

GACC General Meeting
June 2, 2021
Zoom

7:00PM GACC Chair, Dave Alderman called the meeting to order and welcomed all community members and guests.

Announcements

- Please go to slc.gov to participate in the Elks Block Open House
<https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/03/30/elks-block-redevelopment-project/>
- UTA is proposing Changes for Route 11- turning it into a flex route with more frequent service but making some significant routing changes
<https://stories.opengov.com/utahtransitauthority/published/h1Hd5XfT8>
- There is a pause on the Avenues foothill trails. There is a survey
<https://www.slc.gov/parks/trails-natural-lands/fts/>
- Street Fair September 11. Next Meeting on Saturday the 12th 9am on Zoom. If you are interested in attending please contact Dave Alderman davealderman@hotmail.com
- Friends of the Salt Lake Cemetery – Post Memorial Day Clean-up Th June 10 6 - 8 PM; Fri June 11 6 - 8 PM; Sat June 12 8 AM until Noon. Please meet in front of the Sexton's house (corner of N Street and 4th Ave). Bring gloves, water, a mask, hand sanitizer, and if you have one, a five-gallon pail (not required). Contact Paul Anderson at 801-364-6613 or paul@pbageo.com
- Traffic Lawn Signs Available. Learn more at www.slc.gov/livable-streets, or order them via email at lara.handwerker@slcgov.com
- .Urban Forestry Committee will meet with City Reps on Tuesday 8th 8am Lindsey Gardens Pavilion. Please join them if you are interested.

Reports

Fire-Cpt Winkler reported that they are looking at wildfire mitigation currently. Station 4 firefighters are available to Walk and Talk at your property if you are interested in looking at ways to help your home be more wildfire resistant. It's been a quite month medical and house fire wise on the Avenues. There is an Avenues Fire Wise committee that will report later. Dave reiterated that it is very useful for residents to have the Fire Department come to your home to take a look. There were no questions for Cpt. Winkler

Police-Bob Norgaard reported that burglaries are down, vehicle break-ins are still up. May 16 there were shots fired near the cemetery. This was folks from outside the area who were here for unknown reasons but they were not targeting the avenues or residents. Regarding traffic noise, the equipment has been ordered and the police officers are waiting to be trained on the use of this equipment and then it will be deployed. No questions for Det. Norgaard.

City Council-Chris Wharton wished everyone a Happy Pride Month. The Pride Festival will be different this year with a march from the Capitol to Liberty Park on Sunday. Cemetery re-opening this month. Remember the Cemetery clean-up June 10, 11, 12. Budget season going well. Mayor proposing many new full time employees. Funding coming from Federal Dollars from the pandemic recovery for many positions but other will come from city budget. The question was asked about the positions funded with Federal Dollars and if those would be temporary or permanent positions. There is 3 years of funding so during that time the decision will be made if all positions are filled. Please let Chris know what you think about the budget and these positions chris.wharton@slcgov.com or personal cell 801.910.6795. No other questions.

Mayor's Office-Eva Lopez introduced **Jamie Stokes** who is currently working with district 6 and will not also join the Avenues, District 3. Jamie has been with the Mayor's Office for about 18 months. Jamie reported that the county website shows vaccination #s by zip. 59.24% of 84103 are fully vaccinated with 40% County-wide for ages 12 and up. Please take the trail survey. Jamie also reminded us that many trails are in watershed areas. Dogs and humans should not be in the water in these areas. In those areas where dogs are allowed on leash, please keep them on-leash. Please clean up your dog poop. We are now in a serious drought. Get a free water check from SLC <https://www.slc.gov/utilities/conservation/free-water-check> Learn more about water conservation here: <https://www.slc.gov/utilities/conservation/indoor-water-conservation> There was a question for Jamie regarding off leash animals on trails county animal control can send patrols to give tickets. There are some areas that are ok for off-leash but county will respond to citizen complaints. Animal Services Dispatch 801.840.4000. Pending citizen petition to expand off leash areas in the parks department. Council Member Wharton invites contact as well if you'd like to discuss concerns. Thank you Eva and welcome Jamie!

