

GACC Board Meeting Minutes October 12, 2022

Guests:

Samuel Grenny has been with the Other Side Village since the Mayor announced the project about a year and a half ago. The SLC Village Master Plan is for 430 homes over 3-4 phases of development. It will have community services such as medical, mental health, dental, and even veterinarian. It will have amenities such as a grocery store, a coffee shop, and an open-air event space. The units are tiny homes that are between 250-400 square feet. The Mission statement is: "To create a self-reliant, peer-led village that provides a safe, dignified, and uplifting life for those who have been chronically unsheltered and which brings them and the larger community into mutually ennobling relationships." The goal is to be a self-reliant village that does not need to fundraise and is supported by the associated Other Side businesses. The businesses are peer-led and provide employment and education for the residents. The Village is for the conically unsheltered who have spent a year or more on the streets. These are the most difficult and expensive to service in society. You can reach Samuel at Samuel@theothersidevillage.com

Questions:

- Brandee Burnam (Guest from CCNC learning how CCs function) – How many villages do you plan to do locally? Answer: In SLC, they will proceed in phases, so there is no plan for a second village. They can imagine Ogden & Utah County has a need, and they can replicate this plan there.
- David Berg – Do you pay a living wage at the Other Side Academy? Will the residents of the Village be paid a living wage? Answer The Academy is a free treatment program, and the residents are not compensated for working while learning new skills. The residents in the Village will be paid a living wage of \$14/hr. They will pay rent and contribute to a savings match program.
- Peg- Does the rent include utilities, internet, etc.? Answer: Yes, the rent is all-inclusive,
- Tom- Will the Village focus on clean energy? Answer – Our goal is to make it sustainable, including a solar farm in Phase 2 or 3. The whole project will be electric.

Review and Approve Minutes: The minutes from the 9/7/22 Community Meeting were submitted for approval. Hilary and Shane made some typo corrections. The minutes refer to Jen's Legislative report about the \$50 million required for the Gondola. That is \$500 million. The board approved the amended minutes.

Board Business:

- There was a discussion about having a presentation of The Other Side Village at our November meeting. Merrilee moved that we do. Peg seconded. Robyn asked if there was a group that opposed this project. David Berg suggested we have a presentation from Wasatch Tenants United, who would present an opposing side. Gwen reminded the group that this presentation is for the community to learn more about this project the Mayor has already approved. Daniel suggested we do our due diligence about this project before the meeting. The motion passed.

Announcements:

- The Memory Grove Foundation is holding a second Memory Grove Cleanup on October 15. Phil reported the goal is to have about 50 people attend. The event is from 9:00 am to 12:00. Smith's will provide breakfast starting at 8:15.
- Community Engagement/Candidate Event on Wednesday, October 19, in partnership with Capitol Hill and Fair Park Community Councils. David Berg has coordinated the event. Forty candidates, from US Senate to the local School Board, have been invited. The event is from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Memorial House in Memory Grove. Board members are encouraged to meet at 5:30 at the Memorial House to help set up, etc. Preservation Utah is donating the use of the building. The Utah League of Women Voters will be part of the event. The format is one-minute introductions from the candidates, mixing and mingling with food and beverages. Ballots will be mailed the day before the event.

Committee Reports

- Street Fair Financial Report –Michael reported we do not have a final accounting because we are still paying bills because the vendors have not sent us their invoices. And we are still waiting for some of the corporate donations. Michael estimates we will have a profit of about \$20,000. Daniel is concerned about committee member burnout and will schedule a follow-up meeting to decide what we should do moving forward.
- Nominating Committee – Dave presented the list of candidates. This was presented at the October meeting, and the vote will be at the November meeting. The vote in November will be a voice approval because there is no opposition. The slate of officers and board members will be in the November newsletter, and the newly elected board and officers will be in the December newsletter with photos and bios of the officers.
- Greater Avenues Community Projects – Peg, Jurphy, Hilary, Gwen, and Michael are on this committee now. They plan to be ready to report at the November Board meeting with an SOP and application for approval.
- Bylaw and SOP – Jurphy has created a Committee Grid on Google Drive. He has listed all the board members and committees and what each committee does. He worked with Gwen and sent it to the board members to get it updated. He is interested in getting more support for committees with only one chair and no members. He hopes to create simple SOPs, a charter, or a mission statement for each committee. We currently do not have any SOPs, but we have started the process to correct that as required by the bylaws. This is a multi-year project.
- Urban Forestry – Gwen has been trying to communicate with Elyse but has been unsuccessful. Merrilee agreed to reach out and try to communicate with Elyse. Merrilee reported there are now 20 new trees planted in front of the mausoleum on 11 Avenue.

