

GACC Community Meeting Minutes October 5, 2022

Prior to the meeting, the GACC hosted an informal Candidate Meet and Greet. The candidates were invited to introduce themselves at the beginning of the meeting. Candidates in local races:

Rosie Rivera - Reelection Salt Lake Sheriff
Lannie Chapman – Salt Lake County Clerk
Richard Barnes – Salt Lake County Council
David Muir – State Auditor
Arlyn Bradshaw – Reelection Salt Lake County Council
Carol Lear - State School Board District 6
Ashely Anderson – Salt Lake School Board Precinct 3
Jen Dailey-Provost – Reelection State Legislature District 22

Salt Lake City Parks, Trails and Open Space Bond – Kristin Riker, Director of Public Lands and Hannah Barton from the Mayor’s Office. This \$85 million General Obligation Bond will be on the November ballot. It will build on existing investments and fund projects across the City identified by public input in the 2022 Reimagine Nature Public Lands Master Plan.

- Repurpose the old Glendale waterpark site to be a regional park on the West Side
- Create new parks and trails in the Glendale and Granary Districts
- Update one neighborhood park, trail, or open space per district and improve facilities in Allen Park, Fairmont Park, and the Liberty Park Playground
- Complete the Folsom Trail for biking and walking east/west across the valley
- Increase the tree canopy and natural plant landscapes to use less water
- Jordan River enhancements
- New Fleet Block Park

From 2010 to 2020, SLC grew by 7%. The City needs an additional 94 acres of parks, trails, or open space to meet the additional needs. If approved, the cost will be about \$53.80 per household per year for a \$560,000 home and about \$97.83 per year for a business.

Question: Will Memory Grove, City Creek, and Popperton Park receive funding?

Answer: The City has not determined which parks will receive funding, only that every district will have funding for neighborhood parks. If the bond is approved, the Mayor and the Council will determine how to spend the \$10.5 Million. You can make recommendations to your council member.

Question: Why are Pioneer and Fairmont Park included since they were remodeled in the past ten years?

Answer: Work in Pioneer Park is part of the Sales Tax Bond and has already been approved by the council. The tennis courts northwest of Fairmont Park have sat dormant for many years. That is the area being considered.

Question: What is planned for the West Side?

Answer: The 17 acres of the new Glendale Regional Park and \$9 Million for the Jordan River Parkway with mini-parks along the way.

Question: Will Dinwoodey Park in Downtown Salt Lake be reopened?

Answer: That Park is under a management agreement with the restaurant and is not in the public parks inventory. The plan is to continue that agreement.

Rocky Mountain Power Foothills Wildfire Mitigation Project - Lisa Romney, Director of Commercial Accounts and Community Relations. RMP says its goal is to deliver safe and reliable energy. Because the RMP system has the potential to spark wildfires, they have a Wildfire Mitigation Plan approved by the Utah Public Service Commission. The Avenues area has been designated as an area with a higher likelihood of wildfire. Because of the increased risk, the wood polls in the Avenues will be replaced with steel polls. They are going from substation to substation and have completed the area by the University of Utah. They are currently in the restoration process for any impact they had in that area. Construction on the section above the Avenues will begin in the spring of 2023, and construction will take four to five months. The trails under the lines will be closed, and

there will be large equipment in the area. When the work is completed, the restoration process will begin, and it will be at 12 months or longer. They are working with SL Public Lands, Save our Foothills, and the Salt Lake Trail Alliance. They will post signage and use the media to communicate. Question: There were many mistakes made during the project by the U of U. What did you learn, and what will you do differently?

Answer: We learned that there are going to be challenges. The goal is to have better communication.

Question: Will the impacted trails be closed for the entirety of the project or just as an as needed basis?

Answer: The project will be in segments from pole to pole, so only one area will be closed at a time.

Question: What impacts will there be on vegetation?