School Board-Katherine Kennedy reported that school board met on the 2021-22 budget and voted to not raise the tax rate. This will mean taxes will be lower this year. Even with the proposed increase in the %, taxes would have gone down. Board salaries will increase to \$12,000/year. Graduation is starting. SLC District will hold graduations at the Huntsman Center. 4 tickets/grad. Katherine reminded everyone of the robust summer school options. June 3 COVID vaccine clinic at Bryant for ages 12 and up. SLC Schools are not teaching from 1619 or 1776 curriculum. Please contact Katherine at Katherine.kennedy@slcschools.org

State Representative-Jennifer Dailey -Provost reported on the special session. Most important things: Passed resolution to accept the 1.6 million dollars coming to Utah from the Federal Government, the ARPA money. Appropriations to outline spending of this money. Fixes for mistakes during general session. Bill prohibited mask mandates in schools next year. Jen opposed this but it passed. Declared drought state of emergency. Redistricting underway. Committee (legislators) will make decision. Commission (from ballot proposition) are advisory group to the committee. Dates /locations for public meetings <https://le.utah.gov/interim/2021/pdf/00002128.pdf>

Resolution from extraordinary session limiting free speech/discussion of critical race theory in schools. Create a Sanctuary Gun State to say that Utah would disregard federal gun laws.

State Senate-Derek Kitchen-no report

IHC/LDS Hospital-Brandi Lee reported planting 1500 pink geraniums in honor of breast cancer awareness. Grown in our own greenhouses. IHC will partner with Pride Center at Pride events. Please hydrate in the heat. 100 safest days during summer—be cautious as you are enjoying summer. Masks at Pride? City COVID protocols based on CDC guidelines say no outside inside follow guidelines.

Phil thanked Brandi and LDS for their years of support for the Memory Grove Clean up!

Public Utilities update 5th Ave Pumphouse-Dawn Wagner capital projects manager was joined by several designers and other representatives from the city. This was their 3rd presentation on the 5th and U pump station. Will install back up generator. Dawn showed slides with information about the noise mitigation and design of the pumphouse. She responded to questions about solar and natural gas use for running the pumpstation. She addressed a question about guardrails to prevent sliding of cars into the building during snow. There were not any substantial changes to the design from the last presentation. Budget should cover increased material costs. One tree will be removed.

4th Ave Pumphouse 30 second update: Project began in October will finish at the end of June. Pump test June 2. Sampling water now. Permit to have water delivery service is in process. Landscaping will extend into July.

Elks Block Redevelopment Project-David Davis, Principal Architect South Temple and 1st Avenue. Property owned by Property Reserve, Inc. Elks building will be turned into office space. On the parking lot, apartment homes will be build. Townhomes and single story apartment. No plan for affordable housing. On 1st Ave remove one home and rework the other 6 into multiple residence homes. Elks wants height waiver. Height waiver for new apt building. Concerns primarily around seismic and energy efficiency. For details of the project: <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/03/30/elks-block-redevelopment-project/>

GACC Subcommittee Reports

Urban Forestry-Merrilee Morgan, Chair reported that the committee will meet with Megan from the City Urban Forestry department of June 8 at 10am at the Lindsey Gardens North Pavilion. Goal is to help the city Urban Forestry department. Community will help city accomplish their goals. Need to take care of the trees we have. We will send out members to talk with neighbors about tree care. Merrilee put out the call for members to join the committee. Please contact her at 801.913.4046 or merrilee01@msn.com

Avenues FireWise-Shane Carlson, Chair reported that they will be meeting June 7 at 7pm at the North Pavilion of Lindsey Gardens. Direction and Goals will be discussed at this meeting. Contact Shane at 801.596.3939 for information or to join the committee.

Open Forum

Hilary Jacobs/Daniel Schelling representing Save our Foothills spoke about the Trails Master Plan. They feel the hillside is being scared and that the plan is not what people want for their open areas. Requested that the construction be halted. It is paused. They find the city to have a conflict of interest for the city to run the survey so rather than take the city survey they encourage participation in their survey created by Save our Canyons. Please visit www.slcfoothills.org to take the survey and to see their take on the city master plan.

Traffic and Speeding citizen survey is up for neighbors to send information to the Traffic Department. <https://trafficalmingdevices.com>

Dave thanked everyone for a very full and informative meeting. We ended on time! Meeting Adjourned at 8:50pm