# THE BULLETIN



### January 2004

When: 21 January 2004, 6:30 p.m. Where: Washington School Library

#### **AGENDA**

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6:30	Welcome and Minutes
	Peter Von Sivers
6:35	Police Report
	Linda Johnson, Kari Sanders
6:50	Request for Demolition

752 No. 300 West

Bill Lassiter 7:05

Master Plan Amendment **Proposals** 

Nelson Knight 7:30 Legislative Session

Paula Julander, Ralph Becker

8:15 Adjourn

**MobileWatch** 

**NEXT MEETING** FEBRUARY 18, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council

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### CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

### The Mission of Crossroads Urban Center

by Linda Hilton

Crossroads Urban Center is a nonprofit, grassroots organization which assists and organizes low income, disabled, and minority Utahns to meet basic survival needs and to address essential issues affecting quality of life. Established in 1966, Crossroads, a multifaith, community center with broad support from many religious communities as well as businesses, individuals and foundations, including the Capitol Hill Kiwanis Club, is housed at 347 South 400 East.

Among the activities of Crossroads, which is Utah's busiest emergency food pantry, are a thrift store, counseling for people in crisis situations, community organizing assistance to low income people and other agencies, and holiday food programs. Over 88,000 impoverished men, women, and children receive Crossroads' food or clothing each year. The Center has also initiated and developed new community organizations to provide services not otherwise available in our community. Utahns Against Hunger, Wasatch Fish and Gardens and two drug abuse rehab centers are some examples. Crossroads was instrumental in establishing the homeless shelters in Salt Lake, as well as the statewide food bank.

Crossroads operates the busiest Emergency Food Pantry service in Utah. During 2002, Crossroads served 15,380 households containing 38,532 members with three-day, emergency food orders, and provided 1,636 orders of baby food/formula/diapers/etc. beyond that distributed with food orders.

Crossroads' Thrift Store (1385 W. Indiana) distributes clothing and household goods free of charge to thousands of households annually. In 2002, families containing a total of 10,920 people received free items. The store also sells items at low cost. We give away over seven times the amount of items that are sold during any given month.

Crossroads maintains an Emergency Fund, which is used for gas, prescriptions, car parts, rent, and utility assistance. We have expanded this program dramatically over the past several years. We also stock bus tokens in the pantry, and have a voucher system set up with a local pharmacy and a gas station as a convenience for clients. In 2002, 2,435 households received gas vouchers, bus tokens, or prescription assistance, while 217 families received other assistance through the fund.

Holiday food distributions are organized by Crossroads at Thanksgiving and Christmas. This project insures that hundreds of families have a special holiday meal. In 2002 Crossroads served 3,643 households at Thanksgiving and 1,814 families at Christmas.

#### This Old House

### The J. Golden Kimball Home - 36 East 200 North

The modest two-story, T-shaped adobe home on 200 North just east of Main Street was for many years the home of J. Golden Kimball, one of the most colorful and best-

beloved LDS General Authorities. He and his wife, Jenny Knowlton Kimball, built it in 1880.

J. Golden's father, Heber C. Kimball, was first counselor to Brigham Young for many years and owned block 93 (No. Temple to 200 North, Main St. to State St.) from the time of the first allocation in 1847, and a part of his large family lived here. After Heber's death in 1868, most of Lot 5 in that block eventually passed to J. Golden, his mother Christeen Golden, and his brother Elias. (Heber and others are



buried in a small cemetery which was also part of Lot 5, still accessible from Main St.) The rectangular shape of the home and the T-extension on the east are all original. with one story on the front and two on the rear because the land (continued on next page) (This Old House, continued) slopes. The cobble-stone foundation has been plastered over; the original columned porch with a Corinthian frieze remains. The roof features a raised, decorated gable on the west end and a small turret-like bulge on the rear extension roof, with a smaller similar bulge on the front extension roof.

- J. Golden's great-grand-nephew, Jim Kimball, who lives in the Capitol Hill neighborhood, has published two collections of tales and appeared in two PBS specials about his storied kinsman. Although Jim was only four years old when J. Golden died, he states, "I have a memory of meeting him. The specific detail I remember is his voice. It was very distinctive way up there! You had to listen closely to hear him." J. Golden was called as a General Authority in 1892, in a day when men in those positions were paid a pittance, if at all. "They lived in modest circumstances," Jim says. "Jenny loved her gardening and her flowers, and he was very supportive of her efforts in the garden and home, but they lived very modestly. There was not a lot in terms of tension or misunderstanding; she was of a disposition just to let him know that they were out of this or that that needed repairing, and somehow they made it work." The home on 200 North, Jim notes, was very convenient because J. Golden could walk the block-and-a-half to work each day and come home for lunch.
- J. Golden Kimball died in an automobile accident in Nevada in 1938. At that time the Salt Lake Tribune reported, "He was frank, outspoken, and fearless in his utterances. . . . There was but one J. Golden Kimball. He was respected, beloved, and enjoyed by all with whom he made contact. His passing is a distinct loss to his circle, his Church, [and] his community." Jenny continued to live in the home on 200 North until her death four years later. The home was subsequently remodeled into apartments.

