-Provost, Legislative Report
- Bylaws Amendment Vote
- Ashley Miller, Breathe Utah
- Open Forum
- Adjourn

The Zoom meeting is being recorded. Please use the chat box for questions and comments. The recording will be posted on the GACC website January 7. Meeting recordings are only available online for 1 month because of storage space on the website.

GACC Board Meeting is next week, January 13. We will be discussing the 2020 priorities and looking at setting new priorities for 2021. If you have suggestions please email Dave.

All community members are encouraged to take the Air Quality Challenge and track as the Avenues Community Council. ClearTheAirChallenge.org for more information and <https://travelwisetracker.com/s/greater-avenues-community> to register as part of the GACC team.

Reports

Fire-No report

Police-Bob Norgaard will be our new representative from the Police Department. He will begin his assignment the 2nd week in January.

Mayor's Office-Eva Lopez

Happy 3 Kings Day to everyone.

Eva shared the link for Raise Up SLC slc.giving/p/raise-up-slc and encouraged those who can help to donate to give assistance to those impacted negatively by COVID and other economic hardships. She encouraged any who need help to reach out as well.

ACE Fund-Arts, Culture, Education fund is giving grants to organizations.

There are 2 overflow shelters currently open with drop in option. These are open 24/7. The Millcreek overflow has 60 beds and the SLC overflow at the Airport Inn has 120 beds.

SL City Boards and Commissions have open positions-Apply!

City Council-Chris Wharton

The City Council has passed an ordinance that will create the framework for dockless scooters in the city. The city is now selecting 2 or 3 providers. Contracts will be used to outline adherence to the ordinance. Users and companies will pay for compliance.

There is need for another temporary emergency shelter. The City Council is hoping not to host this is SLC.

The City Council elected a new Chair and Vice Chair for the 2021 year. Amy Fowler is Chair and James Rodgers is the Vice Chair.

The City Council is working on the Fleet Block (3rd West 700-800 South) Murals Zoning Text Amendment changes that will primarily impact Central City creating an Affordable Overlay.

School Board-Katherine Kennedy

Katherine began by reminding everyone that her priority in regard to school openings and remote learning is health.

January 5 meeting ended at midnight. It was a long meeting!

Dottie Owen proposed an initiative to allow students aged 16 and up to vote for School Board Members. She is reaching out to the Legislature with this proposal.

Bryant/SLCSE are going to partner with an elementary to become a K-12 science based learning program. Charter Schools typically perform well because of their demographics.

There are negotiations among School Board Members to look at dates for return to in person learning. There is much debate about tying the openings to vaccination rates. Possible late Jan return for Elementary and March for HS. The Legislature is proposing a bonus payment for all teachers and school workers with the exception of the SL School District unless they are open and teaching in person. Teachers have let Katherine know that they would forgo the money in favor of safety.

LDS Hospital-Brandi Lee

14 days post vaccination (2nd dose) is when the person is considered to have full protection. 21 days between doses for Moderna and 28 days for Pfizer.

Dec 15th began vaccinating front-line care givers-now immunizing support staff. Second dose to caregivers started January 5. Excess doses will go to long-term care facilities.

Hoping as many of the 38,000 caregivers in the IHC group wanting the vaccine will be covered by the end of January.

Demo Day will be the largest single day testing event. Just sign up and come get tested. No insurance information will be collected.

Jen Dailey-Provost Representing District 24 Legislative Update

The Capitol is currently shut down. Mostly peaceful protests in SLC.

Jen has been appointed by the Speaker to the Capitol Preservation Board

A Meeting was held with Governor Cox proposing a 5.82% increase in Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) in his budget.

Legislature is flexing its muscle regarding school openings. Teacher/school worker bonuses are an example. She will continue to speak out about need to preserve the health and safety of teachers/workers and students.

Representative Dailey-Provost is looking to see what the commitment to education funding is like in light of the new uncoupling of the education funding and sales taxes.

There is a tax reform bill with big tax cuts. She is opposed to this.

The SL Airport was at 80% of capacity over the holidays. Today there is a 40% positivity rate.

Sign up for the vaccine. There is a proposed \$20 admin fee for the shot but the cost of the vaccine is covered by the Federal Government. Those who cannot pay the \$20 will not be denied the vaccine.

The Governor wants to reduce his cabinet by 30%. Feeling wary of the unintended consequences.

Bills to watch:

Criminal Justice Reform is needed. There are deep disparities in the way reported crime is handled.

Digital Equity Bill-would provide access to high speed internet everywhere.

Health Care-access for disenfranchised Utahns

Legislative session begins January 19. Please contact Representative Dailey-Provost with opinions of bills, questions about bills, etc.

Protocol for Capitol Access during this session:

Open to the public but masks are required. Bag checks are in place (new). Concealed weapons are allowed. There is concern for legislators of color and others surrounding local self-described militia groups.

All meetings are available online. Some legislators may not attend in person but majority will be there. Representative Dailey-Provost will be there mostly because the personal interactions are so powerful and productive.

Small meeting rooms are closed. Larger rooms including cafeteria will now be meeting rooms. No food will be available except from the vending machines. Bring your own food or plan to eat vending machine food.

Barriers and social distancing will be enforced. Greater presence from State Highway Patrol.

Blue/Green notes are no longer used. There will be no floor visitors. You must text to communicate with legislators. There are some safe meeting sites located in the Hall of Governors.

Hanna is Jen's intern. She will be happy to help with any questions or problems you may encounter.

If you wish to look for committee agendas, attend a committee meeting, get on the agenda to speak in a meeting, it is all available at le.utah.gov. Also you will find the calendar of meetings. These meetings must be posted 24 hours in advance. You will need to inform the committee secretary if you wish to speak. Remember to unmute and introduce yourself if you are speaking in a committee meeting.

Ashley Miller, Executive Director, Breathe Utah

Ashley began with some history and general information about the organization. Breathe Utah was founded in 2010 by some members of Utah Mothers for Clean Air. The mission of Breathe Utah is policy and education work. They are a SLC based air quality advocacy group. Theirs is a 2 pronged approach. Education in K-12 classrooms was the foundation but they quickly outgrew this model. Now they teach the teachers 4x yearly in a fully-funded including up to \$100 substitute reimbursement. This is a hands on, science based curriculum offered to both public and private schools. The Utah Division of Air Quality does presentations at the trainings. EPA folks say this is a lucky connection to be able to work so closely with the Division of Air Quality folks. The second prong is Legislative action. Check out the website <https://www.breatheutah.org> for more on their Legislative agenda. Breathe Utah also holds several fundraising events during the year. Ashley concluded with a call for community members to engage!

Bylaw Vote

Carlton DeTar moved and Gwen Springmeyer seconded that we vote on the proposed change to the GACC Bylaws 3.5. Prior language was that: *Members of the Council present at any given meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All matters coming before any meeting of the Council shall be determined by the majority vote of the members present with neither absentee nor proxy voting. No matter coming before the Council's monthly meeting shall be acted upon (a vote held) unless:*

In light of the need for meeting electronically at this time and potentially in the future, it was proposed that we change 3.5 to read: *Members of the Council present at any given meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All matters coming before any meeting of the Council shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast. Proxy voting is not allowed. Email or other electronic voting may be allowed with adequate notice. Email votes will require the name and address of the Council member. No matter coming before the Council's monthly meeting shall be acted upon (a vote held) unless:*

Upon a voice vote, this change passed. Bylaws will be updated on the website to reflect the change.

With thanks to everyone who presented and to all who attended, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.