Answer: Yes, there will be an impact because the ground will be disturbed. This line has not been updated since the 60s, so we'll see significant disturbances to the vegetation. We have hired an environmental restoration firm to seed natural vegetation and reduce invasive species.

Question: What equipment is being replaced adjacent to 18th Avenue?

Answer: Pole-by-pole replacement of wood to fire-resistant steel. There will be new wire and new cable.

Question: Will there be disruption to power?

Answer: No outages

Question: Is there a transportation route identified to go through the Avenues?

Answer: Lisa does not know, so she will report back to Gwen for an update in the newsletter.

I Street Bike Park Management Plan - Tyler Fonarow, SLC Recreational Trails Manager. In the late 1990s, bikers discovered the unique topography and started building jumps. In 2012, Public Utilities and Public Lands created an informal agreement with Wasatch Free Riders to maintain the area. In 2017 management was assumed by Salt Lake Valley Trail Society. The City installed a wooden fence on three sides of the park, so the jump building does not go into City Creek. They also installed a water tank and three informational kiosks. There has, however, been no leadership during the past two years. Because of the pandemic and an increase in social media, ridership has increased. Problems with traffic and with the trailhead nearby. The City determined a management plan was needed. There is now a collaboration with Public Utilities and Public Lands to create a plan. Bike Park Stewards have been identified, and the City has posted guidelines for jump maintenance and a trail map. They have created a Stakeholder Working Group (SWG) with City Staff, bikers, and community members. The 9 Line bike park manager will coordinate activities at the I Street Bike Park and serve on the Stakeholders Group. Public Lands will complete the fence and upgrade signs, manage the construction of jumps, direct vegetation management, and maintain the park with trash removal and graffiti abatement. Public Utilities will manage the water infrastructure and partner with PL to improve the 18th Avenue Trailhead. The nine-member SWG will assist the City in creating a Management Plan to include jump construction and maintenance, vegetation maintenance, safety, parking, fire mitigation, traffic, work with the church and coordinate with the 18th Avenues Trailhead. The group will meet with other City departments, such as Fire and Police, as needed. Gwen Springmeyer and Beverly Languette represent the GACC on the SWG. Question: Will permits be required to hold events at the Bike Park?

Answer: Yes. No permits have been issued this year, but we plan to start next year. Question: What will be done about late-night parties, trash, and traffic?

Answer: Those are the questions that the SWG will answer.

GACC Nominating Committee Report - Dave Alderman, GACC Past Chair. Dave shared the slate of officers and board members for 2023. We have good coverage for all nine Avenues areas and will have 31 board members. Dave asked for nominations, but no one came forward. The officers will be Chair – Merrilee Morgan, Chair-Elect – Joseph Murphy, Secretary – Jim Jenkins, and Treasurer – Michael Hughes. Gwen will remain an officer as Past Chair. The slate will be in the November newsletter. The vote will be at the November 2 Community meeting.

Announcements:

- On Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 am to Noon, the Memory Grove Foundation is hosting a Revegetation Volunteer Event in Memory Grove. This is a supplement to our annual spring cleanup. Tools will be provided, but please bring your own work gloves. Smiths is providing breakfast refreshments.
- During the week of October 17, watch for the November 8 Election Ballots to arrive in your mail. Ballots must be returned to the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office by Election Day, only 34 days from now.
- So you are prepared to complete that ballot, we are hosting a meet the Candidate Event on Wednesday, October 19. We are partnering with Capitol Hills and Fairpark Community Councils. All candidates on the November ballot will be invited to participate, from US Senate candidates to our local School Board race. Please join us at the Memorial House in Memory Grove at 6:00 pm. There will be light refreshments.

Community Reports:

Legislature: Jen Dailey-Provost. Interim is October 19. The Clean Air Caucus is on October 18, in the Senate building or via Facebook Live Streaming. The meeting will include an update on state building codes influencing air quality issues. Appropriations Meetings are on the 18th. The Great Salt Lake Summit is on October 13 in Ogden from 8:30 to 1:00. The Utah Housing Summit is on November 2 in Ogden from 9:00 to 1:00. The General Session starts January 17. Please vote. Your ballot must be postmarked by November 7.

