

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 20 July 2005, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Cafeteria, new east wing of State Capitol

Preliminary Agenda:

- 6:30 Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair
Minutes of June
- 6:35 Police Report
- 6:45 Zoning Adjustment for 277 N Center St
- 7:05 Reports by our community
representatives
- 7:10 Report by Gwen Springmeyer, Liaison
with the Mayor's Office
- 7:20 Parking issues in our neighborhood:
Residential Permits
Discussion with a City Representative
- 7:45 Community Forum
- 8:00 Adjourn

Summer Vacations: There will be no meeting in August. Enjoy your summer!

NEXT MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

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Comment: Sincere Thanks for the First Fifty!

By Stephen and Corinne Sorenson

Some of you with a strong eye for trivia will have noticed that last month marked issue number 50 of the *Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Bulletin*. The first issue of the *Bulletin* was published in May, 2001 (two pages, mailed to about 350 residences) at the suggestion of **Eric Jergensen**, our former Council chair. From the outset, this modest effort has had four purposes – to communicate (1) the views of our Council officers and trustees and community members on issues of current importance; (2) news of service opportunities and events in the community; (3) a sense of the historical heritage of our neighborhood (our “This Old House” feature); and (4) insights into some of the fascinating people who live here (the “Neighbors” column.) Fifty issues later, we want to thank a few of those who have made this possible:

- Our Council chairs, **Katherine Gardner** and **Peter VonSivers**, along with other officers and trustees, for their unflagging support.
- **Gwen Springmeyer** and the **Mayor's Office** for their patience and help in many ways, including producing and distributing about 450 copies of the *Bulletin* each month.
- **LDS Hospital** for generously printing 2,050 additional copies each month.
- Our kind sponsors (of course!), whose contributions pay for folding, addressing, mailing, and supplies. **Tesoro** (through **Tim Forbes**) and **Dr. Jason Hodge** continue to be especially generous. **May Foundry and Machine Co.** was our first sponsor, and others who continue their long-time support include **Capitol Emissions and Automotive**, **Carman Refrigeration**, **Eagle Gate Dental (Dr. James Wright)**, **Claude Brandt of Contract CAD**, **Xmission**, **R&R Car Repair**, **Curves**, **Center Street Grocery**, our fine legislators (**Rep. Ralph Becker**, **Sen. Paula Julander**, **Sen. Scott McCoy**), and **Nygaard, Coke & Vincent**. **Mickey Hansen** is our most faithful private supporter. Many others have sponsored along the way – we appreciate every one! Please support these fine sponsors whenever you can.
- **Nelson Knight** for a fascinating “Old House” article each month; **Cassandra VanBuren** for including the *Bulletin* in the Council's excellent website www.capitolhillcc.org.
- Our great production staff (enough good things can't be said!) – **Margaret and Kevin Berchtold**, who put the whole thing together each month and make it all happen in a hundred other ways; **Kristen Jensen**, **Autumn Cook**, **Ilona Steuhser**, **Diane Jergensen**, and others who preceded them; **Bentley and Amy Mitchell**, **Tim Lineback**, and others who currently contribute, including our wonderful addressing-folding-sealing-mailing-and-other-things crew, **Laurie Strasser**, **Carol Wood**, **Bentley and Amy**, **Tim**, **Eric and Diane**, **Judy Taylor**, **Lorille Miller**, **Polly Hart**, **Kate Hubbard**, **Lori Horton**, **Linda Harrison**, **Nadine Smith**, and others.

Sincere thanks to you and to those we've neglected to mention. We're still trying to improve the *Bulletin* and to refine our mailing list to include everyone in the neighborhood. Please let us know if you'd like to help or if you have suggestions, as we launch into the next fifty!

This Old House

The Skeleton in Grandpa's Attic—131 W 200 North

By Herbert Z. Lund

The Utah Historical Quarterly, a publication of the Utah State Historical Society, has printed fascinating Utah history for 72 years. In this story written by Herbert Z. Lund for the winter 1967 Quarterly, the author tells how a human skeleton ended up in the Capitol Hill barn of his grandfather, LDS apostle Anthon H. Lund—and what happened to it. The barn was located on the southeast corner of 200 West and 200 North.

As the people of Salt Lake City continue to obliterate the charm of Temple Square with a growing ring of skyscrapers, it is probably inevitable that an office building will be erected near the corner of West Temple and North Temple streets and a skeleton bedded down in old issues of the Improvement Era [an LDS magazine] will be excavated. Explanations will be asked for this rather irregular disposal of human remains, and they are hereby given.

