

GACC General Meeting
July 7, 2021
Zoom

7:02PM GACC Chair, Dave Alderman called the meeting to order and welcomed all community members and guests. Reminder to all that the meeting is recorded and will be posted on the GACC website.

Announcements

- Last month we had a presentation on the Elks Block Project. Next week it will go to the Historic Landmarks Commission. <https://www.slc.gov/boards/boards-commissions/historic-landmark-commission/>
- UTA is going to have a pilot program for late-night service. It will be an on-demand ride sharing service TH-S nights from 10pm-4am. Serving Salt Lake City with no service to the airport. <https://stories.opengov.com/utahtransitauthority/published/h1Hd5XfT8>
- Street Fair September 11. Next Meeting on Saturday the 10th 9am at the park by LDS Hospital on 9th Ave. The Fair will be held on 9th Ave between E and I Streets. The meeting will be zoomed for those that are unable to attend in person. If you are interested in attending please contact Dave Alderman davealderman@hotmail.com
- Friends of the Salt Lake Cemetery – Post Memorial Day Clean-up was a great success. Thanks to all who participated.
- Traffic Lawn Signs Available. Learn more at www.slc.gov/livable-streets, or order them via email at lara.handwerker@slcgov.com
- There is a survey called “Livable Streets” please take the survey. <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/plans-studies/livable-streets/>
- No information on the 3rd Ave Gas Station Block re-zone. (See Chris Wharton, City Council, report)

Reports

Fire-Cpt Winkler No report.

Police-Detective Bob Norgaard reported that June 5th there was a string of 3 robberies at gunpoint. 2 suspects were caught. August 3rd is the annual Night Out Against Crime.

City Council-Chris Wharton reported that the City Council has finalized the budget and reported some key provisions. City employees rose to meet the challenge of multiple emergencies and have been in recognition of this and years of lower than average pay there is a big increase in pay for police, fire and, civilian employees of the city. There is increased funding for parks and trails as public space is critical to the city. Now they are going into the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) funding process. This is 1-time funding. The Friends of the Cemetery wrote a letter to the State Legislature Appropriations Committee to include the Cemetery in the Critical Infrastructure Bill. The Cemetery does not qualify for County

infrastructure funding. The rezone application for the gas station at 3rd and N is on the City Council Agenda for July 13. There is a proposed row of 6 townhouses with off street parking. More information will be posted on GACC website in "News and Events." If you would like to speak with Chris about any of these announcements or any other concerns please email or call him.

chris.wharton@slcgov.com or personal cell 801.910.6795. No other questions.

Mayor's Office-Jamie Stokes announced that the COVID Vaccination Rate for the Avenues is 64.7%. The County-wide rate is 47%. Fireworks are banned in Salt Lake City for the 4th and 24th of July Holiday firework days. Over the 4th the Fire Department went on 31 enforcement calls resulting in 24 warnings and 0 fires. Salt Lake City has posted volunteer opportunities with the SLC Corps <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/slc-corps/>. The city is committed to work with the homeless. For more information about the SLC services and philosophy visit <https://www.slc.gov/hand/homeless-services-dashboard/>. Please take the Livable Streets Survey <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/plans-studies/livable-streets/>. Please take the Pioneer Park survey <https://www.slc.gov/parks/pioneer-park-improvements/>.

School Board-Katherine Kennedy reported that a new Superintendent, Timothy Gadson, has been hired. The School Board is currently working on a 5 year plan. A new Board member has been appointed. Bryce Williams will represent District 1. COVID funds, ESSER Money is being allocated. Goals are literacy-all students meet and advance at minimum standards. Want to close gaps in learning attainment. There is a need for social and emotional services for students. She would like to see a greater investment in outdoor classrooms, a continuation of after school programs and funding for another summer of intensive learning. She would also like to see professional development funding increase for teachers. If you have questions or comments, Please contact Katherine at Katherine.kennedy@slcschools.org.

State Representative-Jennifer Dailey -Provost reported that there are no interim sessions until September. She is currently working on bills for the next legislative session. She has office hours available and encourages constituents to sign up for one-on-one meetings. <https://house.utah.gov/rep/DAILEJ/>. Representative Dailey-Provost encouraged all to get vaccinated and to please observe the fire and fireworks restrictions. In November there will be a special session to pass the redistricting maps. There are work meetings September-November. For more information about the process visit <https://le.utah.gov/committee/committee.jsp?year=2021&com=SPELRD>.

State Senate-Derek Kitchen-Currently has family visiting due to no air conditioning at home. Please be mindful and reach out to those that may not have air conditioning. The Legislative staff has 2 months off so not too much going on at the Capitol but lots of work is still happening. 1.6 B from the American Rescue plan came to Utah. Spent 500 M already. Holding on to resources. This money can be used until 2024. This year Senator Kitchen will run bills on criminal justice, 2 bills on daycare, and 2 on accessibility regarding UTA. Senator Kitchen has been out on the trails with advocacy groups and would like to see trails as part of infrastructure.

IHC/LDS Hospital-Brandi Lee announced the new Hospital Administrator, Heather Wall. She also let us know that Hospital Security has no jurisdiction off of the hospital grounds. There have been instances of folks brought to the hospital for behavioral health issues who have left and knocked on neighbors doors. Please call 911 in these cases. The Delta Variant is troublesome. 90% of those hospitalized currently for COVID and 95% of deaths are unvaccinated people. Please get vaccinated.

Heather Wall LDS Hospital Administrator introduced herself. **Welcome to the neighborhood, Heather.**

Neighborhood Works- program to help with Mortgage Assistance. For more information <https://nwsaltlake.org> .

Avenues Foothills Trails-Dave reminded all that the role of the GACC is to provide a forum to discuss ideas and expand communications. With that in mind the topic of this evening is presented as information sharing and not a debate.

Daniel Schelling from Save our Foothills and Lewis Kogan from Salt Lake City presented.

A great deal of research and preparation went into the presentations. For more information about Save our Foothills visit <https://www.slcfoothills.org> . For more information about the SLC process and timeline visit <https://www.sl.gov/parks/trails-natural-lands/fts/> .

There was a question raised regarding E Bikes on trails. They are not allowed on SLC owned trails that say no motorized vehicles.

Open Forum-nothing brought before the council

Dave thanked everyone for a very thoughtful and informative meeting. Meeting Adjourned at 8:46pm