

## GACC General Community Meeting November 3, 2021 Zoom

**Welcome and Announcements**-Dave Alderman, Chair of the GACC, called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Dave presented the agenda for the evening and announced that the meeting is being recorded and that the video would be available online on 11/3. Tonight we will vote for the 2022 Board Officers and Area Representatives.

By way of announcements:

- If an extra leaf bin is needed go to the slc.gov website to order one: or call 1-800-535-6999 or <https://www.slc.gov/sustainability/wastemanagement/special-curbside-services/>
- There is a sock drive for the Homeless Resource Center. Ali Barnes is the point of contact. Ali Barnes 801-631-8084, 373 5th Avenue Nov 15- Dec 3. Details are in the November Newsletter
- Transportation Department has a typologies study complete and have posted a survey. It is overwhelming so perhaps just look at your street and any others that you are interested in to see what they are projecting for the future of the street. To view the maps and take the survey <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/2019/08/30/typologies/>
- The SL Cemetery has been recognized as an Arboretum. On 11/06 there will be a recognition ceremony

### Reports

**Fire**-Cpt. Shaun Mulmedy reminded us that this is the time we see an uptick in injuries in the kitchen including grease fires. Be mindful as you prepare holiday meals. Don't overload outlets. Change your furnace filters. Check CO2 monitors. In October about 4 calls/day this is average. Fire Department is hiring. Slcfire.com Dave thanked the fire department and emergency services for the quick response to the construction accident on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. There was a foundation collapse and a worker was trapped.

**School Board**-Katherine Kennedy reported that the SL School Board has been busy. Last night they discussed the new adult education school @ the new prison. It will be named later. There will be 6 teachers and 2 paraprofessionals. The census results are back and school borders are changing. Changes are on the School Board website. Option 1 has been adopted. The Board wanted to have clean and fair boundaries. Contact Katherine with questions [katherine.kennedy@slcschools.org](mailto:katherine.kennedy@slcschools.org)

**Police**-Detective Norgaard could not attend tonight but gave his report to Dave. On October 20 an Avenues resident was walking through the cemetery and a person in the cemetery pulled a gun on the resident. Be aware of your surroundings. There was only 1 residential burglary in October. The police are still working on response times. Still trying to hire. This is the time when we typically see a spike in vehicle thefts. Cars left running to warm up while the owner finishes getting ready for work. May come outside to find the vehicle is gone. Please keep your cars locked and in running order. Now is the time to check tire tread and pressure before the weather gets cold and snowy.

**City Council**-Councilmember Wharton was introduced and announced that the Cemetery Arboretum is dedicated to the memory of former Sexton, Mark Smith. They conducted tours with State Legislators to educate on the importance of cemetery not just to SLC but to the entire state. There are 3 or 4 meetings left in the year. The council will fill the Dist 1 vacancy. The council can appoint the person who was elected if they are known. There has been concern about the city xeriscaping ordinance. This ordinance hasn't changed in 20 years. The hope is to get on the agenda for spring. Please let Chris know your thoughts. The Legislative session is coming up. One issue is the redistricting for City Council Districts. Regarding the Pantages theater the Design Review has been approved by Planning Commission. An appeal to deny this approval was denied.

Please contact Councilmember Wharton with questions and concerns Chris's cell: 801-910-6795  
[chris.wharton@slcgov.com](mailto:chris.wharton@slcgov.com)

**Mayor's Office-** Jamie Stokes reported that there are free vaccine clinics available for COVID vaccinations. ICU utilization is up. 90% capacity in ICU's in SLC. 63% of SLC residents are vaccinated. The SLC schools mask mandate is extended to December 20.

The Stare has \$80 million in ARPA funding. To see the ARPA Funding Press Release:

<https://www.slc.gov/mayor/2021/10/18/mayor-mendenhall-announces-recommendations-for-rescue-plan-spending/>

Presentation on childcare and workforce services:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ND\\_WnLyUuEg&t=9676s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ND_WnLyUuEg&t=9676s)

Urban Forestry has an action plan to preserve and grow the SL Urban Forest. Stats on trees here:

<https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/10/25/urban-forest-action-plan/>

Political sign recycling event: When: November 13, 10am-2pm Where: Jordan Park, 1060 S 900 W, SLC UT

[Jamie.stokes@slcgov.com](mailto:Jamie.stokes@slcgov.com) with questions, concerns and feedback for Mayor Mendenhall.

**Legislature-** Senator Derek Kitchen is attending the National Conference of State Legislators.

Representative Jen Daily-Provost reported that there will be a special session on November 8 regarding redistricting. First, Thank you Dave for the Article you put in the Newsletter and for your leadership.

Congratulations to all municipal candidates. Thanks for all who stepped up to run. The Redistricting Commission has presented to the Committee. Special Session scheduled for 2 weeks. In the middle of the Special Session will adjourn for Interim session to get ready for January. Bill file highlights:

- Maintenance of oversight accountability for trails
- Access Barriers for those living with disabilities
- Medical cannabis
- Industrial hemp bill
- Opioid crisis-money from lawsuit settlement
- Air Quality
- Cemetery maintenance
- Proposing Grant Program for Xeriscaping

Office Hours Scheduling: <https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=17767152>

Jen's Phone 385-321-7827

Question regarding expanding rank choice voting (RCV) to state and federal elections. Jen replied that currently there is only a statute for local government elections. She is interested in seeing how this election went and then discussing if there is interest in broadening it. Will report back.