City Council – Chris Wharton. The Council has been talking a lot about the Tiny Home Village. Chris is working with the Friends of Cemetery for a tour of the cemetery for the legislature on October 17. There is money in the Sales Tax Bond going toward the cemetery, but we still need \$20-30 million more. On October 18, the Council will have a briefing on the Ivory Homes petition on F Street. There will be no public comment at that meeting. The developer will present, and the Planning Department staff will give their recommendations. Council staff has told community members November 10 is probably the date the Ivory request will be open for public comment.

Fire Department - Captain Myers. There have been some organizational changes that moved two pieces of equipment. This moves the heavy rescue team closer to our neighborhood. SLC Fleet Division donated 2 Polaris side by sides which will give us quicker access to injuries in the Foothills. They will now be able to use this for rescues on Ensign Peak.

Mayor's Office Liaison - Hannah Barton. Hannah will be at Café On First, Friday morning, ready to chat with anyone. The moratorium for more Homeless Resource Centers has been extended to January 2023 for zoning adjustments. The 45-day public comment period will likely begin in mid-October. The changes to the UTA Bus Route are a UTA decision, but she is willing to talk with anyone about it. She will try to answer your questions or get you in touch with the right person at UTA. Hannah met with the UTA community outreach staff this morning and talked about noise, hours of operation, and frequency. She asked them about electric buses, and they said those are not usually assigned to one area. The Mayor has been advised about Avenues residents' thoughts about the lack of public input before changes were made. Hannah has heard the concerns about medical waste at stops by the hospital. There have been many complaints about bus drivers not obeying the speed limit. UTA says they want their drivers to follow the speed limits, and you can report violations directly to the police or on the SLC Mobile App.

Question: If there is a moratorium on more Homeless Resource Centers, is there also a moratorium on demolishing deeply affordable housing complexes in the City?

Answer: Councilmember Chris referred to the anti-displacement and anti-gentrification "Thriving in Place" study and said it will address this subject.

Question: Does the 15-minute bus schedule help the City with proposed zoning changes?

Answer: Potentially, it could impact the Affordable Housing Overlay.

Question: Do buses have speed monitor software?

Answer: Hannah does not know but will get the answer.

SLC School Board - Katherine Kennedy. Last night the School Board appointed Martin Bates as the interim superintendent. He will be in place through June, when the new school board will select a new superintendent. The board voted on an increase in fee schedule with a cap of \$300 on trips. Low-income students qualify for a waiver. The SLC District student enrollment is declining, so residents need to consider realigning boundaries and closing schools. Wasatch School now has an after-school program.

Police - Detective Marie Steward. The police department is partnering with UHP to target speed enforcement on the Avenues. This will occur periodically throughout the year as resources are available.

Question: Where and when will that targeted enforcement be?

Answer: We will pull statistics to determine more significant problems, but an operation plan has not been formulated. If you have a recommendation for enforcement, please contact Marie.stewart@slcgov

LDS Hospital - Brandy Lee.

- Wed, Oct 12, is the LDS Hospital Drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
- On Mon, Oct 17, there will be an Active Shooter Drill from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Seventh Avenue between H and I Street will be closed.

Library - Mary Maloney. The Art Exhibit Call for Entries is October 10. The Library will host a Seed Swap on Oct 15 from 10:00 to 1:00. The Annual Friends of the Library Book Sale is at Main Library October 20 to 22.

Open Forum: Alan Hayes from the Preserve Our Avenues Zoning Coalition is concerned about Ivory's plan for development at the top of F Street. As Chris said, there will be a Work Session on Oct 18, but there will be no public comment. Plan to attend the public hearing on Nov 10. The Planning Division has been dismissive of the Coalition's concerns. There will be large homes jammed into a small area with a steep slope and many retaining walls. For more information go to www.poazc.org.