

# THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



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## Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 21 April 2004, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Washington Elementary School

- 6:30 *Welcome & Minutes of 2/18 & 3/17*  
*Peter von Sivers, Chair*
- 6:35 *Police Report*
- 6:50 *Update & Vote on SLC Planning Commission Deannexation Proposal (80 acres on northern city limit)*
- 7:10 *Update on the Columbus Street Traffic Plans*
- 7:30 *Project Youth City in Ottinger Hall, Memory Grove, presentation by Kim Hall*
- 7:45 *Trax Extension to Transportation Hub, Intermediate Stops, presentation by City representative*
- 8:00 *Adjournment*

**NEXT MEETING**  
MAY 19, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

### Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Members

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## The West Capitol Hill Green Space System

*Though survey results are in, there are still many ways to voice your opinion.*

Planning continues on the West Capitol Hill green space system, and a large part of the planning process includes identifying neighborhood priorities. Last month project facilitators surveyed the neighborhood, collecting a representative sample of thoughts and opinions on open space. Survey results say much about what the community hopes to see in the future. In general, residents want to live in a pedestrian-friendly environment, prize native plantings and natural resources like trees and streams, and want opportunities to strengthen ties to the land via a farmers market and gardens.

Opportunities to participate in shaping the neighborhood's green space system are still available. Plan to attend the community workshops, scheduled for April 23 and 24, and work with your neighbors to develop ideas and express your open space preferences and priorities.

West Capitol Hill is one of the first neighborhoods in the state to incorporate valuable cultural, ecological, agricultural, and recreational open spaces into a single connected system, and it is hoped that the community will provide a model for others to follow. The primary focus of the project is from 200 West to 400 West and from 300 North to 800 North, though the community is considering its connections to regional resources such as the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, the Jordan River, Warm Springs Park, and downtown amenities.

Open spaces that were most often ranked by residents as "highly desirable":

1. Pedestrian-friendly promenade along 300 West
2. Trees/urban forest
3. Water/streams
4. Native or drought tolerant flowers and shrubs instead of grass in medians
5. Farmers market
6. Public transportation
7. Native vegetation
8. Hiking trails connecting to foothills (Ensign Peak, Bonneville Shoreline Trail)
9. Meditation garden/park
10. Pedestrian trails/paths separate from traffic

### Plan now to attend Community Workshops!

- What kind of green space system do you envision?
- Voice your preferences for open space
- Identify priority open spaces and projects
- See how you can more involved in shaping the future of your neighborhood

#### Presentations and activities begin on the hour.

When: Friday, April 23, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Where: Utah Opera Building (336 North 400 West)

### This Old House

#### Peter and Mary Ann Sorenson home—676 North 300 West

Sometimes, even when things aren't quite fair, there is a silver lining. The one-story brick period cottage at 674 and 676 North 300 West, built in Tudor Revival style, is a typical example of many period cottages built on Capitol Hill in the late 1920s. Peter Sorenson emigrated from Denmark as a young boy in the early 1870s to Cache Valley, grew up there, met and married his wife, Mary Ann Thain, and became a railroad engineer for Union Pacific. They eventually settled in Salt Lake City on this corner, and in 1929 tore down the old home and moved across the street while this home was built. Their elder daughter, Naoma, was talented at drafting and designed the floor plan for the home.



The house's gabled roof, steep gabled porch, round arched openings, a massive chimney with curvilinear side and decorative masonry, are all characteristic of this style and period. This house is slightly larger than the typical

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## VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### Food, Clothing, and other Donations

- **Crossroads Urban Center**, 347 S. 400 E., helps feed the homeless in our neighborhood. This month they have a special need for **peanut butter and any canned beans**. Their **Thrift Store**, 1385 W. Indiana (850 S.), needs dishes, silverware, pots and pans, and small groups for sorting. Please call Linda Hilton at 364-7765 for more information.
- **The Road Home** is in need of volunteers at its community shelter, 210 S. Rio Grande St. Donations of personal hygiene items, socks, underwear, diapers, and any other items are needed. Call 359-4142 or go to [www.theroadhome.org](http://www.theroadhome.org).
- **The LDS 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Relief Society**, located at 225 W. 500 N., sponsors a **clothing exchange** on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. **Everything is free!** Come and look, or bring something along to pass on to someone else. All are welcome!

