

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 17 May 2006, 6:30 p.m.
Where: State Capitol Cafeteria

Preliminary Agenda:

- 6:30 Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair Minutes
- 6:35 Police Report
- 6:45 Reports by our Representatives in the Utah Legislature and City Council
- 7:00 Report by Gwen Springmeyer, Liaison with the Mayor's Office
- 7:10 Proposal by Planning, Protective Area Overlay Zone Modifications
- 7:30 Presentation, Bruce Manka, Marmalade Condominium, 650 North 300 West
- 7:45 Presentation, Karen Migacz and Students, Preserving Gasoline
- 7:55 Report by Lisa Romney, E2 Citizens (Environmental Issues)
- 8:05 Report by Rick Graham, Renovation of Pioneer Park
- 8:15 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING
JUNE 21, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

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Mission: Market

West Capitol Hill needs a grocery store in a bad way

by Rosemary Winters - reprinted courtesy of *The Salt Lake Tribune*

(Editors' note: The following article appeared in the Close-Up section of The Salt Lake Tribune of Friday, March 10, 2006. It describes both a pressing community need and a great example of neighbor-to-neighbor service. We reprint it here with the kind permission of the author and of The Salt Lake Tribune.)

When West Capitol Hill resident Erlinda Davis drives to the supermarket, she takes the neighborhood with her - or at least as many residents as can fit in her Subaru wagon. It's her partial solution to the absence of a grocery store in the downtown district. She never goes grocery shopping alone.

"I don't know what I'd do if Erlinda didn't take us to the grocery store. We've got age upon us, and we can't drive," says Twila McEwen, 82, speaking of herself and her 94-year-old husband. They've relied on Davis' grocery carpool for 10 years. "There's a 7-Eleven on the corner, but prices are high."

The area has recovered from the 1970s, when it was considered a borderline slum by many, but still struggles to attract a grocer. It's part of a national trend called "the grocery gap." There are a third fewer supermarkets in low-income neighborhoods than middle-class or affluent ones because grocery retailers find the customer base less attractive, according to a study by the Food Marketing Policy Center at the University of Connecticut.

Inner-city neighborhoods, such as West Capitol Hill, often have a few convenience stores with a small selection of processed foods but limited access to fresh produce, causing some public health advocates to worry about the diets of those who cannot afford to own cars and drive to grocery stores. Grocery shopping for low-income residents can require carrying bulky bags on the bus or taking an expensive taxicab ride to the store, leaving many to opt for buying food from mini-marts or fast-food chains.

Community activists have tried organizing a farmers market or a small food cooperative in West Capitol Hill without success, but now an effort by Salt Lake City's Redevelopment Agency might bring in the Holy Grail: a grocery store.

The Agency is in the final stages of selling a vacant lot on 300 West between 500 and

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This Old House by Nelson Knight

E.L.T. Harrison House 10 West 300 North

Architects have a knack for pushing the design envelope when it comes to their own houses. There's something about being one's own client that allows someone to take chances in pursuit of the ideal statement of design philosophy. This was a true in the 19th Century as it is today, as illustrated by this month's house. The deep setback, rectangular massing, and parapeted flat roof of this house, known as "the Castle" of Capitol Hill, distinguishes it from others in the neighborhood and from typical houses of the era.



Elias Lacy Thomas Harrison was born March 27, 1830, at Barking, Essex, England. He was trained as an architect in England and became a convert to the LDS Church there. In 1861, he emigrated to Utah. His young wife died while they were crossing the Great Plains. Harrison later took a second wife, Jennie, in Salt Lake City. They had two daughters before Jennie's death. An old friend from London later came to the Salt Lake Valley and became Elias' third wife. She also preceded him in death.

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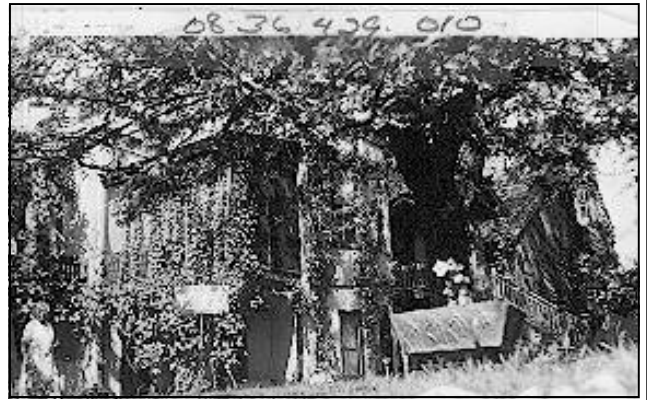
Upon arrival in the Salt Lake Valley, Harrison was put to work designing the interior of the old Salt Lake Theater. Reportedly based upon the design of the Drury Lane Theater in London, the interior was lavish, rich and decorative, especially compared to the buildings then under construction in the pre-railroad frontier town. According to a 1976 article by architect, historian, and Capitol Hill resident Allen Roberts, "through the rages of changing styles and building trends, Harrison always maintained a highly decorative, expressionistic philosophy." This philosophy is still apparent in the design for his house, which was completed in 1873. The house was the centerpiece of a small private street, dubbed Belleview Terrace, with several building lots, which Harrison offered for sale for \$150. The house was adorned with decorative painting by Harrison's friend John Tullidge. It took advantage of its substantial view over the city, from what was then dubbed either Heber's Bench (for Heber C. Kimball) or Arsenal Hill (for the city arsenal which stood near the house at the top of Main Street). The proximity to the arsenal played a role in one of the most calamitous events in the history of the house: At 5 p.m. on April 5, 1876, the city was literally shaken when the gunpowder stored in three magazines on the hill exploded. Damage to buildings in the city

was extensive, and one of the hardest hit was the Harrison's. Door panels were forced out and plaster work torn away. Mrs. Harrison was thrown from her parlor chair by the force of the concussion, and she and her infant daughter were showered with shattered glass, suffering severe flesh wounds. All survived, however, and the house doesn't appear to bear any remnants of damage from the explosion.

