

GACC April 6 Virtual Meeting

Announcements from Chair

- The Memory Grove Clean Up is May 14
- Avenues Street Fair is September 10. Planning meeting April 9
- Crosswalk Flags work party April 7.
- Please show respect and civility toward everyone and post your questions in the chat.

Public Lands, Tyler Fonarow –

- Tyler reported he spent the day hiking in the foothills with Mayor Mendenhall and members from Save Our Foothills to check in on progress. He wants to present a sustainable trails plan that focuses on land conservation. He is continuing to work with the Mayor's office, Chris Wharton's office and Public Utilities.
- Tyler is concerned about the 18th Avenue and Hilltop Road Bike Park. There has been a lack of supervision because a volunteer group disbanded. He is working to put together an agreement with a new organization for volunteer management and compliance.
- The City is recommending to name a section of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, between Emigration Canyon and Dry Creek, after Rick Reese, who recently passed away. Rick started the trail and it is now 280 miles long from the Idaho border to Nephi.
- Working on Community Engagement with the Mayor's office for the trails study with SWCA, an environmental consultant group who specializes on all "ologies," such as geology, archaeology, biology, etc.
- Request for proposals to get a design firm to evaluate trails plan and construction work.
- Scheduled to present at the GACC June Meeting, along with stakeholder groups, with details about upcoming proposals on trails in the foothills above the Avenues.

Fire Department - Matt Hovermale - The fire department, and other stake holders, created the Fire Wise Community Day which will be held on Saturday, May 7 to address the wildland urban interface in the foothills. The goal is to help homeowners with scrub oak, grass, etc. next to their homes that pose a higher risk of being lost during a wildfire. The link in the chat has details. The highlighted areas on the map are the targeted areas where the City will pick up natural debris. Those eligible should contact Matt and he will give a date for pick up. Matt was asked about the potential for wildfires in the area by the bike park above 18th Avenue. He says there is always a risk when there is human interaction but it is not related to bikes, but careless behavior.

Police - Bob Norgaard – Bob reported the burglar who committed 7 burglaries in area churches last month, including Madeline Choir School, was caught. There were two residential burglaries this month, both with entries made through unlocked doors. Gene asked about the reoccurring problems at 1403 Butler Ave. Bob said he is working on it.

Congressman Blake Moore joined the zoom from his office in DC. The Avenues will be part of his district new year. Blake said he has a good relationship with SLC Mayor and Council. He serves on Armed Services and Natural Resources and is working on climate change issues. The Map Land Act passed today. This will modernize all the public lands maps so people can have better access using digital tools.

Council Member Chris Wharton –

- The Council and Mayor went to DC advocating for funds for Utah for public transportation, mental health and other local infrastructure projects.
- The Council voted to put a temporary pause on new homeless shelters. This is in response to HB440, which changes the way shelters are being managed. The City has not recovered from the Rio Grande closure and is looking for solutions. Chris asked for input on how to manage future and existing shelters.
- Starting the CDBG process and City Budget this month.
- Next month the redistricting for City Council districts will be done. They are using an independent advisory commission to propose different maps. All maps keep Avenues with Federal Heights, Capitol Hill and Marmalade in District 3.

- The Ivory Rezone may be heard by the Planning Commission on April 27. We will know on April 14 and the report, with recommendations, will be available on April 17. Chris encouraged neighbors to attend the Planning Commission Meeting to verbalize position.

SLC School Board - Katherine Kennedy – Katherine announced that she did not file to run again. There are 4 people running in the primary on June 28. The SLC School District has an antidiscrimination policy to support transgender athletes and she believes HB 19 does not support them. The school board believes it sends a message to them that is damaging. Gwen thanked Katherine for the valuable information she has provided at the GACC meetings.

Mayor's Office - Jamie Stokes

This is Jamie's last meeting because she has taken another position within the City. She will be with the Civic Engagement Team planning outreach projects. Ava Lopez will be our liaison until a new person is in place.

- COVID – Currently in low transmission. Encourages people over 50 to get their fourth booster. Boosters are available through the SL County Health Department.
- SLC is applying for a federal grant for a three-year environmental study regarding the East-West Connections.
- The City and the County Health Department plans to remove the homeless camps on Victory Road. This has been delayed by the wet and muddy soil conditions. People will be given options to relocate depending on their needs. Fire danger is an issue.

Library - Mary Maloney reported the city libraries will be open Monday to Thursday 10:00 to 8:00 and Friday and Saturday 10:00 to 6:00 for the next 6 months. Rooms may now be reserved.

Rep. Jen Dailey-Provost – She felt it was a tough year with some controversial issues, but the majority of the work was collaborative. The legislature passed a record budget with investments in infrastructure, homeless issues, opioid crisis, social services and support for people with disabilities. They passed a bill creating a new office to support people with disabilities and better utilize resources. There was a special session to override Governor's veto of the bill regarding transgender kids. This issue will continue with pending law suits. In redistricting, HC 24 became HD 22 and Jen is running unopposed. She asked residents to support County level candidates.

