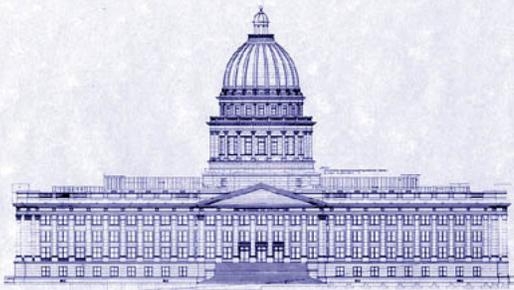


# THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



Architectural rendition of State Capitol by Richard Kletting

## Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 16 June 2004, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Washington Elementary School

6:30 Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair

6:35 Police Report

6:55 Plans for Downtown Reconstruction, Presentation by a Representative of the LDS Church

7:30 SL Public Library Budget Woes, Presentation by Eric Jergensen, City Councilor

7:50 Capitol Hill Master Plan Implementation, Presentation by Peter von Sivers

8:05 Open Community Forum

8:15 Adjournment

**NEXT MEETING**  
JULY 21, 2004, 6:30 p.m.

### Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Members

Chair	Peter Von Sivers	364-3310
Vice-Chair	Polly Hart	355-7203
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Historian	Hermoine Jex	364-5326

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## Neighborhood Council Adopts Historic Resolution Concerning Traffic on Columbus Street

At its meeting on May 19, the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council reached what Council Chair Peter Von Sivers called "a potentially historic moment." Following the unanimous recommendation of our officers and trustees, Council members unanimously approved the following resolution:

*"The Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council is asking for the immediate installation of traffic lights and medians on Columbus Street at 300 and 500 North, according to the blueprints presented by UDOT to the CHNC in Fall 2003. After the installation, peak traffic patterns should be measured again on I-15, 400 West, 300 West, 200 West, 300 North, 200 North, Center Street, and Wall Street, so that further adjustments can be made to reduce the traffic flow on Columbus Street."*

The action was the culmination of many years of discussion among neighborhood members, UDOT, Salt Lake City, and more recently, the State Capitol Preservation Board who had indicated they wished to study a full range of options (including partial closure or tunneling of Columbus Street) before deciding on their recommendation. At a meeting with Von Sivers, Representative Ralph Becker, and City Council member Eric Jergensen, the Preservation Board reversed its stance and decided to favor the immediate installation of traffic lights. Peter states, "The Utah Department of Transportation is now free to begin construction. There is a chance that this construction will be completed in the course of the summer. If this will be the case we might indeed reach a historic moment: the beginning of traffic reduction on Capitol Hill. It took us almost a generation to get to this point!"

Representative Becker reports that, in conjunction with installing the two lights this summer, UDOT has agreed to:

- give the lights a historic design so as to fit in well with the surrounding neighborhood context;
- sell the two houses on the west side of Columbus between 500 North and Zane Avenue back into private ownership;
- create pedestrian crossings at these location with "pavers," a change in texture which will better alert motorists;
- restrict traffic on North Main Street for the short block from 300 North to Apricot to one-way northbound;
- install a raised median from 500 North to Victory Road to slow traffic (left turns northbound to west-bound from Columbus to Zane will no longer be possible), the median to be landscaped as space permits; and
- monitor traffic for the effect of the lights.

The Preservation Board will continue to study long-term traffic control options. *The Bulletin* will publish an updated plan for the intersections as soon as UDOT makes it available.

Sincere thanks to Peter, Ralph, Eric, our Council's Transportation Committee, past officers and trustees and others who have labored long and hard through the years to achieve this "potentially historic moment."



## This Old House Council Hall — 300 North and State Street

It has probably been the scene, in the words of one commentator, "of more important history-making than any other Utah building of its time," ranging from the sedate to the violent. For instance, it was here that Brigham Young initiated the organization of ZCMI. Here the Territorial Legislature approved female suffrage in 1870; a group of federal, state, and local dignitaries received a touring Japanese Embassy two years

later. During a turbulent election year when tensions ran high, the U.S. Marshal arrested the police chief, and Mayor Daniel H. Wells was roughed up by a mob before himself being arrested the next day. Soldiers from Fort Douglas once broke into the jail behind this building to rescue one of their comrades. In 1883, after the city's marshal was gunned down, a mob took the accused killer from

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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: **dry snacks, can milk, dry beans, can soup, peanut butter, tuna, pork & 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

- **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.
- **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.
- **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.



### Service Activities

- **TreeUtah** needs volunteers **June 5** for Red Butte Canyon Trail Restoration and **June 19** for Restoration and Repairs to Bells Canyon Trail. Pre-registration is required; call Eric at 486-2100 for more information or visit [www.treeutah.org](http://www.treeutah.org).
- **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.
- **Capitol Hill Kiwanis Club** 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.
- 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. For more information, call 978-2452.

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the building and lynched him in the rear yard (Salt Lake City's first lynching.)

The Council Hall served as City Hall from 1866 to 1894, originally located at 120 East 200 South. An earlier city hall, dedicated in 1858, proved to be too small almost from the first, apparently due in part to the jail-space needs contributed to by soldiers on leave from Camp Floyd and, later, Camp Douglas. Plans by architect William H. Folsom (who also designed the Tabernacle, the ZCMI building, and the Salt Lake Theatre) were approved in 1864. The dedication in 1866 occasioned lengthy ceremonies and a gala banquet that evening on the second floor; a life-size, full-face painting of Brigham Young (the only one known to have been made in his lifetime) by artist E. W.