The man whose skeletal remains lie in the shadow of Temple Square was a murderer executed April 30, 1912, at Utah State Prison. He had concealed his true identity and died under the assumed name of J. J. Morris. The Lund family spoke of the remains only as the “Skeleton in Grandpa's Barn,” for it was stored there many years.

Father was not only liked but admired. Shortly after his death, almost 40 years after he had resigned his job [as a doctor] at the prison, a former convict came to see me at my home in Cleveland, Ohio, “Just to shake the hand of the eldest son and namesake of Dr. Herbert Z. Lund.” My father had trained this man to be his surgical assistant and anesthetist at the prison and helped him obtain a parole from a life sentence.

I believe it must have been a similar feeling of friendship and respect that led Morris to will his

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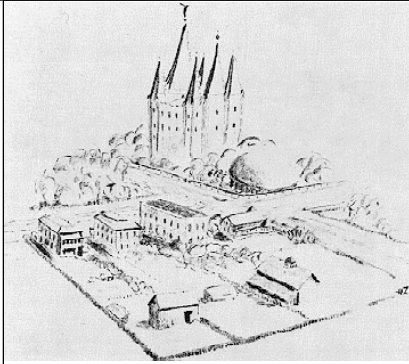
body to my father to be used for the purpose of anatomical dissection after he was sentenced to death.

According to my father, Morris cynically chose to be hanged rather than shot because it would incur a greater expense to the State of Utah.

Following the execution, the dissection was carried out...and the body was reduced to a skeleton. However, it was not a respectable skeleton, because my father never got around to cleaning and bleaching the bones. A story is prevalent in the Lund family that the skeleton was taken to the open country near Beck's Hot Springs by my father and William Willis, the druggist, and it was boiled in sulfur water and lime. To make the story more savvy, it is said that a hobo chanced by and fled in terror at the awful sight. I have doubted this story because the bones as I saw them had not been well cleaned and maintained through the years a peculiar rancid odor....

My father intended eventually to make the skeleton into a fine teaching specimen, but with the burden of a steadily increasing medical practice he never got around to finishing the job. In the meantime he nailed the skeleton up in a wooden box and stored it in the unused hayloft of my grandfather's barn on north West Temple Street.

A skeleton in a barn cannot be kept secret, and the grandchildren of Apostle Anthon H. Lund found sinister excitement in opening the box and contemplating the remains. The loft was made "off limits" and barricaded. The trap door to the loft was padlocked, but there were other ways to get into it—up the hay chute or through the boarded windows. The routes required considerable skill in climbing and, frequently, cautious carpenter work, but this only added to the adventure. My brother Richard and I, and cousins Alton, John, Robert, and Elmo Lund were mostly involved, but we conducted guided tours for outsiders. We had an immense respect for the remains of a murderer, and although the bones were handled they were always replaced.



The author's sketch of the block northwest of Temple Square. The Lund house was at the corner of West Temple and 200 North (the extreme left of the sketch) and the barn where the skeleton was located is in the foreground.

Typically, on our way to break and enter, we would go through Grandpa's house to the kitchen to help ourselves to gooseberry pie or a bowl of red raspberries. Grandma (Sarah Ann Peterson Lund) kept not only an open house but an open kitchen. It was a large room furnished with chairs and a big square table, and it was stocked with pies, fruits, home-grown berries, cheese, milk, and occasionally (but not officially known by the grandchildren or grandfather) homemade beer.

[Then] we would leave by way of the back door, ostensibly to play in the barnyard. After completing our ulterior mission, we never returned by the same route because the characteristic odor we exuded would let the folks know we had been in the hayloft. It was best to go directly home to the bathroom and wash up. Washing at the faucet out in the barnyard was usually inadequate.

After Grandpa Lund died in 1921, the skeleton remained in the barn another five or six years, but the grandchildren were growing up and moving away, and a certain degree of custodial care was lost. Raids by outsiders were made on the barn, and after a raid by children from the nearby Monroe School in which some of the bones were stolen, Grandma decided to have the skeleton buried. I was the natural choice to do this. "Get

Zack. He's going to go to medical school."

