

Greater Avenues Community Council
General Community Meeting
February 3, 2021
Zoom 64 Community Members attending

7:02pm Dave Alderman, GACC Chair, called the meeting to order.

Welcome and Announcements

- Dave welcomed all those attending and shared that several Community Council Meetings had been zoom bombed.
- Ivory Homes has hit restart on their rezone petition. They are proposing fewer homes and some other changes. This will be discussed at the March meeting. To see the new proposal and leave comments go to slc.gov/planning.
- On our website <https://slc-avenues.org> there is a survey about Friends of the Salt Lake Cemetery and Trails and Trail etiquette.
- There is a link to the Clear the Air Challenge on our website as well.

Reports

Fire Department-No report

Police-Bob Norgaard is our new representative from the SLC Police Department. With only 4 weeks in assignment, still trying to learn the Avenues. The shooting in Lindsay Gardens was 2 males having an argument. 1 pulled a gun and shot the other in the leg. The wound required a BandAid. No arrests in this case. Police take this seriously. It will be followed up on. Traffic calming is a city-wide problem. Looking at a plan. Robert.Norgaard@slcgov.com

City Council-Chris Wharton

- New leadership elected
- Working on Setting Council Priorities
- Ivory Development on F requested a meeting with GACC leadership and Chris-it is still a proposal, needs to go through planning before City Council makes decision
- Loud Vehicle Noise-Need to rewrite the ordinance. The city ordinance was found unconstitutional.
- Text Amendment Central City RMF 30 zone to gradually increase density
- Fleet Block 300 W 700-800 South city wants to develop housing/park
- The timetable for 300 W improvements is multi-phase. Starting to break ground and then it will be a couple of years. There are some zoning changes but some construction should begin in 2021.
- Homeless camps are still an issue. City opened another emergency shelter. Cannot abate camps if there are not enough shelter beds available.
- Inland Port lawsuit is still being pursued by the city. There is concern about the noise and environment but the city has limited authority. There are people from the city working with the port board on these issues.

Mayor's Office-Eva Lopez

- The City is looking at best solutions for homeless.
- The City has a joint commitment with the City Council to electrify all city transportation.
- The City has 1 million earmarked for housing assistance.
- Be mindful of students in crosswalks as schools return to in-person instruction.
- Looking at noise ordinance with City Council.
- Homeless Dashboard shows shelters and capacity.

School Board-Katherine Kennedy

- Superintendent search is down to the final 2 or 3. Names will be announced soon.
- As the debate continues about when to open schools we need to use the data from the CDC.
- Katherine showed a COVID-19 Data Dashboard that shows SL is lower in cases than other districts. SL has the fewest students but even when the # of students are equalized our positivity rate is lower. The School Board set a benchmark of 5% but even 6-7% is acceptable.
- At West High fewer than 500 students have chosen in person learning. About 17% of students.
- Hopefully next fall we will see a later start for HS students.

Legislature-Jen Dailey-Provost

- Week 3 of the session is very busy!
- The capitol is open to the public. They are enforcing rigorous health measures.
- Attending many meetings in person.
- Bills to watch
 - HB117 takes away cities ability to get involved in utilities environmental clean energy standards. It proposes "market based" solutions rather than addressing them through the public service commission
 - HB 209 the electric vehicles registration fee hike. It is a substantial hike.
 - HB 60 makes it so that to have a concealed weapon you do not need training or permits.
 - There are some good health care access bills.
 - ADU bill would regulate ADU's at a state level. There is a 47000 unit deficit statewide in affordable housing units.

2020 GACC Financials-Michael Hughes, GACC Treasurer

- Michael began his presentation by sharing that the GACC orders flags for the crosswalks. We will order more. You can pick up 10 at a time.
- The 2020 Actual Income Expense report for the GACC was presented.

Friends of the SL Cemetery Funding Request-Jenny Hewson

In introducing Jenny, Dave Alderman reminded the community that in our approved 2021 budget we had voted \$500 for the Friends of the Cemetery group as seed money to establish their own 501c3 which enables them to fundraise. The cemetery master plan recommend the creation of a Friends group. The Friends of the Salt Lake Cemetery is here tonight asking for an additional \$250 and as a community we will vote at the March meeting on supporting this request.

Jenny then presented about the cemetery. Highlights of the presentation:

- The cemetery is 120 acres
- It is an historical treasure
- It houses much wildlife
- The mission and goals of the Friends are to advocate for the cemetery-budgeting needs, to increase community involvement-preservation, restoration and documentation, to secure sustainable funding-this can only be accomplished as a 501c3.
- There are many needs in the cemetery
 - 8 miles of paved road in cemetery-7 miles poor or fair condition
 - Irrigation system is old and needs replacement
 - The walls surrounding and inside the cemetery are crumbling

On the GACC website there is a survey regarding the cemetery. Please visit <https://slc-avenues.org> to learn more.

5th Ave Generator House/Pump Station-Dawn Wagner, SL Public Utilities

Dawn was joined in her presentation by Holly Mullin and John Berghain. Dawn began by telling the community that the drawings she was presenting were not finalized. The build is still in the design phase with the goal of blending with the surroundings. The city is still seeking input on the design. Most of the time the generator is in standby mode. Weekly it is manually triggered into exercise mode. In a complete power outage it would go to emergency power where there would be full load on the generator. There are several nuisance items that the new buildings would mitigate. The whine from the generation and the mechanical noises would be mitigated by 8" concrete masonry on all walls and the roof assembly. The concrete pad will help with vibration and the roof assembly will block sound as well there will be a muffler installed on the diesel generator motor. A question was asked if they had considered using solar power and Dawn answered that they would look at it but had not considered it to this point. Natural gas is not practical for the # of connections that are serviced by the Pump Station.

4th Ave Well project updates-Cindy Gubler, SLC Public Utilities

Cindy spoke about the need for blocking roads periodically and for short-term power outages as the work continues. They will extend their work day as it is lighter longer. This will be inconvenient but the project will move more quickly to completion.

Community Open Forum

Peter Wright of Preserve our Avenues Zoning Coalition reminded the community that in August of 2020 the Council had voted 688-4 in opposition to the proposal by Ivory Homes to rezone the parcel at 675 N F Street. He stated that Ivory had done very little to change their proposal. He invited all to look at the Coalitions Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/preserveouravenueszoning/>

Deborah Roberts who lives on 3rd Ave near R Street expressed concern about the speeding on 3rd Ave. According to Deborah, police are not responsive. 3rd is the widest street in the lower avenues. It is 6/10 of a mile from Virginia to N where the closest stop sign is. She asked where to go for help. The city is working on a city wide calming plan. The plan is months away and it will be years before funding is in place so that is not helpful now. It was suggested that she work with the city council and with the liaison from the Mayor's office-Eva Lopez.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.