### Literacy, Reading, and Children

- **Become a foster parent** and strengthen a family! Right here in our Capitol Hill neighborhood are children in need of safe, stable, loving homes while their families heal. You can be married or single, with or without children, renter or homeowner. Visit [www.utahfostercare.org](http://www.utahfostercare.org) or call 994-5205. Volunteer opportunities are also available.
- **The Children's Museum of Utah** needs energetic, fun-loving seniors, and others to volunteer for work in the galleries, at the front desk, and behind the scenes. Call 328-3383.
- **Washington School** needs volunteers to read to a child one hour a week. Call Ann Pendell, 578-8140, Tuesdays or Thursdays, for details.
- **Literacy Volunteers of America-Wasatch Front** is seeking volunteers to teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Training is provided. Call Barbara or Denise at 328-5608.

- The Salt Lake City planning staff is undertaking a study of possible future uses of the **Wasatch Springs Building** (currently the Children's Museum of Utah) funded with a Community Development Block Grant. Possible uses include a community center or recreational facility, a swimming pool, classrooms, or other community uses. If you would like to comment or share ideas, please contact Eric Jergensen at 532-4844.
- A committee is being formed to study the development of a **branch library** in our neighborhood. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Eric Jergensen at 532-4844.

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period cottages, and the basement was converted into an apartment, with separate outside entrance, in 1949. Like many of the old homes on Capitol Hill, its coal chute door is still intact and visible near the rear entrance. Peter and Mary Ann lived in the home for the rest of their lives, and their daughter Naoma stayed on until her death in 1989.

As it turned out, this was the only floor plan Naoma ever designed. As a high school and college student, she was bright, ahead of her time, good at math and drafting, and wanted to be an architect. Her more-traditional parents felt, however, that this was not a field for women and, acceding to their wishes, she graduated from the University of Utah in

1918 with a teacher's certificate and began teaching first grade at Franklin School in the Central City area for \$600 a year.

Forty-five years later, as she neared retirement, she was named Utah's Teacher of the Year and was first runner-up for the national Teacher of the Year award. She remained at Franklin for all those years. Her principal wrote that she was the first one in school in the morning and the last to leave in the evening. "She spends a lot of money on her first grade pupils, her own money. If she needs new books or equipment and our budget is tight, she buys what she needs out of her own pocket. If a poor child comes to school, without a lunch basket, Naoma feeds him... She's been doing this for years and

### Service Activities

- **Capitol Hill Kiwanis Club** continues its service to our community. On Saturday, April 10, we will be at the Smith's in the Avenues collecting diapers, formula, cash and other contributions for the **Baby Cupboard at Crossroads Urban Center**. Join us then and each Thursday at 7:00 a.m. for breakfast and a speaker at the Inn at Temple Square. For more information, call Moyle Anderson at 364-7294.
- **TreeUtah** will have a project going on every good-weather Saturday. On April 17 from 9:00 a.m. to noon, we will plant trees with the American Express Volunteer Partnership at our project site near 106<sup>th</sup> South. See our website at [www.treeutah.org](http://www.treeutah.org) for a map or call our project coordinator, Vaughn Lovejoy, at 598-2344.
- Help the **Neighborhood Watch** for two hours or more monthly. To help, or for more information, please call Joan Legge, 355-8396.
- **LifeCare** (1025 S. 700 W.) needs volunteers to help homebound seniors and persons with disabilities by delivering food boxes and/or helping shovel snow. For more information, call 978-2452.
- **Utah Food Bank** always welcomes volunteers to help sort food at their warehouse at 1025 S. 700 W. Please call Christine Thomas at 908-8660.
- **Primary Children's Medical Center** needs volunteers for its information desks, gift shop, and other areas. Call 588-2446 for more information.

she never tells anyone about it."

So the beautiful buildings she might have built were replaced by the young lives she shaped. The reporter from *Look* magazine who wrote about her nomination said, "In that classroom, I watched Naoma Sorenson build sturdy little characters block by block on an unshakable foundation. From her rich experience she knew every inch of the road each child would take. It was a happy journey for all... She gave each pupil a sense of sharing in the day's adventures [and] each pupil had the joy that came from having one's efforts appreciated and praised. She left her mark on every child she taught. Memories of her will last a lifetime." (W. J. Burke, *Not for Glory*, Cowles Publishing, 1967, pp. 89-90).

