

GACC Board Meeting
Wednesday, 12 May 2021
Zoom 7:00 PM

Welcome, Introductions – Dave Alderman, GACC Chair, welcomed all Board Members and guests and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Review and Approve Minutes – minutes were sent out late so this item was held to allow review during the meeting. At the end of the meeting Peg Alderman moved and Robyn Christensen seconded the approval of the May 5, 2021 GACC General Council Meeting minutes . Motion carried.

Board Business and Updates –Dave gave an **Ivory Homes** update – last week he heard that the project was on pause, Ivory asked to postpone consideration by 1 month to allow them to work on setbacks or potentially planned development rezoning. Phil reminded us that the **Memory Grove** cleanup is this Saturday. Meet at the gates and Phil will have a list of projects. 11am lunch will be at the 4th Ave grassy area. Tables and chairs will be set up. LDS Hospital will provide lunch. It will be prepared sandwiches, chips and drinks. They are planning for 200. Carlisle is the main person for lunch set up and distribution. She will need help. Brian and others will be at the gate for the first 30-45 minutes to assign projects. Question about masks-we will encourage mask wearing but may be flexible. The parks employees are required to wear masks outside. Email or text Phil to volunteer for specific job assignments for Saturday. **Street Fair**, Next meeting 22 May. Michael reported that the vendor app is live. There are still many volunteer opportunities. Dave reported that he thinks there is a co-chair identified but cannot say who without a firm commitment. **Foothills Trails System** Dave reported that there was an article in today's Trib that talks about the SLC Trails System and a contingent that is upset about some of the changes and the process. Dave has only heard positive comments from users and Chris Wharton reports that the main complaint is about parking. Several Board Members commented about their feelings of affinity for the old trails, and for their concerns regarding parking and the jumping of fences to take short cuts, about confusion over some trails that are only for bicycles and the use of "social trails". It was a good discussion that continued as we discussed the agenda for the June meeting. It was decided that we would offer the opportunity for Save our Canyons and the Parks/Trails folks to speak in the Open Forum in June and then put them on the agenda for the July meeting. Last week information was sent out regarding a route change on the 11th Ave busses from **UTA**. Send comments to UTA if you have any. Another person reached out to inform us that UTA was seeking comment on the idea of creating an ADA compliant bus stop at 10th East and South Temple and taking away the 11th East stop. This is now on hold.

Committees –

Urban Forestry Committee – Merrilee Morgan reported that she and her committee met with representatives from the city. It was a great meeting. The mission of the committee was a little better defined. Essentially it is a group of citizens that help the city determine where trees can be planted. The city coordinates with the homeowner the kind of tree that can be planted and the planting schedule. The committee helps with the education of citizens and reports on trees that need to be pruned. The main focus of the committee is education. People don't realize the benefits they can get from healthy trees. Merrilee is looking for additional committee members. One Board member commented

that the decisions about where in the city trees will go should be based on an equality model. It is not an exact system. Each community should form a committee to advocate and educate in it's boundaries. It costs about \$4/month to properly water a tree. The trees planted along Memory Grove after the tornado are dying of a fungus. Megan from the city has been asked to work with our committee. Dave suggested that we need to formally approve Merrilee as the Chair of the Urban Forestry Committee. Dianne Leonard moved and Larry Spell seconded the formalizing of Merrilee Morgan as the Chair of the Urban Forestry Committee of the GACC. The motion carried. Thank you Merrilee for taking this on.

Firewise Committee – Shane Carlson informed us all that the city approached him and asked that he organize a Firewise community effort with the idea of fire risk mitigation. The term Firewise is associated with a national designation. To earn this designation requires many hours and much effort. He is not sure that the people on the avenues have really embraced the ideas of risk mitigation. Dave toured the neighborhood to look at potential fire ways. Firewise is not just an Upper Avenues thing. Shane and the committee are looking at the best course of action to proceed. Earning the designation is not the goal, it will come if enough residents can get on board. Carlton DeTar moved and Martina Nesi seconded the creation of a GACC Firewise Committee and naming Shane Carlson as Chair. Motion carried. Thanks to Shane for stepping up to chair this committee.

June Meeting-The preliminary agenda for the June 2 meeting was discussed and by concensus was set. David Berg has requested time to present regarding the Save the Pantages Theater movement. Two options were suggested: That he present in Open Forum for 2 minutes or that we invite him to present at a future meeting. The second option, present at a future meeting, was agreed upon.

Proposed GACC Meeting Agenda Items:

7:00 - 7:05	Welcome, Announcements Chair
7:05 - 7:45	Reports: Fire, Library, Police, Council, City, School Board, Legislative, LDS Hospital
7:45 – 8:00	5 th Avenue Pump House – Sharon Turner, Public Utilities
8:00 – 8:30	Elks Block Redevelopment Project – Nelson Knight, David Davis
8:30 - 8:40	New Committees
8:40 - 8:50	Open Forum
8:50	Adjourn

Future Meetings Options

Candidate Night for City Council
Utah Pantages Theater
Rank Choice Voting-October

Newsletter Items – Articles Due May 15th

Dave Chair's Message, Street Fair
Merrilee-Trees
Shane-Firewise
Martina and Craig-Pride Month
Phil-Memory Grove Clean Up Recap
Jill-Air Quality
Cemetery Clean-up
Budget Comments

Other Business

Next Meeting: General Meeting: 2 June 2021
Board Meeting: 9 June 2021

Adjourn-The May meeting of the GACC was adjourned at 8:33pm.