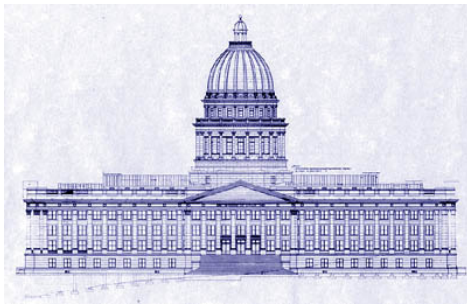


THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 16 March 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Where: *Utah State Capitol Cafeteria, new east wing of State Capitol*

If you need transportation, please contact Peter von Sivers (364-3310) and he will help you. Peter will also pass by Washington Elementary School (corner of 200 West and 400 North) at 5:50 PM to pick up anyone needing a lift.

- 6:30 *Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair*
Minutes of February
- 6:35 *Police Report*
- 6:50 *Presentation by Margaret Aa on*
Neighborhood Watch
- 7:45 *Update on the UDOT Columbus Street*
Traffic Light Project
- 8:00 *Open Forum for Community Matters*
- 8:15 *Adjourn*

NEXT MEETING
APRIL 20, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Members

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February 15 Traffic Accident & Columbus Street Traffic Light Project By Peter von Sivers, Chair

On Tuesday, February 15, a car hit one of our Capitol Hill residents, Marinda Thompson, as she was crossing Main Street at 300 North early in the morning. She suffered severe leg and head injuries and was initially in critical condition at the hospital. In the name of the Capitol Hill community, I extend our warmest wishes for a speedy recovery to Ms. Thompson. We are deeply shocked by this accident, regretting that such a tragic event had to occur on one of our busiest streets in the community.

In the wake of the accident, UDOT committed itself publicly to the construction of traffic lights on Columbus Street in April. At our next meeting, on March 16, we will have an important update on the traffic light issue. Please attend this meeting as faithfully as all of you did in February – thank you so much for your support!

This Old House **John Henry & Marie Kaoo Makaula House** 249 W. Reed Avenue By Nelson Knight



If you consider yourself well versed in Utah history, you may be aware of Iosepa. The town in Skull Valley, in Utah's west desert, was the center of Utah's Polynesian Community from 1889 to 1917. Iosepa, meaning "Joseph" in Hawaiian, is pronounced "Yo-see-pa." The colony was established by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints as a community for Polynesian members of the Mormon faith who wished to immigrate to Utah to be close to the headquarters of the LDS Church.

However, unless you know the esoterica of Utah history, you probably aren't aware that prior to the establishment of Iosepa, Utah's Polynesian culture was centered on two blocks of West Capitol Hill. The blocks on Reed Avenue and Fern Avenue, between Second and Third West, were the home to a group of about seventy-five Hawaiians from 1864 until 1889. All were members of the LDS Church – many worked on the construction of the LDS temple. Why the Hawaiians chose to settle in this neighborhood is not known. At the time, the area was on the outskirts of town, near the wall that surrounded the city. The land was mostly undeveloped and was probably inexpensive. Many Native Americans camped in the area, and George Washington Hill, the man in charge of Native American relations for the LDS Church, had a house at 270 Reed Avenue. Later Hawaiians may have also settled here based on the fact that other Hawaiians lived in the neighborhood – one of the first Hawaiians to move here, John W. Kaulainamoku, bought a large lot on the corner of Reed and 300 West. His house, which was recently demolished, was home to several other Hawaiians in addition to the Kaulainamoku family.

The house at 249 W. Reed Avenue is one of four surviving homes that have been identified as built by Hawaiians. According to research conducted by Fred Aegerter of the Utah State Historical Society in 1980, John Henry Makaula and his wife, who is named on documents as either Maria Makaula or Kaoo Makaula, built the house between 1883 and 1889. Information on the Makaula family was not easily found. John was probably born around 1843 in Hawaii, then known as the Sandwich Islands. They would have immigrated to Salt Lake City from Hawaii sometime after 1864. Prior to that year, Hawaiians were forbidden to leave the islands by the government. A young man named Kahanenmann Makaula, perhaps a child or relative of the couple, died in 1884 and is buried in the Salt

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Lake City Cemetery.

The Makaula House is very small, even for this part of Capitol Hill. Originally the house was brick and had only two rooms. The front of the house extended only the width of the present front porch. The house is classified as a "single-cell" type by architectural historians, and has simple details commensurate with the period in which it was built. Windows and roof trim appear to be original. In the 1980s the house was covered with stucco and an addition was added to the west side of the house. This enlarged the house by about 50%.

