

Greater Avenues Community Council
General Community Meeting
May 5, 2021
Zoom 38 Community Members Present

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

Welcome and Announcements

- Ivory Homes is not on the agenda for tonight. Ivory has hit the pause button. They have asked to postpone scheduling with the planning commission.
- Elks Block on S. Temple to 1st Ave-will present at our meeting in June about this project. There is currently an Open House online <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/03/30/elks-block-redevelopment-project/>
- Mayor Mendenhall's proposed budget is posted. <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/2021/05/04/mayor-announces-fy-21-22-budget-that-meets-critical-needs-fosters-opportunity/>
- To see a timeline of scheduled hearings and comment periods visit the City Council website <https://fy22-slc-budget-slcgov.hub.arcgis.com>
- It is VERY important to comment at City Council meetings.
- 15 May Memory Grove Cleanup at 8am. Bring work gloves and sunscreen, wear work shoes. Box lunches will be provided
- GACC 2021 Street Fair meeting will be 22 May. Contact Dave for information about attending and getting involved in the planning.
- The Re-Imagine Nature Survey is online. For more information and to participate visit <https://www.reimagineatureslc.com>
- 3rd Ave Car Clinic is Closing. Bobby Rose the owner will be honored at a Going Away/Retirement Party on May 27. More details available on Next Door and on the GACC website.

Reports

Captain Healey-Fire Department

Captain Healey is excited to share that the Emergency Management Department will integrate all members of the Emergency Management Team under the Fire Department. This will give an opportunity to build and grow opportunities. Different backgrounds and skillsets will increase capabilities. Visit <https://slcfire.com> for more information. The invitation was extended to stop by the stations-distanced and masked visits, please-but the firefighters are happy to answer questions and visit with the community members. No questions or comments.

Chris Wharton-Salt Lake City Council

Council member Wharton announced that it is Budget Season and the City Council would appreciate your comments. "Show me your budget and Ill tell you what your priorities are."
--Joe Biden Please tell me what your priorities are. Big issue is Policing. CIP applications are in. Go to CIP Board who recommends to Mayor, Mayor sends to City Council in July. Biggest from

our area is City Cemetery. Needs to have neighborhood comments to take to other Council members to show importance of this project. The City lawsuit regarding the Inland Port arguments in front of Utah Supreme Court. City Attorneys did a good job. A win here does not mean an end to the Inland Port; it just gives more input to the city. There will not be a Primary in August for Municipal elections. We now have Rank Choice Voting for these. 5 of 7 City Council seats are up for election this year. If there are more than 2 candidates for any office there is rank voting. If only two just a typical choose your candidate election. Still primarily by mail voting. Need to spread the word about Rank Choice. This is supposed to increase voter participation.

Questions, comments

Street Racing-Administration took the position that the city noise ordinance was unenforceable. City Attorney feels it is enforceable but need more sophisticated equipment for SLPD. Once equipment is acquired enforcing for noise. Street Racing is already illegal. This is a safety and quality of life issue. Should hopefully improve.

No other questions. Please contact Councilperson Wharton at chris.wharton@slcgov.com and cell i801-910-6795.

Bob Norgaard-SLC Police

Vehicle break-ins and burglaries are constant. Please lock your doors and don't leave anything in your cars.

No Questions or comments

Eva Lopez- Mayors' Office

This is Eva's last meeting will move to working with Dist 1 and 2. Jamie Stokes will join us. She also represents Dist 6. Dist 3 and 6 have similar community needs and populations. This is Eva's highlights of the Budget:

- The Mayor's Budget has ~\$350m in funding for essential services.

Implementation of Commission on Racial Equity in Policing Recommendations • \$450,000 to hire 6 additional social workers to the Community Connection Center that will get the City closer to ensuring there is always a social worker on shift to respond to emergency calls. • \$200,000 for additional equity, inclusion and diversity training for police officers. • Creation of senior-level position in Mayor's Office for work with education partners on equity and justice issues, including how School Resource Officers work. • \$20,000 for the Peer Court program, offering alternative ways for youth to be held accountable for their actions, outside of the criminal justice system. Affordable Housing and Homelessness • \$11 million for affordable housing funding, Over \$4.7 million for RDA projects that combined with existing funds will allow the City to construct/preserve 350 affordable units, among other projects, Over \$4.4 million in federal funding for housing programs that ♣ Provide rent assistance for people with AI. For more details please visit www.slc.gov/2021Budget

We are in Phase 1 Drought. Bordering Phase 2. This means conserve water. Conserving water is critical. We live in the 2nd driest state. Eva provided some links to articles for more information.

Article II (Water Shortages) of Chapter 17.16 (Culinary Water System) of the Salt Lake City code in conjunction with the Water Shortage Contingency Plan authorized by this section of city code provide the City's policies regarding watering restrictions. In essence, City policy allows for the declaration of stages of water shortage based on water supply and demand. Each of the five stages in the Water Shortage Contingency Plan have increasing restrictions based on the severity of water shortage. We currently meet the criteria for the first plan stage (Stage 1) where we are anticipating that water yield from our canyon streams will be below average, but our water supplies from stored water and groundwater will be sufficient. In Stage 1, all water conservation actions are voluntary. We are continuing to monitor both water supply and demand to anticipate whether the City would enact Stage 2 of the plan, which would mandate water use restrictions on government facilities.

Mask mandate has expired but don't relax. Please respect those that wear masks and please be careful. In City facilities masks will still be required.

Urban Forestry sub-committee of GACC is forming. The Avenues liaison is Nate Orbock, nathaniel.orbock@slcgov.com, (801) 535-7840.

