

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 21 September 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 July
- 6:35 Police Report
- 6:45 Redevelopment Agency: Present and Future Projects in West Capitol Hill (Representatives from the RDA)
- 7:00 Reports by our representatives in the Utah Legislature and City Council
- 7:10 Report by Gwen Springmeyer, Liaison with the Mayor's Office
- 7:20 Housing Project on Almond Street (Russ Watts)
- 7:40 The Future of the Warm Springs Building (Representative from VCBO Architects)
- 8:00 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2005, 6:30 p.m.

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Four Candidates for District 3 Seat on Salt Lake City Council

This month, instead of our regular Comment and Neighbor features, the Bulletin asked the four candidates for City Council from our district to give us a brief summary of their views on the race. Here, in alphabetical order, are comments from the candidates – Edward Aho, Derek Dyer, Janneke House, and Eric Jergensen.

Edward Aho

"The recent Supreme Court ruling, concerning the 14th Amendment (eminent domain) gives local government the power to take private property, not only for public use, but for private use. The ruling worries me and convinced me, along with a lot of issues, that all of us should be more involved with our local government, day to day business.

"Other issues that are up front are this (stack tax) mess. When we open our monthly utility bills and annual property tax notices we see a whole page of stacked taxes. We haven't a clue where this money will end up. We never see any taxes removed or replaced, they just keep stacking up and up. Utilities – another issue worth keeping a close eye on, with our current oil fiasco." Ed can be reached at edaho@earthlink.net.

Derek Dyer

I am seeking election to the Salt Lake City Council because I want to serve to make our communities in District 3 and the city as a whole a better place for all. The City Council needs more balance and diversity. We need a fresh voice and a new perspective with innovative ideas and a friendly approach to government. I believe I can provide balance to the City Council and help those whom now feel like their voices are never heard.

I have lived in Salt Lake my whole life and have been a long time resident of both the Avenues and Capitol Hill. I am the Executive Director of the Utah Arts Alliance and Utah Center For The Arts, a nonprofit corporation establishing arts venues, providing arts education and arts programming in Utah's communities. One other thing people know me for is that I am a Guinness World Record Holder. I built the "Diversity Ball" the world's largest disco ball.

For years I have worked to make this city a more safe, fun, vibrant and accepting place to live. I have worked with community leaders in many projects to add vibrancy and spur

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This Old House — University of Deseret / Salt Lake High School By Nelson Knight

In honor of back-to-school, this month we look at the historic buildings on the West High campus. The West High site, once known as Union Square, has been used for public and institutional purposes since the earliest days of Salt Lake's settlement. As Union Square, the block was a camping ground for immigrants to the valley and others on their way to California.

In 1881, the city gave the property to the University of Deseret, the forerunner of the University of Utah. Architect Obed Taylor designed a \$100,000.00 building for the University and work soon commenced on a site near the south end of the current West High structure. A high water table led to problems with the foundation of the building, delaying construction for some time while contractor Elias Morris used a pile driver to create more solid footings. Work eventually resumed under the direction of a new architect, J. Burton, whose chief draftsman was a young man named Richard Kletting. Kletting later gained much more prominence as the architect of the State Capitol, among many recognizable works.

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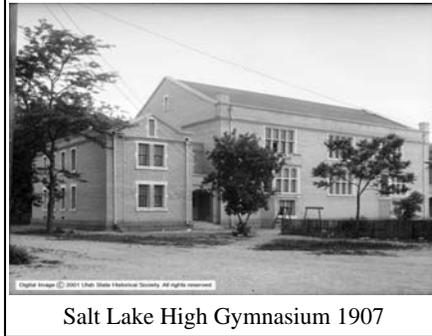
Salt Lake High 1905.

The building finally opened in 1884 and is pictured in the accompanying photograph. It was a three-story brick structure with mansard roofs, irregular massing, towers, carved balustrades, and arched windows. The ten faculty members of the University moved in, and commenced classes in English, teaching, the arts, science, elocution, grammar, engineering and free-hand lettering.

Until 1890, the state's system of public education consisted of local elementary schools and the University, founded in 1850. Academies run by the LDS, Catholic and Episcopal Churches, among others, supplied further secondary education to prepare candidates for the meagerly funded and struggling state University.

In 1890, Salt Lake City established the first public secondary school in Utah. Beginning with 21 pupils, the high school

conducted classes in a succession of locations in the city. The state university was buoyed through the depressed 1890s by the LDS Church's sacrifice of its own newly opened university, which was also located in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. In 1900, as the University of Utah, it moved to its present site on the east bench.



Salt Lake High Gymnasium 1907

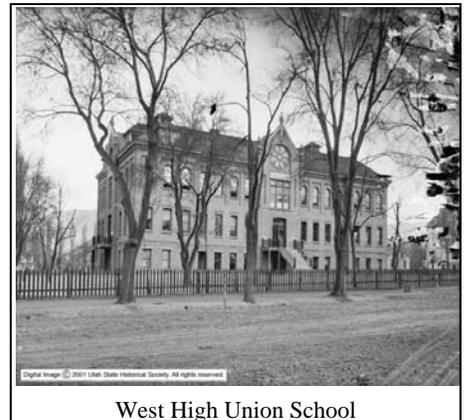
The building did not remain unoccupied for long; a fire on the first day of classes displaced the Salt Lake High School from its edifice on Pierpont Avenue (now the home of Baci and Café Pierpont restaurants). Principal George Eaton moved his 662 students to the old University of Deseret. The High School soon expanded to include the Union Elementary School (renamed the commercial building) and the former LDS University building at 233 West 200 North (later West Junior High School).