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 neighbors perform!

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 Marilyn or Gerald Sharp (359-  
 1652) or Melanie Fitzwilliam  
 (596-8933) before April 15!**

**FEATURED NEIGHBORS**

*Carol Wood*

Carol Wood's service on our Neighborhood Council's board of trustees has been consistent and high-quality for a number of years, but that's only the tip of the iceberg. Once you get to know Carol, the length and variety of her service to others can make you tired just to think of.

She was born and raised in Alamosa, Colorado, a ranching and farming area in the San Luis Valley. With her older brother and 20-30 other students she attended a one-room school ("You know the old story," she says; "we used to walk a couple of miles to school, and it was only when the temperature got to 50 below that we thought about staying home"), until the family moved into town during her high school years. She played tenor saxophone (and her brother played clarinet) for the Alamosa High School Mooses before they graduated.

Carol spent the next three years earning a nursing diploma at the Bethel School of Nursing in Colorado Springs. She went to work in a Dodge City, Kansas hospital, "but I missed the mountains so badly after a year that I was happy to come back to Colorado." In Alamosa she worked in another small hospital. "Again, we did everything – regular patient care on the floors, emergencies, obstetrics and deliveries – that's when I really got my nursing education. I always loved nursing."

She took a year and a half to serve as an LDS missionary in the Northern states (Chicago; Springfield, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa – "bitter cold or very hot, but otherwise I really liked it"), returned home for a year, then moved in with a friend near Capitol Hill in Salt Lake City. She worked for a time at LDS Hospital and decided to return to school for a regular nursing degree; so she shifted to the University of Utah where she helped run the student health service and took classes at night until she earned her degree. She then worked for the Department of Pediatrics to help with a national two-year study of childhood leukemia, visiting many homes of ill children in Utah,



*Care-Giver, Community Council Trustee*

Wyoming, and Idaho to interview families and gather data. She took an additional year helping with a major study of childhood epilepsy.

Carol then began to work with children with cystic fibrosis, a serious respiratory disease, and stayed there for the next 32 years until her retirement. "Until recently they couldn't even identify the gene that carries it," she remarks. "When I started there, the kids' life expectancy was about five years.

Now they're living into their 30s and 40s." For Carol the best part of nursing was "the people I got to know, and the feeling I was doing something worthwhile." The worst part was "the frustration of not being able to do more."

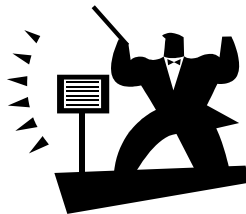
From her first apartment in Salt Lake on 200 North, she moved to North Main Street, then to Apricot, and finally to her home on Wall Street where she's lived for the past 30 years. She loves the diversity of the neighborhood and its historic ambience, "the old buildings people have kept and fixed up." She also enjoyed getting to know "people like Hermoine Jex and her passion," and has consistently worked with our Neighborhood Council since its formation. She sang in the Allegro Ladies' Chorus for 30 years, "until," she laughs, "we all got too old."

Among other service, she is the long-time secretary of the Capitol Hill Kiwanis Club where she helps to spearhead activities such as providing books for disadvantaged children at Washington School; stocking the Baby Cupboard at Crossroads Urban Center; and providing support for many other children's projects. She remains a pillar of strength for her own family of nieces and their children and grandchildren – and an example of steady, generous service to all of us who know her. "Carol is phenomenal," says her friend Katherine Gardner. "Her life is just one service project after another. I don't think the word 'no' is in her vocabulary."

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Temple Square\* - 7:30 p.m.—April**

- 7 - U of U. Concert Chorale
- 9-10 - Tabernacle Choir Easter Concert
- 16 - Ian Parker
- 17 - U. of U. Singers
- 23 - Rocky Mountain Strings;  
Temple Square Chorale Concert
- 27 - Eric Gunderson
- 30 - Crawford Gates \* Certain programs require tickets. For info., call 240-0080.



**Madeleine Choir School—April**

- 9 - Choral Meditation , 3:00 p.m.
- 9- **Madeleine Choir School—May**  
Madeline Festival Concert, 8:00 p.m.