**In the chat box,** Save our Utah Pantages Yard signs if anyone would like one. You can email me directly with your address and we can bring one out or arrange pickup. They are free, but we are happy to take a \$5-10 donation to get more signs. My email is [savetheslcpantages@gmail.com](mailto:savetheslcpantages@gmail.com) and am happy to answer any questions.

**LDS-Intermountain-**Brandy Lee thanks for community involvement. We are fortunate that we do not face the dire choices that are being made in other states like Idaho. She then talked about the program Lean on Utah - a multi-healthcare effort to collect crutches, canes, and walkers <https://intermountainhealthcare.org/c/lean-on-utah>

**Nominating Committee and Election-**Dave Presented the list of Officers and Board Members for the 2022 Calendar Year. Craig Provost moved and Carlton Detar seconded a motion to place the slate before the GACC

Membership for approval. There was a unanimous vote by voice and raise of hands to approve the slate. Dave then announced that there was an error in the slate. David Berg should have been added to the Lindsay Gardens Board list. Craig Provost moved and Jill VanLangeveld seconded the motion to approve the Board list with David Berg added. This motion passed as well. December 8 will be the first Board Meeting with the new Board. Congratulations to all.

**4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Well Update**-SLC Public Utilities several representatives in attendance. Jesse Stewart presented a PowerPoint recapping the project, outlining the history of need for upgrades, the efforts to get where we are now. Project completion plan-workers safety has improved immensely. 1 year warranty on the parts. Noise assessment has been completed the well is below limit at all times. No Generator on site. Will bring in as needed. Thanks to the Local Community/stakeholders, GACC, Mayor and Council specifically Council Member Wharton, City Departments, Historic Landmarks, Staff from their office, and consultants. Lessons learned for 5<sup>th</sup> and U include the need to look at surroundings, sharing information with planning department, and listening to concerns early in design the process with an eye toward sensitivity to community needs.. SLC Public Utilities is the oldest retail water provider west of the Mississippi.

**Zoning Change Request for Stealth Cell Towers**-Aaron Barlow from SLC Planning and Pete Simmons from Verizon presented. Aaron Barlow from SLC Planning lead into the presentation Verizon submitted application to allow stealth towers in most districts in the city. This application is withdrawn. New request is for PL-Public Lands districts in the city. Map showing these. Fire Stations, Schools, Libraries, Police Stations, Pocket Parks near public buildings. Request would allow 75 feet. From now Community Council or individual citizens can provide comments directly to Aaron at [aaron.barlow@slcgov.com](mailto:aaron.barlow@slcgov.com). This will come before the Planning Commission at the meeting in December (8<sup>th</sup>). The City Council has ultimate deciding authority.

Pete Simmons-current code allows placement of towers in all zones if they meet the zoning height requirements. To get signal above the city we need to go up. 60 feet and up to get signal. Originally proposed 80 ft at pioneer precinct. Code doesn't provide for that height for stealth facility. Need for more speed and signal. Get creative bringing antennas into residential areas. Churches, schools and parks. Current code is 60 feet. Need conditional use for 75 feet. Clarification from Aaron-stealth towers up to 60 feet are already allowed all over the city. The small towers in right-of-way are not these and are permitted by the State.

Questions and Comments: Our city is saturated by 5g towers. Why do we also need 60 ft tall towers? Small has limited range cannot penetrate buildings. 500-1000 ft usual for small. Small towers hold 3 antennae, large towers hold 12 antennae. Want to provide other services. Need both to cover whole area in dense areas. Comment-conditional use is never denied. Would the towers be used by more than Verizon? Macro facilities yes, smaller do not. These cannot go into back yards. Want to put them in industrial areas or in residential, churches, schools and parks. Do large towers mean fewer smaller towers? All depends. Can't say fewer. Just based on network needs. Probably no reductions. Is there a way instead of conditional use permit because if the condition is met, then the permit is issued. Is there a community way to make this better. Should we as a community oppose this and then try to work for a different solution? Aaron answered that he cannot tell us what to do. Are there health implications from these towers? Pete said No. Will there be advertising or symbols on this? Aaron answered Would have to follow sign codes. Buildings downtown lease space to towers. Would the city be paid for these? Yes, there is a lease agreement between the city and the carrier. Does the city receive rent for those in the right of ways. No one knows. Engineering Division would have the answer. Comment on bad experience with abandoned tower on facility. City must insist that they be removed when they are no longer useful. In current code there is protection for this. Currently can put the towers in at height allowed by the zoning. Looking to make it higher. Public lands are different than open space? Yes different zoning

Dave asked that we send comments and concerns to Aaron.

Pete said that Applicant will put in what they want. Community ideas can be sent to Pete Simmons for incorporation. Show up to the hearings. Pete wants to work with communities.

It was pointed out that once the text is amended, it is opened up to anyone who wants to come in and use it. When you look at the Avenues, we do have tall buildings that would meet the needs without need to build towers. Isn't that a better alternative? Pete says maybe—always trying to look at vertical assets. Sometimes building owners are not willing to work with them.

Question about density. No limit to the # of towers per lot.

Dave thanked both Pete and Aaron for presenting. As a community we won't have time to have a vote and then send response so individuals need to do this.

**Open Forum**-Michael posted in chat but Nov 18 National Registry Meeting. Will appeal to planning commission again. Still in the window for this. Will meet with Mayor Mendenhall.

**Meeting Adjourned**-Dave thanked everyone. Meeting ended at 8:55pm