Other buildings soon joined these on the site, including the Technical High School Building on 400 West. The Technical High School began as a separate school,

and was part of a fashionable education trend in the early 1900s to teach the "manual arts" to students in secondary school. The building was designed in 1911 by Lewis T. Cannon and John Fetzer and built the following year. The brick and reinforced concrete structure was one of Utah's best examples of the prairie style, popularized by Frank Lloyd Wright.

The building housed wood & metal shops and was perhaps most recognizable for its monumental sculptures of laborers. The sculptor for the four figures and bas-reliefs was Mahonri Young, Paris-trained artist and grandson of Brigham Young. When the building was demolished in 1997, the sculptures were restored and moved to other locations on the West High Campus.

Next Month: The current West High Building



West High Union School

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of the World issue. Ah, Mr. Zucker- man's zeal.

- **Crossroads Urban Center**, 364-7765. Coats needed for a winter coming soon near you.
- **Tree Utah**, www.treeutah.org or call 364-2122. Trees — still our best bet against greenhouse gases. While you're cutting back on the SUV, plant a tree.
- **Road Home**, 359-4142 or www.theroadhome.org. On that personal journey home: Get there from here, via this road.

- **Utah Foster Care**, www.utahfostercare.org or call 994-5205. Kids need ya!
- **LDS 19th Ward Clothing Exchange** (225 W. 500 N.), Second Saturday of each month 9:00 am - Noon. Every- thing's free. Throw out all that stuff you haven't worn or used in one year. Bless lives, including your own.
- **Kiwanis Club** (Capitol Hill), call Moyle Anderson at 364-7294. Meet and eat meat! Remember that service club you belonged to in high school, but were too self-absorbed to attend? Here's a chance to make good.

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Learn about the history of West High School and it's predecessors on pages 1 & 2.

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economic development to the downtown area. My history of service to the community, and my leadership skills help make myself an efficient, accessible, progressive leader. My candidacy is endorsed by the Salt Lake County Democratic party. Join me and together we can make a positive, progressive change in Salt Lake City. For more information visit www.derekdwyer.com

Janneke House

A Capitol Hill resident for almost 11 years, I completed a Master of Urban Planning degree from the University of Utah in May. Prior to that I earned an undergraduate degree in Urban Planning, with a minor in Community and Consumer Studies. I managed the Zoo, Arts, and Parks Program for Salt Lake County as an interim manager. I currently work with Salt Lake County's Community Services Department on a new Open Space Program the county recently initiated

I am pleased to be a candidate for Salt Lake City Council. The voice of the younger generation must be represented in local government. My vision for the future includes preserving the quality of our neighborhoods with walkable streets, safe bicycling routes, and sensitive, sensible planning. My master's degree in urban planning exposed me to the issues threatening the prosperity of this city including land use, urban sprawl, open space preservation, and traffic concerns.

Salt Lake City needs people in decision making roles who

understand what makes a good city succeed. I am prepared to face this city's issues and challenges to ensure the quality of life for the people of Salt Lake is not just maintained, but improved.

Eric Jergensen

Four years ago I ran for City Council on the premise that as we bring together the unique and diverse resources of our Avenues, Capitol Hill and Guadalupe neighbors we can accomplish anything!

During the past four years, residents of the Avenues, Capitol Hill and Guadalupe neighborhoods have worked very hard together to make our community a better place to live, work and raise our families. I am proud to have been chosen to represent our neighborhoods and work together with so many of you in our critical efforts to increase traffic and pedestrian safety, to fight crime—especially car prowls, to curtail out of scale development, to preserve open space, to improve our public infrastructure and to enhance economic opportunities for all our citizens.

We have worked to protect our historic neighborhoods while at the same time providing decent, affordable housing opportunities. We have worked to eliminate discrimination and increase dialogue among the wonderfully diverse residents in our community. But, there is still much left to do. Our greatest achievements will come as we continue to work together. I ask

for your ongoing support as we, united, continue our efforts to improve our neighborhoods for all who have chosen this place as their home.



FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

Gallivan Center (239 South Main Street, Downtown Salt Lake)

For more info: www.thegallivancenter.com, or 801-535-6148. Free wireless internet access on plaza ("WiFi" 802.11b). You can work via laptop while at the concerts... Or not!

- **Lunch Bunch Concert Series**, Noon - 1 pm. This fine series ends September 16. Spend these last few weeks with lots of guitar, singers and songwriters.
- **Blues and Brews**, September 9 & 10, Friday and Saturday. One side of the Main St. Plaza controversy can have both blues and brews. The other side of that same controversy, can snooze on the brews, but still enjoy the blues. And to both sides: BYOB! (Bring Your Own *Blanket*.)
- **Rock N' Ribs**, Saturday, September 24, 2 to 10 pm. Or is it Rockin' Ribs?

Other Activities

- **Farmer's Market**, Saturdays, Pioneer Park. For farmers and their friends.
- **Dewey Lecture Series** with Poet Billy Collins, City Library, 7:30 pm.
- **Avenues Street Festival**, Saturday, September 10.
- **Greek Festival**, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, September 9—11 Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Enjoy souvlaki, baclava, and gyros that don't cost many Euros. (Now you know how to pronounce gyro--same as Euro.)
- **Ninth & Ninth Street Fair**, Saturday, September 17
- **Dine 0' Round**, September 16 — 30. Various downtown restaurants.