### **Volunteer Service Opportunities** — **January**

### Service Activities

- Help the <u>Neighborhood Watch</u> for two hours or more monthly. To help, or for more information, please call Joan Legge, 355-8396.
- <u>LifeCare</u> (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.
- <u>TreeUtah</u> doesn't have any projects planned at this time. Visit www.treeutah.org or call 364-2122 if you do not have internet access.
- <u>Utah Food Bank</u> always welcomes volunteers to help sort food at their warehouse at 1025 S. 700 W. Please call Christine Thomas at 908-8660.
- <u>Primary Children's Medical Center</u> needs volunteers for its information desks, gift shop, and other areas. Call 588-2446 for more information.
- <u>Capitol Hill Kiwanis Club</u> continues its service to our community. Join us 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.

If you have items for the Bulletin or questions about the mailing list, or would like to help produce the Bulletin, please call Illona Stuehser (533-0678), Autumn Cook (596-9729), Christine Wade (918-0114), or Stephen or Corinne Sorenson (364-3838).

### Food, Clothing, Other Donations

- 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.tasslc.org
- The LDS 19th 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!
- <u>Crossroads Urban Center</u>, 347 S. 400 E., helps feed the homeless in our neighborhood. This month they have a special need for large cans of juice. 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.

### Literacy, Reading, and Children

- 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.
- <u>Literacy Volunteers of America-Wasatch Front</u> is seeking volunteers to teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Training is provided. Call Barbara or Denise at 328-5608.
- 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 or call 994-5205. Volunteer opportunities are also available.

### **BULLETIN BOARD**

- The Capitol Hill Community Council Website is up and running! Check it out at <a href="https://www.aros.net/~capitolhill/">www.aros.net/~capitolhill/</a>. The Website will contain news of Community Council meetings; features from current and past *Bulletins*; and other matters of interest for our neighborhood. Sincere thanks to Cassandra Van Buren for designing and maintaining the website. More on this in coming issues.
- ☼ You may have received your Bulletin a few days later than normal this month. That's because our Community Council officers and trustees have concluded that the information in the Bulletin will be more timely if we receive it closer to our monthly Council meeting on the third Wednesday of the month. So look for your Bulletin on about the second Wednesday each month, a week or so before Community Council meeting.



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# Featured Neighbors

### Tom and Joanne Parker

(Part 2 of 2) After Promised Valley Playhouse closed in 1984, Tom and Joanne Parker were faced with the dilemma whether to remain in the professionally risky world of theater, or to return to a more sedate and lucrative livelihood. Drawing on their successful experience in establishing community theater in Washington, they founded City Rep – now the Children's Theatre of Utah.

In navigating the uncertain terrain of running a theater, Tom's training as an attorney has served them well; with that background, he notes, "you're not as intimidated by the 'business crunch' aspects as you would be otherwise." Of Tom's role in keeping the Theatre afloat financially for the past 18 years, Joanne says simply, "This is the man with the brains. He's so incredible." (All told, Tom has produced more than 200 musical, dramatic, and concert productions, totaling more than 3000 performances.)

By mutual agreement Tom assumed the role of producing the plays, while Joanne took the creative reins, adapting old and new works as children's plays and directing most of them. A producer and director are usually in rather adversarial positions, and both agree, as Joanne states, "We never could have done this without years of a tremendously cooperative and loving relationship."

If it is Tom's production and business savvy tat keeps a roof over the head of the Theatre, it is Joanne's artistic sense and boundless creative energy that keeps the house full of high-quality productions that both entertain and educate children. As a *Deseret News* article recently said, "Week after week, year after year, [Joanne] Parker and her co-workers bring works of art to children – and somehow the children manage to handle it. Parker's secret is this: She has faith in children."

The fun which Joanne has in the theater began early. At age 5

### Children's Theatre of Utah

she began dance training at the old McCune School of Music at 200 North Main St. on Capitol Hill, and later was an original member of the Children's Dance Theatre, founded by Virginia Tanner. She continued as a performer with CDT until entering the

University of Utah, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1970. When she and Tom founded a community theater in Bellevue, she began a career of adapting works of quality literature as children's plays that has yielded 60-70 productions. In 1997 she received the prestigious Limelight Award for "her



encouragement of young people participating in the performing arts and the opportunities given them to develop their talent."

To see Joanne in action is to marvel at her energy and drive. Scott Mecham, a patron, parent, and participant at the Theatre, notes that its remarkable success "can be attributed primarily to Joanne's dynamic personality, exceptional talent, and consistent drive, along with Tom's production expertise and administrative skill. They are a great asset to our community."

It all adds up to an enormous, generation-long contribution by Tom and Joanne to the children of Utah. (A number of the young people who participated in early productions, for example, now teach drama in area high schools.) As the Parkers' daughter, Amy Richardson, herself a creative force at the Children's Theatre, states, "My folks have devoted the last 20 years to bringing joy and education in the arts to kids who would never otherwise have had that chance."

### FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS - JANUARY

### Temple Square\* - 7:30 p.m.

#### January

17 - Utah State High School Men's & Women's Honor Choirs

30 - Jeffrey Shumway and Del Parkinson, piano duo

31 - Salt Lake Symphony

### February

08 - 3rd Annual Interfaith Tribute

Conference Center\* - 7:30 p.m.

January

23, 30 - Brigham Young University Winterfest

February

3, 6, 7, 13, 14 - Brigham Young University Winterfest

\*Certain programs require tickets. For info., call 240-0080.

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J. Golden Kimball (see this month's "This Old House," pp. 1-2)

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