University of Utah - Shawn Wood gave a report on construction and road projects on campus. They are improving North Medical drive by adding a couple of roundabouts. The new Katherine F. Kirk Center for Women's Cancer building, along with an 8 story parking garage to serve the medical campus will be done by the end of the year. North Campus Drive and Mario Capecchi Drive will both have right hand turn lanes. There is a new building by PCH and next to TRAX. At the end of May, a sky bridge will be installed across Mario Capecchi Drive to connect it with the hospital.

Charles Shepherd, the U's Historical Architect, talked about the Lime Kiln. It is located a 10 minute hike from the east end of Tomahawk Drive. It was built in the late 1800s and was used to process limestone quarried for agriculture and concrete. The neighbors and the UofU are concerned about safety. The U has received approval and funding to make upgrades. They will install doors, remove trash and graffiti, repair masonry, add erosion controls, and add interpretive signage. The goal is to make the site a pleasant, safe and educational destination. Charles is open to community input.

Salt Lake City Marathon - Kristy Wachter, reminded us about the 7 different races on April 23 that will have impact on the Avenues in the early morning hours. They need more volunteers.

LDS Hospital Update – Heather Wall, LDS Hospital Administrator –

- The numbers of hospitalized COVID patients is greatly decreased and the hospital is continuously evolving COVID practices.
- LDS opened its doors in 1905. They located so high to be above the black smoke in the valley from all the coal burning stoves.
- Currently there is about 2,000 babies born every year, 10,000 patients admitted, 20,000 ER visits, and 100 bone marrow transplant patients.
- Recent improvements include helicopter landing pad and elevator, and HVAC in the operating rooms. There has been an increase of construction trucks, but a decrease in noise from the

grounds plant. They have updated the parking garages for caregivers' safety. The grounds are being planted using plants from their own greenhouse.

- They have an active Community Health Program and want to be involved with schools and community activities.
- They want to become a Trauma Level 4 hospital while at the same time provide services in specific areas: 24/7 OB, joint and bariatric surgery, cancer treatment, walk-in behavioral health, and continue their charity care.
- IHC acquired the Sears Block at 800 South State Street. They plan to demolish the current building and are currently in an active strategic planning process for future services, either transitioned from LDS or new. Heather wants to regularly attend GACC meetings to provide information and gather input. She welcomes calls directly to her.

Public Utilities Construction Updates – Holly Mullen, Communications & Engagement Manager.

- **City Creek Water Treatment Plant: Dr. Michelle Barry**, project manager and **Jordan King & Carrie Rasmussen**, consultants - Jordan gave a brief history of City Creek Canyon and the city water treatment plant that is 3.5 miles up the canyon. It has been determined there needs to be significant upgrades to the plant. Construction will begin this month. The plant will remain functioning during the construction. There will be some road closures.
- **Water and Sewer Line Replacement on State Street between 1st Avenue and 200 North: Dimond Zollinger**, project engineer and **Duke Richardson**, Avenue Consultants. The lines that are there now are over a 100 years old and needs to be replaced and upsized. This will greatly impact traffic.
- **5th and U Street Pumphouse: Dimond Zollinger**, project engineer – This is a new building to house the new generator, which is needed to avoid any interruption of water during power outages. The construction project is expected to be completed late spring or early summer. Due to supply chain issues, the generator will not be available until the end of the summer.
- **Water Supply Update - Laura Briefer**, Public Utilities Director – The City is currently in Stage Two of the Water Contingency Plan with voluntary restrictions for residential water use and mandatory restrictions for government. This is the same stage we were in last summer and it was successful.

Reconstruction Updates – Tom Millar, SLC Transportation Planner

- Resurface and restriping of B Street, from 1st Avenue to 11th Avenue, 3rd Avenue from E Street to Virginia, 11th Avenue from B Street to Terrace Hills, Terrace Hills Drive from 11th Avenue to the top . Tom wants suggestions from the community.
- Reconstruct Virginia Street from South Temple to 11th Avenue in 2024. Tom wants suggestions from residents with ideas for improvement to Virginia Street.

Urban Forestry - Megan Roy, SLC Urban Forestry North Half of the City. There are 12,565 City owned trees in the Avenues. They are still picking up tree branches from the last storm and pruning city trees. In 2020, 201 trees were planted in the Avenues. In 2021, 178 trees were planted. It is the responsibility of the home owner to water the tree in the parking strips. The City Cemetery now has National Arboretum status.

GACC Urban Forestry Subcommittee Chair, Elyse Goldstein – Elyse is recruiting new volunteers. The volunteers monitor new trees, assist with watering, report dead trees and answer tree questions.

Open Forum:

Ian McCubbin – Ian is concern about the trailhead at 18th Avenue and Hilltop that has become a traffic issue with speed and parking. It is an issue for Public Utilities, Public Land, Police and the Fire Department but no one is taking responsibility. Problems with alcohol use, fire hazards, noise, crime, and trash.

Ashley S. Weitz – Representing Dr. Jennifer Plumb who is running for Senate in district 9. This is a new district that was created during redistricting.