Parry, was unveiled. The portrait now hangs in the City Commission chambers.

The Hall was built of red sandstone, 60 feet square, at a cost of \$70,000. The ground floor contained six rooms for City offices and police use, including a police court. The upper floor contained a "Council Hall" (23 feet by 45) and a larger courtroom (33 feet by 45), decorated with enriched cornices and center pieces, and with doors and windows of mahogany and root oak. A large bell hung in the tower centered on the roof, and served as the City's general fire alarm – the number of rings would indicate in which area of the city the fire was burning.

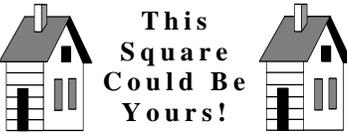
The Council Hall served both as City Hall and as the home for the Territorial Legislature until the City and County Building

was completed in 1894. Police headquarters were located here until 1915, followed by the City's Sealer of Weights and Measures, the Board of Health, and other City uses.

Beginning in 1961, following long effort by Salt Lake City attorney and philanthropist Nicholas G. Morgan, the Council Hall was carefully dismantled and reassembled at its current home just south of the Capitol. More than 325 blocks of sandstone in the facade were removed, numbered, and pieced together at the new site. Financing was provided by the LDS Church, the State paid for furniture and landscaping, and Salt Lake City donated the land. The venerable old building today is the home of the Utah Travel Council with a visitors center, bookstore, and offices.



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**FEATURED NEIGHBORS**

*James Brown*

James Brown has an impressive background in entertainment production which he brings to bear in working for positive change, especially for youth at risk. His weekly, 30-minute television program, "The James Brown Show," will begin broadcasting in syndication in the fall of 2004. As his website relates, the program will be a solution-based, "high-quality talk/entertainment show" that will "focus on bringing positive approaches to community and youth-at-risk issues." This grows from his conviction "that fundamental positive change is needed, and that it must and will come from thousands of like-minded men and women who will affect lasting positive change through championing integrity and humility over self-promotion." (For more information, please visit [www.jamesbrownshow.com](http://www.jamesbrownshow.com).)



*Broadcast Entrepreneur*

His broadcast activities included a live radio show in Evanston, focusing on blues and including on-air interviews with music industry friends such as Carlos Santana.

His decision to move to Utah about 20 years ago came "when a friend who lived and worked here suggested it would be a good place to find opportunities for someone of my varied experience," James states. His community involvement has included service as a delegate to the White House Conference on Small Business and as a member of the board of directors for the Salt Lake Area Gang Project, the City Community Development Advisory Council, the Ogden Multi-Cultural Advisory Board, the minority advisory boards for both Bank One and Zion's Bank, the Utah Republican Platform Committee, and others over the years – "long enough," he says, "to love this community and hope that they like me." He currently is a feature reporter for ABC-4 News, who have been very supportive of his efforts; "without them, my outreach to the community would have been far more difficult," he notes. James moved to Capitol Hill thirteen years ago and settled down on Quince Street, where he lives with his wife, Kay, and their two sons, Seth (age 5) and Sam (age 2½). "Without them, I wouldn't be who I am. They've made me a happy man." They recently remodeled, adding an extra 2000 square feet, and love the neighborhood. "The things we like most about living here," James states, "are the diversity of the neighborhood and the friendly, warm people around us."

James was born in San Francisco, graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a degree in business administration, and then worked for a number of years in the entertainment industry (Slye and the Family Stone, for example, at the height of their popularity were among his clients.) Among his production innovations – in the 1970s he pioneered the concept of producing performance videos for broadcast in discos, an idea that subsequently evolved into MTV-style music videos. This led to an invitation to move to Portland and spearhead a music company's expanding video branch. After several successful years, he became the owner of an advertising agency and television production company centered in Utah and Evanston, Wyoming.

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS — JUNE**

<u>Temple Square* 7:30 p.m</u>	<u>Gallivan Center</u>	<u>Brigham Young Historic Park 8 pm</u>
5 Mountain West Chorale	Weekdays: <i>Lunch Bunch Concert Series</i> ; Noon to 1 pm	4 Kenneth Cope
12 Bachauer Jurist: Thomas Hecht	5 Salt Lake Classic Run 7:30 am to Noon	8 Top Brass Quintet
15 Bachauer Jurist: Logan Skelton	10 Marine Band Concert 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm	11 Ryan Shupe and the Rubber Band
16 Bachauer Jurist: Douglas Humpherys	19 Walk for Life 5 pm	15 Salt City Transfer
17 Bachauer Jurist: Massimiliano Frani	19 Folk & Blue Grass Festival 2 pm to 10 pm (\$5.)	18 Voice Male
18 Bachauer Jurist: Gennady Dzubenko	23 <i>Come Alive Concert Series</i> Wednesdays 7 pm to 10 pm	22 Granite Youth Symphony
19 James and Nokes-Roberts	26 Amerivespa Expo 10 am to 4 pm	25 EnZign
21 - 26 Bachauer Junior Piano Competition		29 Bar-K-Wranglers
25 Summer on the Square Gala Concert		
*Certain programs require tickets; please call 240-0080.		<u>Pioneer Park (300 S 300 W) 8:00 a.m.</u> 12 Downtown Farmers' Market