Representative Reports:

- Dave – Friends of the Cemetery – The Council has approved \$11 Million for roads and infrastructures in the cemetery in the Sales Tax Bond. The Friends are now asking the State Legislature to provide financial support because it is a State facility. FOC has organized a tour for the legislature for Monday, October 17.
- I Street Bike Park – Beverly Languet and Gwen have been appointed to serve on the Working Group. The first meeting is on October 19 at the Sweet Library.
- Kathryn – Water Treatment Plant Advisory Board – Public Utilities received a FEMA award, allowing them to do this work in a shorter time. The grant starts in January. There will be no construction this fall. Kathryn recommended we do a newsletter article in the spring when the project begins.
- Shane-Wildfire Preparedness - The fliers are going out in 2 batches to be mailed to residents in the Fire Wise area. There are 1200 residents in Avenues. Two hundred and fifty of them are in residential areas that interface with the wildlands. They can replace the native grasses around their homes. Chris Wharton's office has been involved and may continue to fund this communication.

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement Discussion Continued – Last month, we approved a statement in support of the indigenous people who once lived in this part of Utah. Since then, Gwen has received comments from board members who have a lot of questions and concerns about whether or not this is an appropriate thing for the GACC to do. The board created an ad hoc committee to further research with Hilary as chair. Gwen, Kathryn, and Robyn will serve on the committee.

Agenda for GACC Community Meeting November 2:

6:00 to 6:10 GACC Officer and Board Election – Dave Alderman

6:10 to 6:25 Recycling – Shannon McMillian

6:25 to 6:40 Thriving in Place – U of U Students

6:40 to 6:55 SLC Village Plan - Samuel Grenny (The Other Side Village)

6:55 to 7:40 Community Reports: Fire, Police, Legislature, City Council, SLC

School Board, Mayor's Office, Public Land, Library, LDS Hospital

7:40 to 7:50 Open Forum

7:50 to 8:00 Clean Up

November Newsletter Articles – Due October 15th:

1. Member Spotlight (Carleton DeTar) – Gwen
2. Air Quality – Jill
3. Foothills – Hilary
4. Wildfire Preparedness Monthly Tip – Shane
5. Environmental Tip Monthly Tip – Tom
6. Chair's Message
7. Slate - Dave
8. Recycling Article –Shannon McMillian
9. Thriving in Place – U of U Faculty Advisor
10. Salt Lake City Village Plan - Samuel Grenny
11. Sock Drive – Ally Barnes

Street Fair Fundraising - Michael reported our Street Fair Fundraising Chair, Jesus Garcia, has asked for permission to start fundraising for next year. He wants to draft a fundraising letter and contact corporations as they close out this fiscal year, and decide their donation budgets for next year. Michael moved we approve this fundraising effort. Dave raised the issue of who Jesus contacts and who is donating to support the fair. We seem to be moving away from donations from Avenues' business. Dave recommended we know who Jesus is contacting for donations. Daniel reported the committee had discussions about the Street Fair's mission. There is a worry it could become too corporatized, so we should be careful about who is donating. Gwen said she believes this is a decision the Street Fair Committee can make. Craig thinks this is a board rather than a committee decision. Dave and Peg suggested we wait until the Street Fair's final meeting and decide how corporate we want to go. Phil amended the motion that starting the Street Fair fundraising be subject to recommendations from the GACC Street Fair committee as soon as feasible. Michael seconds it. Jurphy motions to end the debate. Motion passed.

Electronic Equipment - Peg motioned we research purchasing an OWL for the board meetings. It is needed because it has become clear there will always be Zoom meetings for our board. Merrilee seconded it. Because it is over \$500, we will require community approval. Peg and Merrilee, with special counsel from Michael, will serve on an ad hoc committee to research purchasing an OWL. We can approve this with an electronic board vote if we want to present it to the community for a vote, or it could be part of the budget presented in December. It was suggested it be paid for with Street Fair funds because it would also be suitable for those meetings.

Environmental Committee - Tom would like the GACC to create an environmental committee. Gwen asked Tom to work with Jurphy to create a charter and bring it back to a board meeting.