

GACC General Meeting
September 1, 2021
Zoom

Welcome Laura Cushman, GACC Past Chair called the meeting to order. Dave Alderman, GACC Chair and Gwen Springmeyer, Chair-Elect were unable to attend.

By way of Announcement, Laura invited any who may have needed to present but were not on the agenda to message her. The Street Fair Art Gallery submission deadline has been extended to September 7.

Reports- Fire no report; **Library** no report; **Police** Detective Bob Norgaard call on August 31 person on 482 N Canyon Road trail threatening people passing by. Officers chased and arrested the individual. Burglaries, only 2 reported last month. 6 month before. Vehicle break-ins are still a big problem. Det. Norgaard will be spending more time in the area. South Temple and D reports of flasher. Questions? Are there regular night patrols? There are specific officers assigned to the Avenues but they cannot just stay on the Avenues. Must respond to calls all over the city. **City Council** Councilmember Wharton (Chris) CIP biggest request for District 3 was for traffic calming on Capitol Hill funded in full. Avenues need to do something like this, Community Council sponsored and worked with the city. \$600,000 was awarded. Community Council could do something similar on the Avenues. Chris will work with us to strengthen the application. City Budget elevated Parks and Public Lands to Department status. Will hire Director. Want to elevate Board as well. Our Reps are outstanding. Will rise to the occasion. Last goals for year for Council. Give suggestions if you have any input. Water usage, trails and parks have been mentioned often. City Creek and Memory Grove issues have been brought to Chris as well. Questions? CIP projects, Lindsay Gardens concession stand had been awarded a few years ago. Wondering about the timeline and schedule. Chris will get back on this. Dinwoody Park has been closed to public. Could this be opened again to the public? Downtown near Pantages Theater. Answer-it is a pocket park with no grass. Trees and fountain and some flowers are located here. It is a small pocket park. Caring for park is associated with lease of adjoining building. Café Moliese has left so no one is currently taking care of it. Chris supports opening it but it is a low level priority from Parks. Chris does not disagree that it should be open but a tenant is best way to do that. Rainfall update. Federal Heights had some basement flooding. Storm drains could not keep up. There was other flooding. Chris is working with those who have reached out to work with the city to find resources to help with damage from system failures. **LDS Hospital**-Brandy Lee IHC is hiring now in food services especially. Masking and social distancing work. Vaccines work. Question about when boosters will be available. Brandy will let us know when those area available. Flu shot clinic is forthcoming as well. Hatch Family Chocolates will be hosting a movie night on September 11. **Mayor's Office** Jamie Stokes reported COVID 19 is still a huge issue—THE issue—Mayor has used emergency powers to mandate masks in SLC schools in city. Data Dashboard (including covid cases by school): <https://slco.org/health/COVID-19/data/>
City is still working to help people with rental/mortgage assistance. Housing Resources: <https://www.slc.gov/hand/city-housing-programs/affordable-housing-resources/>. Call 211 to get connected to these services. SLC civil enforcement is hiring crossing guards. Crossing Guard Position: <https://external-slcgov.icims.com/jobs/5310/school-crossing-guard---part-time/job>

North Temple mobility hub study is ongoing. Survey on city website. North Temple Mobility Hub Study: <https://northtemplemobilityhub.com/>

Drought is ongoing. We've seen positive response. Rebates are available for water wise landscaping. 30% of park strip needs to be vegetation. Question Are crossing guards able to split shift, working only morning or afternoons? Jamie will get back on that. Question about new construction and water use. Will the same people come out and advise about landscaping that will conserve water? Jamie suggests contacting them. Drought Rebates and Consultation: - <https://utahwatersavers.com/>

School Board no report. **Legislative** Representative Dailey-Provost there is still money for rent relief. Majority is still unspent. For assistance with rent: rentrelief.utah.gov I will be running a reduced harm bill again. I may follow up on the updated bill from last year that creates a study group to make recommendations to the legislature about meaningful ways to implement harm reduction for people with SUD. Though it was great to see passage of legislation in Rhode Island to create a harm reduction site. So I'm not sure which path I will try for this year, but it will be one or the other, or some iteration. Happy to hear your thoughts on opportunities and ideas. Redistricting tool will be released Sept 2. Committee meetings Sept 2 at capitol. Commission and Committee websites do talk to each other. Pandemic meeting with Governor ICU beds are full. Gave list of bill highlights including Harm Reduction mentioned above. Visit legislative website for details.

GACC Nominating Committee If interested contact Laura Cushman at gaccpastchair@slc-avenues.org

Nominations accepted in September. October Slate is presented. November Election December at conclusion of the General Meeting, new officers begin their term.

Rank Choice Voting-Cindy Lou Tischman from the SLC Recorder's Office presented that there will be 23 cities using rank choice for municipal elections in 2021. Pilot program until 2024. Legislature will decide then if it is a permanent option. Opting in once does not meet every municipal election during the period must be rank choice. For more information visit <https://www.slc.gov/attorney/recorder/ranked-choice-voting/>

1484 Tomahawk Building Exception Linda Mitchell from City Planning and Mitchell Peterson, homeowner, presented Sept 22 will be the next hearing of the exception committee. Linda clarified about the project and the process, zoning regulations. The lot was subdivided in 1974 so provision prohibiting subdivision does not apply. Impression that the lot was unbuildable. Property type code 11 is single family 911= vacant lot, 999=unbuildable. This lot is 911. Not classified by the county as unbuildable. Why allow exceptions? Hoping to delete height as a special exception in the foothills. This would prohibit height requests in foothills but currently is allowed. Mitchell Peterson asking for exception of height above established grade (where the ground currently sits) If you have any comments or questions about the Special Exception at 1484 E Tomahawk Drive, please email me at linda.mitchell@slcgov.com or via phone at 385-386-2763.

Utah Independent Redistricting Commission Gordon Haight presented an update 7 members on the committee. 3 from Democratic state Legislature leadership, 3 by Republican leadership and chair appointed by the Governor. Maps are online. YouTube channel to see maps being created. Oct 1st public meeting. On website you can create a map. For more details or to create a map visit uirc.utag.gov Process is live online so people can watch need local community input. Since we are independent we have no knowledge of voting records. Legislature will ultimately decide the maps using the voting data. Salt Lake City population is about 200,000. It takes 112,000 to get a Senate seat, 42,000 for a Representative, 212,000 for a state school board district. 13 maps online looking for input. 2 months to go to get the maps ready to present to the legislature. Independent Commission presents ideas to Legislature on November 1. Present 12 maps with a report for each map.

Open Forum Announcements from Laura-Street Fair on September 11 on 9th Avenue D-I streets Kids Parade will happen. With elections coming up. October candidates night for City Council. Michael announced that volunteers still needed. We will have a flag ceremony and remarks from Derek Kitchen at I street stage at 9am to commemorate 9/11. Casey O'Brien McDonough, one of the candidates for City Council, introduced himself. David Berg, a City Council candidate, introduced himself. Daniel Shelling from Save our Foothills campaign reminded everyone that this issue is still current. Visit booth at Street Fair. Michael from Save SLC Pantages introduced that he wants to get the theater on the agenda for GACC meeting.

Meeting Adjourned a little after 9pm. Thank you Laura. Good meeting