The Hawaiians in Salt Lake City had difficulties assimilating into the culture, and an outbreak of leprosy in the community caused concern and some ostracism. Officials of the LDS Church began a search for a large piece of land to establish a separate Hawaiian community. They settled on a 1920 acre parcel in Skull Valley and made plans to move the Hawaiians to the settlement, named Iosepa in recognition of two men: church founder Joseph Smith, and church president Joseph F. Smith, who served as a missionary in the Ha-

waiian Islands. The Makaulas were among the first party of 46 Hawaiians to move to Iosepa on August 28, 1889. Iosepa's streets were named for prominent citizens, and one of the streets was named Makaula Street, presumably in recognition of the same family. John Henry was called to be a counselor in the Iosepa LDS branch's teacher's quorum.

Iosepa remained a community for 28 years, and grew to 228 residents. Life in Skull Valley was difficult and very different than life in the South Pacific. Nevertheless, many residents stayed despite economic difficulties and the harsh conditions. In 1917, with the Hawaiian LDS Temple under construction, the LDS Church relocated the remaining residents back to Hawaii. Many settled on the Church's plantation at Laie, Oahu, where the temple is located. The Iosepa townsite was abandoned, though the cemetery and a few structures remain.

After the Makaulas left the house on Reed Avenue, they sold it to William L. Butler, a stone cutting contractor. Butler sold the house shortly after to James Hegney. Hegney sold the house in 1902 to Andrew P. Anderson.

Andrew G. Nilson bought the house from Anderson in 1905. Nilson owned the house until 1924, when he sold it to Anna Katrina Larson. The names of these owners reflect the change in ethnic makeup of this neighborhood, which became a stronghold of Scandinavians. The current owner of the house purchased it about two years ago. He plans to restore the house at some point in the future.

The significance of this neighborhood as the first home of Salt Lake City's Hawaiians has been overlooked, even among the Pacific Islander community. We hope that this significance may be recognized and reinforced as the neighborhood is revitalized by the city RDA and private owners. One Hawaiian house, the Kaulainamoku house at 752 N. 300 West, was unfortunately recently demolished after years of incompatible alterations and poor maintenance by previous owners. Four houses remain, including the Makaula House, the Salama Nui Kapiipiigm House at 222 Fern Avenue, the A.H. Kapukini House at 226 Fern Avenue, and the Peter Kelakaihanau House at 248 Fern Avenue.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Food, Clothing, and 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.theroadhome.org.
- **Crossroads Urban Center**, 347 S. 400 E., helps feed the homeless in our neighborhood. This month they have a special need for **small jars of peanut butter**. 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 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.



Literacy, Reading, and Children

- **Washington School** needs volunteers to read to a child one hour a week. Call Shauna Levitt at 578-8140 for details or stop by the school.
- **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.
- **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.
- **English Skills Learning Center** seeks volunteers to teach English to adult refugees and immigrants. Training is provided. Call Barbara or Denise at 328-5608.



Service Activities

- Help the **Neighborhood Watch** for two hours or more monthly. To help, or for more information, please call Joan Legge, 355-8396.
- **TreeUtah** has no projects planned at this time. Their annual winter fundraiser will be Saturday, March 12th. Visit www.treeutah.org or call 364-2122 to learn more.
- **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.
- **LifeCare** (1025 S. 700 W.) needs volunteers to help homebound seniors and persons with disabilities by delivering food boxes. For more information, call Taylor 978-2452 ext 229.
- **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.



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What does this photo of the Iosepa Pioneer Day relate to Capitol Hill?
See *This Old House* (pp. 1-2).

Capitol Hill Community Council
Peter von Sivers, Chair
February 23, 2005

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RESOLUTION

In its regular monthly meeting of February 16, 2005, the Capitol Hill Community Council (44 residents present and voting) unanimously approved the following resolution:

The Capitol Hill Community Council supports UDOT's plan to install traffic lights on the 300 and 500 North intersections, albeit without the construction of multiple turn-lanes requiring the destruction of existing green space. It also asks UDOT to reduce the left-turn lanes from Beck Street from two lanes to one.

Sent to:

Randy Park, Director, Region 2, UDOT
David Hart, Executive Director, Capitol Hill Preservation Board
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FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS — MARCH & APRIL

Temple Square*

March

- 19 Orchestra at Temple Square Concert, 7:30 pm
- 25-26 Temple Square Chorale with the Orchestra at Temple Square Chamber Ensemble Easter Concert, Assembly Hall
- 26 General Young Women Meeting

April

- 2-3 175th Annual General Conference
- 5-6 Joseph Smith and the Restoration, Assembly Hall

*Certain programs require tickets, please call 240-0080.

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<http://www.ourcommunityconnection.com/gallerystroll>