E.L.T. Harrison is better known today as a Mormon dissenter and founder of several publications, including the 1864 "Peep O'Day," the first magazine published in the mountain west, and the 1868 "Utah Magazine" which eventually became the Salt Lake Tribune. In association with his friends W.S. Godbe, E.W. Tullidge, and Eli B. Kelsey, Harrison questioned the extent of Brigham Young's authority and the wisdom of attempting to retain a self-sufficient economy based on agriculture. Later the men delved into spiritualism and divulged with the LDS Church on key points of belief. The group, dubbed the Godbeites, was excommunicated from the LDS Church for apostasy in 1869.

Harrison found that his work among faithful Mormons dried up after his excommunication. However, he sustained himself on commissions from those outside the church. Harrison practiced architecture in partnership with Henry W. Nichols. They produced many prominent buildings -- few of which survive today, with the notable exception of Harrison's own house and the Daft Block, at 128 S. Main Street.

The Castle passed into the ownership of the Elias' and Jennie's daughters after his death in 1900. The two sisters, Caroline and Florence, lived in the house together and worked as schoolteachers. They left the house in about 1944. The William and Olive Jones family has owned the house for many years.



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- **Kiwanis Club** (Capitol Hill) 999 South Main. Call 328-1325.
- **Operation Kids** www.operationkids.org You'll serve Utah's children in various ways.
- **People Helping People Garden Tour**: Saturday, June 10, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy the day exploring the beautiful gardens in Federal Heights during a self-guided tour. Join in on a self-guided garden tour in Federal Heights. Tour headquarters is located at the Masonic Temple, 650 E South Temple. Tickets are \$15 per person. People Helping People helps single moms provide better futures for their kids by providing free employment training and mentoring services. For more info contact kim@mentors4women.org or 355-5538. For more information on People Helping People, visit www.mentors4women.org.
- **Primary Children's Medical Center**, call 588-2446 or intermountainhealthcare.org/xp/public/primary/.
- **Road Home**, www.theroadhome.org or call 359-4142.
- **Salt Lake County Aging Services—Volunteer!** Apply online on their website: www.slcoagingservices.org.
- **Tree Utah**, www.treeutah.org or call 364-2122.
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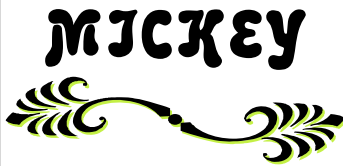
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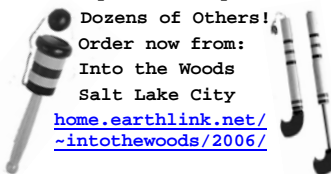


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600 North to developer Howa Capital. Howa has plans for a mixed-use development, dubbed Marmalade, that would include condominiums and space for retailers, such as a bank, coffee shop, dry cleaner and grocery.

Dru Damico, director of development for Howa, says no leases have been signed but there are a few prospective grocery tenants, including Sun Flower Market, a small Colorado-based grocery chain run by the founders of Wild Oats with a focus on keeping prices low.

"We're not looking to create a high-end destination," although the Marmalade development will have upscale elements, Damico says. "In West Capitol Hill, you have some of the highest incomes in this city and some of the lowest. This [development] will be available to everybody."

Damico says Howa is waiting for the zoning on the land to be changed from commercial to both residential and commercial, but he expects the company to break ground this summer. A grocery store could open in the neighborhood as soon as spring 2007, Damico says.

"We're really excited about that. We're hoping someone will come along and say, 'Yeah, we'll do it; we'll come into the neighborhood,'" says Davis, who has lived in West Capitol Hill since 1968, staying through some rough years because she wanted to help the elderly in the area.

Davis, a member of the Capitol Hill Community Council, says there are many residents who take neighbors without cars to the grocery store, as she does. If the store is built, it would be within walking distance for McEwen and many others.

"In order to make progress toward a walkable community, a grocery store is . . . a critical element," says Dave Oka, director of Salt Lake City's Redevelopment Agency. "We've felt for a very long time that this is a missing component in the West Capitol Hill area."

A study prepared last year for the agency by the Center for Green Space Design found that 80 percent of West Capitol Hill residents cited the lack of access to healthful food as a major concern.

The Salt Lake City non-profit recommended a number of actions, including organizing a farmers market and forming small cooperative buying clubs, which allow members to have food delivered in bulk from a wholesaler at below-retail prices. But those initiatives require more involvement from neighborhood residents, says Christie Oostema, director of the Center for Green Space Design.

Oostema still hopes to get a farmers market in the neighborhood and says the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food has agreed to help. But competition to bring farmers to open markets is stiff because the state does not have enough producers to meet consumer demand, says Richard Sparks, the agency's farmers market liaison.

FREE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Over 500 volunteers are needed to help 'spruce-up' the yards of senior citizens and persons with disabilities in the Salt Lake area for our annual SPRING SPRUCE-UP.

This month long event will kickoff Saturday, May 6th from 8:00-10:00 (at 1025 South 700 West) with a light breakfast and continue throughout season. This is a great opportunity for families, businesses, churches, youth groups, and students to improve the look of our community and the life of a senior. Groups of all sizes are needed, as well as individuals.

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