

GACC Community Meeting Minutes (Draft)
March 4, 2026

Attendance: Steve Miller, Dianne Leonard, Amy Merritt-Smith, Courtney Henley, Gwen Springmeyer, Jenn Beck, Jurphy, Merrilee Morgan, Lori Galindo, Michael Hughes, JoAnn Whirlledge, Jim Jenkin, Blake McClary, Carleton DeTar, David Berg, Jill Van Langeveld, Nate Bruner, Craig Provost (Z), Kathryn Wright (Z), Tatyana Kuzmenko (Z), Kati Miller (Z), Lindsey Romaniello (Z), Allie Palmer (Z) Guests: Sam Pannunzio, Alicia de Leon, Dave Alderman, Phil Carroll, Chris Wharton, Marie Stewart, Ruth Morgan, Ashley Anderson, Fire Dept. Peg Alderman, Peter Carroon, Jessica Dalrymple (Z). Excused - Paul Walton, Lexi Hoggan

Welcome Steve Miller -

- Reminder that radon can be anywhere. Please get your home tested.
- Amy Merritt is not able to continue as Chair-Elect. We will be looking for a new nominee.

Community Kindness

Jenn Beck - Award to Ron Gutierrez. Nominated by daughter, Helena.

Open Forum -

- Lori Galindo - We are doing a community yoga class at the LDS Stake Ctr on A Street - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30am. Also an aerobics class at the Federal Heights LDS building on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-9:30am.
- Jim Jenkin - It is going to take more than civic commitment to help fill the GSL.

GACC Tax Status

Nate Bruner

Received notification in late Dec, 2025 that we had lost our 501c3 status because of non-filing for the past 3 years. We have an accountant now, who is helping us file taxes from 2016 onward. Implications - we can continue to operate as a non-profit. We are taking the steps to correct things. We will be cautious accepting donations until things are resolved. We now have a task force to figure out next steps and create a plan. From the advice we've been given, we are applying to reinstate by filing the last 3 years of taxes. Proposal at this point is to request funds to get professional help to apply for reinstatement. This would also include getting D&O insurance for officers.

- Emergency motion (can be moved and voted on in the same meeting) Dianne moved and Gwen Seconded the following motion: to approve \$7,700 to be used as needed for advisors and past taxes to bring the GACC into compliance to reinstate our 501c3 status.

Vote - Motion passes.

City Council Update

Chris Wharton - Two days away from the legislative session coming to a close. We've had a lot of success this year. No legislation is impacting or limiting our water rights which is a good thing. Also, no laws limiting our ability to tax either. We are still waiting to

see what happens with homelessness funding to address the issue. This includes the homeless campus. The land that was set aside for this purpose is in limbo currently. It looks like we get to keep our city flag and are still able to provide insurance coverage for our transgender city employees and their families. Question about the Pioneer Trail - Can a member of the Avenues community be on the larger advisory group? Chris will check on this. Lastly, we don't have to remove any traffic calming measures that are already in place. Information requested regarding a public hearing on March 10th @ 6:00pm. This hearing is about road closures around Temple Square. The LDS church is expecting 22,000 people a day for the open house. They would love public input at this meeting/hearing. Comment about the proliferation of trash being dumped on public corners. Chris will look into this as well.

Mayor's Office Update

Alicia de Leon - mostly giving her time to the Art installation this evening.

- Dumping issue will be looked into! We do have Call to Haul as a suggestion.
- Art installation
 - Andrew Shaw, Member of the Salt Lake City Arts Council presented - Wake the Great Salt Lake art challenge to address the pressing issue. Raises awareness of the problem and the works are designed to educate and inspire for action. Two phases - 12 local activations. One signature commission as well.
 - Olafur Eliasson is the signature commission/international artist. He is currently based in Berlin. This is his first installation in Utah. Art installation will be on Memory Grove lawn - March 26 - April 4th in the evenings starting at 9:00pm for about 40 minutes each evening. "A Symphony of disappearing sounds for the Great Salt Lake" The gate will remain closed to traffic at the center. Encouraging attendees to park at the Capitol and walk down.
 - Opportunity to volunteer for this installation - information will be forwarded to the board and put on our website.

SPCD

Detective Marie Stewart - Shift changes have allowed more officers to be on during the highest call volume. A couple of officers were available for comment or questions: Who to call about noisy neighbors (fraternities etc)? Send an email, new law allows city to fine the homeowners (not the occupants). They are also working on an online portal for reporting.

Fire Department

We love the waves - just don't affect traffic please. We are happy to check your fire system/alarm, but please let us know if it is a false alarm so we don't make unnecessary trips.

Community Engagement Caucuses

David Berg - Utah has a strong caucus convention system for political party participation. Seven political parties in Utah, four of them will be holding their caucuses on March 17th. Information on how each party holds their caucus. Question asked what district we are now in - Answer: CD1

Salt Lake School Board

Ashley Anderson - Lots of excellence happening at West and other schools in our area. Art night season is happening as well. District is concerned about the road closures regarding the Temple open house. West will be under construction during this time and there will definitely be impacts. Reiterate safety for kids walking to and from school. Funding reductions and declining student enrollment are the most impactful challenges we are dealing with right now. There will be an election for board members including Ashley's seat. Question asked about demographic study? A refresher study has been requested to focus on elementary schools by the spring. This winter the superintendent isn't looking at any long-term school closures currently.

Memory Grove Cleanup

Katheryn Wright - just a reminder it is the Saturday right before Mother's Day

Salt Lake Marathon Water Station

Jill Van Langeveld - We are sponsoring a water station for the marathon. It won't be at the salt station - better location that isn't as cold. We are looking for volunteers. Link to register will be sent out in April.

Open Forum cont.

- **Amy Merritt-Smith** - committee is working on info for fire-wise and water-wise landscaping.
- **Phil Carroll** - Sometimes in emergencies it is difficult to figure out on your phone how to dial 911. Encourage everyone to figure it out on your phone before any emergencies happen.
- **Jessica Dalrymple** Meeting location changed to Cucina at 10:00 on Saturday morning 7th. Food will be provided.

Next Meeting on April 1st.

Adjourn and Clean Up