Noise Ordinance. Specific directions from Mayors office to get officers trained and to procure the correct equipment. Excited to enforce this.

Question

City Cemetery waters in mid-day. All departments are supposed to be conserving water. Dave commented that the cemetery just put in new sod and so it takes more time/water to keep it alive now.

Thanks Eva and Best of Luck in your new assignment.

****Urban Forestry subcommittee had first meeting with liaison. More information to follow****

Katherine Kennedy-SLC School Board

Katherine reported on Dr. Jill Biden's visit to Glendale Middle School to honor teachers. She reported that there will be vaccine clinics in High Schools. May 7 will be the clinic at West High. Students under 18 years of age need parental permission to be vaccinated. 12-15 years old can be vaccinated before fall. Perhaps 6-11 later in the fall. There will be a robust summer school program using CARES money. 6 hub elementary will run from 8:30am-4:30pm. Invitation for first group will be sent out May 10. There will be counselors at all sites. Our area school is Washington Elementary.

Question was asked regarding the teaching of Critical Race Theory and if the 1619 Project curriculum or the 1776 curriculum was being taught. Katherine responded that the 1619 Project curriculum was not being taught specifically, that Critical Race Theory was very involved and made up of many components, and that the 1776 curriculum had been debunked as not factual. The question was asked about consequences for unvaccinated students. There is currently no consequence for unvaccinated students. It will be revisited when the vaccine is removed from emergency authorization.

School Board Meetings are streamed and the public is welcome to view the meetings.

Katherine provided her phone number for anyone wishing to discuss any issues with her. 801-554-0100

Jennifer Daily-Provost-State Representative

Special Session May 19 working on logistics around accepting Federal Monies for COVID. Heard from Senator Romney that it would be acceptable to put some of the money aside for state match money for ARPA money-infrastructure money-comes later this year. Priority is those most at risk and long haulers. Opening Bills for next year started today. Jen's priorities include: Better protections for people with disabilities; homeless; workforce development; higher wages; medical cannabis; environmental stewardship. Pandemic endgame bill criteria was reached. Jen disagrees with premise since it was not based in science. According to State Statute the State of Emergency is officially over but the pandemic is NOT over. Please be cautious. Get vaccinated.
No questions or comments

Derek Kitchen-State Senator

Attended event at Glendale Middle School. Appreciative of her visit. John Arthur, Teacher of the Year was there. Spoke with Jill Biden's team about educational priorities, also spoke with Lt Governor about these. Priorities seem to be aligned. Optimistic about funding for education. May 10th US Treasury guidance on COVID Relief funding. Senator Kitchen said there are about 20 bills that will be coming in the special session of the Legislature. More details forthcoming. Priority list for Democrats: Afford Housing, 1st and last months rent; coverage gap children's healthcare; brick and mortar seismic upgrades.

For more information visit his page <https://www.derekkitchen.com/about>
Senator Kitchen went to Grand and San Juan Counties to learn more about Bears Ears monument and area. Toured troubled teen industry care facility to understand how these work. Link for COVID Legislative response <https://coronavirus.utah.gov/legislative-response/>
Happy to run constituent legislation. Reach out with state agency issues or legislative ideas. dkitchen@le.utah.gov

Brandi Lee-LDS Hospital/IHC

Brandi thanked the community for all the support-1905-2021. Reported on annual accomplishments. Smallest of "large" IHC Hospitals. Project Protect produced about 1m masks. Recognition for this project. Caregivers sent to NY. Read the report here: <https://www.ibm.com/downloads/cas/REAWOAO>
Possibility of Pfizer emergency vaccinations of 12-15 year-olds.

Salt Lake Academy of Music (SLAM)- Steve Auerbach

Thank GACC for including in Newsletter and being here tonight. SLAM is a non-profit school offers after school and summer camps. For more information Steve Auerbach, Executive Director, Salt Lake Academy of Music <http://slamslc.org> 801-577-BAND

Housing Supply and Affordability

Professor James Wood-Kem Gardner Policy Institute

For the full presentation:

<https://slc-avenues.org/images/Version II Greater Avenues Community Council.pdf>

Some Take-aways from the presentation are that Utah leads the country in rate of population growth and we lead the country in employment growth. Employment growth was 29.6% from 2010-2020. Our low wages contribute to job growth. Utah has a favorable distribution of income. Affordable Housing refers to structures. Housing Affordability refers to a full spectrum of housing prices and household income. The formula for determining "affordable" is median sales price of house divided by the median household income. In SL County it is 5.18. anything over 5 is considered severely unaffordable. Median price of a home state wide is \$355k; in SL County \$425K and on the Avenues \$699,950. First Quarter days on market in SL County dropped to 5 days on market from 26 days first quarter 2020. Sales are happening at about list prices. In April an Avenues home listed for \$999,999.00 sold for 1.5 million (cash) in 4 days.

Open Forum

Luke Allen from SLC Public Lands <https://www.reimagineatureslc.com/>
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Reimagine Nature community outreach/marketing manager spoke about the city's new masterplan. Half way through the process. Parks, Trails and Natural Lands, Urban Forestry, and Golf. Three phases-Phase 1 was community outreach. 3700 responses to online survey, did intercept interviews-about 600 responses. 2000 people at pop-up events in parks. Presented at 17 community meetings. Step 2 is the Draft Masterplan created from these. May 9 survey about 10 BIG IDEAS closes. At website above. Goal is 3000 respondents.

Thanks to Luke and all those who presented.

Dave Adjourned the meeting at 9:03pm