

GACC Community Meeting Minutes (Draft)
May 6, 2026

Attendance: Steve Miller, Dianne Leonard, Amy Merritt-Smith (Z), Gwen Springmeyer, Jenn Beck, Jurphy, JoAnn Whirlledge, Jim Jenkin, Blake McClary, Carleton DeTar, David Berg (Z), Paul Walton, Cheryl Hostetter, Hilary Jacobs (Z), Jill Van Langeveld (Z), Nate Brunner, Kathryn Wright, Lori Galindo, Kati Miller (Z), Michael Hughes, Michelle Shuttleworth (Z), Guests: Dave Alderman, Peg Alderman, Chris Wharton, Phil Carroll, Alicia De Leon, Laura Briefer, Jenny Hewson, Marie Stewart - Police Dept, Fire Dept., Brandi Lee - LDS Hospital, Ashley Anderson - School Board.. Excused - Merrilee Morgan

Welcome Steve Miller -

- Memory Grove Clean-up - Winston Seiler - May 9th from 8-noon. Lunch at 11:00 by Jersey Mikes. Tools provided.
- Volunteer Thanks for Marathon Water Station/Congrats to runners
- Street Fair Announcement - Applications are open for vendors. Also, street fair committee meets again on 6/27.
- Nate Brunner, Treasurer Pro Tem
- Nominating Committee - Dave Alderman, Chair:
 - Dianne Leonard has agreed to serve as Chair Pro Tem - appointed by the board at the next meeting.
 - Joseph Murphy has agreed to serve as Past Chair - appointed by the board at the next meeting.
 - Nate has already been appointed by the board as Treasurer Pro Tem
 - Peg Alderman has put her name forward as the Chair Elect. There will be an election at the next community meeting. It was moved and seconded and motion passed to close nominations.
- City Planners on Avenues Community Plan Draft - Jim Jenkins introducing Riley Hall, principal planner. Plan draft is now available to review and comments are being received. 5/11 from 6-7:30 here at the sweet library there will be a presentation and then reception for feedback. 5/13 at Memory Grove as well from 5:30-7:00. There is also an article in the monthly GACC newsletter with info. The Land Use Committee will meet at the library on 5/12.

Open Forum -

- Tyler Olden - Ellerbeck Bed & Breakfast. We are the 5th owners of the establishment. We are still trying to change the zoning to allow us to match the historic use. We really appreciate the overwhelming support. The new plan details out the process that they are involved in currently.
- Emily Sloan Pace - Lives close to Ellerbeck and love the idea of the coffee shop but they aren't adding any parking. There are other coffee shops and she would prefer to keep the single family home instead.

Community Kindness

Jenn Beck - Award to Maria George. Nominated by neighbor Ian Ferguson.

Friends of the SLC Cemetery

Dave Alderman - We are lucky to have all of the open spaces that we have here in the Avenues. The cemetery opened in 1848. It's now about 120 acres which is the largest municipal cemetery in the country. 130,000 people buried there as of today and lots are sold out. There are about 20,000 plots that are purchased but not used currently. Plan for the cemetery was completed in 2018-2020 and costs to update were around \$30,000,000. So, the Friends of the Cemetery was created to help out. They are a 501c3 and try to support the cemetery in 3 ways: 1) Raising awareness, 2) Community Engagements, & 3) Clean-up after Memorial Day. Upcoming dates: Tree planting 5/16 from 9am-12pm, clean up on 6/3 & 6/4 from 6-8pm and 6/6 from 9am-12pm.

Mayor's Office Report - Budget and more

Alicia De Leon - Budget information: This has been a challenging year for many residents of SLC. The city wants to use funds responsibly in all cases. Tonight's focus is on the General Fund and Public Utilities fund. \$498,863,053 is the budget proposal. The goal is to right-size the general fund. With shrinking federal funding and increasing costs, it was challenging. This budget strategically invests in key areas and essential services and also addresses savings wherever possible. It is fiscally responsible and strategically allocated. There is a proposed property tax increase to generate 13.5 million. This is approx \$9/month for the average homeowner. The increase only applies to the city's portion of the property tax bill, not the entire tax bill. The last time the city raised taxes was 2022. Public utility bill changes are proposed as part of the budget to cover repairs and maintenance. These are not optional and we can't fall behind on keeping this system maintained and repaired. Consumers can help control their costs by conservation. There will be opportunities to provide feedback on the budget approval process. Go to slc.gov/budgetbasics for more info

Lara Briefer with Utilities: Rate structure is changing again for multi-family properties. Utilities are increasing for single family homes by almost 10x the amount of general fund increases. Focus is on taking care of debt service and aging systems. This includes replacement of the city's only sewer treatment plant, replacement of the city's first water treatment plant and updates related to lead replacement with copper. There are two more water treatment plants that need replacement soon as well.

City Council Updates

Councilmember Chris Wharton - We do have a fraud waste and abuse hotline with the city for submission which is reviewed by an independent company. Keep in mind the rules for each city account and the funds that are specifically earmarked for certain areas. The general fund can help boost funds in certain accounts based on need, but money can't be taken from one account and used in another account. Council meetings are the best place for feedback. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays during budget season. We have to have a balanced budget passed by June 19th. Discussion about the city council member who has been accused of sexual harassment and doesn't live in the district he represents. Comment from last year that the city had a \$30 million deficit and whether that has been

addressed this year. Some costs are anticipated, others are new. The window of time to review income, prepare budgets and pass the budget is very small.

Community Reports

SLPD - Marie Stewart: Helmet requirements are on our radar too. Crime stats are down compared to last year which is good news. Loud parties are now a mandatory documentation event. Just one verbal warning now. Question: Why don't some intersections have signs that indicate cross traffic does not stop? There is a traffic division within the SPCD so we can get you the information to get answers.

Fire Dept - Monthly newsletter has info on safety with e-bikes - helmets are required under 21 years of age. Wildfire season is looking grim and we want everyone to be prepared and careful. Nothing yet on HB 48, but we are in the process of identifying properties that qualify.

School Board - Ashley Anderson: Budget report here as well. School meal cost will be increased this year - 1st time in the last 14 years. Members can fund raise to donate to lunch costs for families who can't afford to pay. Social workers are being reduced by 5 because of a grant that paid for them that is now gone. Declining enrollment is also declining revenue. Lots of art nights and graduations are happening now on the positive side.

LDS Hospital - Brandi Lee: New police car that sits outside of the emergency room to help with violent patients. May is National Stroke awareness month. Mental Health awareness - we have a crisis center that is available on a daily basis. Check out the website for other offerings and thank your fire department and police department. Wash your hands and stay healthy!

Next Meeting on June 3rd.

Adjourn and Clean Up