At an arranged time I met Grandma, who was to supervise the proceedings, and I sensed a note of anticipation, possibly mischief, but this was her usual air. I brought the rather depleted remains down from the hayloft, dug a grave in the seclusion of the barnyard, and laid out the bones in approximate anatomical order. Grandma had a large stack of old L.D.S. Church literature on the back porch, mostly issues of the Improvement Era that she wanted to get rid of, and she asked me to carry these out to the grave.

She stood at the head of the grave, opened them, and slowly dropped them in, pausing intermittently to read and comment upon a selected pearl of wisdom or an exhortation to righteousness. She called attention to the benefits the deceased might obtain by perusing the contents of the literature being buried with him—already conveniently opened to some of the best passages—and hoped that by so doing he would improve his chances in the Hereafter. After the Improvement Eras were distributed over the remains, I was instructed to shovel the dirt back. The ceremony was brief and simple.

I have been asked exactly where the grave is, but it is hard to say. It is still an open piece of ground. If I could determine where the old barn stood and find the line of the old plank fence along the south side of the barnyard, I could locate it exactly, but these have been gone for many years. A service station encroaches on the grave site from one side and a row of houses looks out upon it from another. It already has lost the peace and dignity of the old barnyard and in time, I suppose, even this spot of ground will give way to steel and cement.

Editor's note: Multi-family housing, not a sky-scraper, now occupies the land once owned by the Lunds. We are not aware whether anyone ever found the bones. (FYI: If you ever find human bones, call the police. If the bones are old, law enforcement officials will inform the State Archaeologist's office at the Division of State History.)

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Crossroads Urban Center**, (347 S. 400 E) helps feed the homeless in our neighborhood. Their **Thrift Store**, 1385 W. Indiana (850 S.), needs diapers size 4 & 5. Call 364-7765 for information. To donate food, call 359-8837.
- **The Road Home** (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.
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- **TreeUtah** for information about current projects, visit www.treeutah.org or call 364-2122 to learn more.
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Is there a skeleton lurking in your attic? There was one in the Lund's barn. For details, read "This Old House" on pp. 1-2.

FEATURED NEIGHBOR

Mark Pendleton

Teacher

Among the hundreds of students who have been enriched by Mark Pendleton's caring, no-nonsense teaching at Washington School, the reactions of two are typical. One fifth-grade student told him on the first day of class, "I heard you're the hardest, meanest teacher here, but you have the most fun." A sixth-grader at the end of the year told his father that "Mr. Pendleton is the smartest man I ever met."

How does a great teacher get started? "I've always been teaching," Mark responds when asked that question. He began by tutoring classmates in the seventh grade ("until they started to get better grades than I did," he laughs.)

Mark was born in Berkeley, one of four brothers, and spent his teenage years in a rough neighborhood and time in Richmond, California; North Richmond, he says, "was like Watts – only worse." But he saw in one of his friends an early example of the power education can have. The friend would come to school loaded with "uppers" and "downers," and seemed headed for a lifetime of addiction; but the junior high and high school curriculum included a special program where students could learn airplane piloting skills; the friend ended up instead, Mark says, "hooked on aviation," which he pursued as his life's work.

Mark earned an associates degree from Contra Costa College, and then, when he was 20, "my teaching led to preaching." Three of his students in a chemistry class invited him to an evangelical meeting, and he became a Christian in 1974 and a minister in 1975. He earned two bachelor's degrees from California Baptist College; master's degrees in divinity and theology from Golden Gate Semi-



nary; and a master's in elementary education from the University of Utah – and is now still "plodding" toward a Ph.D. "I just like to learn," he smiles. "Like a thermometer – up a degree at a time."

He has pastored in a number of churches, and an assignment as a youth pastor in the First Baptist Church of Granger brought him to Utah in 1981. He returned in 1984 and led a Baptist congregation at the Northwest Multipurpose Center. He has traveled in fourteen states in evangelical crusades, and is in the process with health-care and other professionals of organizing a religious tour with a holistic approach in order "to help people get back on their feet in every way they need."

In public education Mark has taught high school for four years at Harry Els High School (the school in Richmond where the "Coach Carter" book and movie were set), two years at California Baptist College, one year in junior high, and then the last twelve years at Washington School in fifth and sixth grades.

"My expectations of the kids are high – I don't water them down," he declares, and cites the quote, "If you can get their mouths open with laughter you can drop the truth right in there."

Mark, his wife Donna, their four sons and two daughters, have lived in the Capitol Hill neighborhood for the past three years and really like the peaceful atmosphere they find here.

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