

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

Capitol Hill & Avenues Mobile Watch Meeting

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Preliminary Agenda:

- 6:30 Greeting by Chair, Polly Hart
- 6:35 Police Report, Roger Williams
- 6:45 Mobile Watch Report
- 6:55 Reports by Elected Officials
- 7:15 Report by Gwen Springmeyer, Mayor's Office
- 7:25 City Academy Charter School (informational), Sonia Woodbury
- 7:30 Condo Conversion 24 E 300 North, proposal by Justin Marty
- 7:50 Office of Emergency Preparedness (informational), Rich Foster
- 8:20 Trustee Elections for vacancies
- 8:30 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING
APRIL 18, 2007 - 6:30 p.m.

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Comment by Robert B. King Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Co-Chair and Mobile Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Do you know which Salt Lake City neighborhood has the lowest crime rate? Surely it couldn't be Capital Hill with its diverse population, high number of immigrants, numerous rental units and aging housing stock. Yet it is! Capital Hill, including Swede Town to the north, has consistently had a lower crime rate than the Avenues, Central City, etc. We don't get preferential treatment from the Salt Lake City Police, so why is this so? I believe the answer lies in our active Neighborhood Watch and Mobile Neighborhood Watch programs.

Neighborhood Watch has been around for a long time now. It's more than a sign on a telephone pole. It means knowing and caring about your neighbors and their property. It means observing the daily pattern of life and being committed enough to pick up the phone and call the police when your instincts tell you something is amiss. It means picking a vacationing neighbor's newspapers from the front porch or putting their garbage and recycle cans out and retrieving them when they are absent. If you are a good neighbor you do this for others. If you have good neighbors, they'll do it for you. Police response to 'non-emergency' calls may not be immediate however, they will come and such calls have reduced the number of car prowls, vandalism, and residential burglaries making our historic area a much safer and better place to live.

Younger, but no less important is your Mobile Neighborhood Watch. Currently, over a dozen trained volunteers patrol Capital Hill and the Avenues on a regular basis. During December 2006 and January 2007, they logged over 100 hours on patrol and drove over 500 miles in their own vehicles. Consisting mostly two person teams they patrol during the day or at night. Armed only with magnetic door signs, cell phones and a police scanner and radios they call in suspicious activities. They also report graffiti, missing street signs, pot holes, vehicles on the street with expired tags, abandoned grocery carts, etc. Some Neighborhood Watch folks patrol local business parking lots and are authorized to write citations for vehicles illegally parked in handicapped spots. Additionally, your Neighborhood Watch participates in a monthly DUI saturation in conjunction with the Salt Lake City Police Department.

Every Salt Lake City neighborhood has an active Neighborhood Watch and Mobile Neighborhood Watch program. Currently, our Capital Hill members are helping patrol City Creek and the Avenues while Avenues membership recovers from a down period.

If you'd like to help, call me at 359-9992 I can brief you on training requirements and provide you with the necessary application form. If you really care about the safety and security of your neighborhood, we would be happy to include you in our Mobile Neighborhood Watch program.

Find Out About Your Old House Part II—Maps by Nelson Knight

Back before I found my true calling as a writer for the Capitol Hill Newsletter, I worked for Salt Lake City, staffing the city's Historic Landmark Commission and serving as community planner for Capitol Hill. A few weeks after I assumed my duties, I received a large envelope containing a letter in neat script, along with an elaborate hand-made map, detailing the history of a property for which I was reviewing a project. That afternoon, I received a phone call from the sender, which began, "Hello, this is Hermoine Jex, I would like to know what you plan to do about this..." That day, I became a fully-fledged member of the city planning staff.

Over the past decade, I have relied on Hermoine's expertise and encyclopedic knowledge of Capitol Hill in my job and in writing these articles. I amassed a thick folder of Hermoine's maps, and found others in the files of the city and at the state historic preservation office where I now work.

In honor of Hermoine, and continuing our series of articles on researching the history of your building, this month we will focus on maps. The most useful tools available to Capitol Hill residents are the maps produced by the Sanborn Map Company. These maps were produced to provide insurance companies details about buildings in urban areas. Details include building footprint, placement on the lot, construction materials, and door openings. Although these

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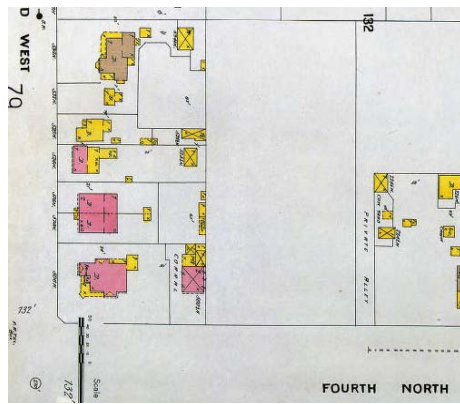
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maps will not provide an exact construction date, you may be able to narrow down a date by comparing two consecutive maps, where the building won't show up on the first, but will on the second. You can also get an idea of the original footprint and materials of your house. This is particularly useful if it has been altered or received more-recent additions.

The maps were produced for Salt Lake City beginning in 1884, but only small parts of Capitol Hill were covered that year, and in the subsequent 1889 edition. The 1898 edition covers all of the built-up area of Capitol Hill up to that point, while later editions covered neighborhoods such as the DeSoto/Cortez, Swedetown, and Ensign Downs up through the year 1969.

The maps are available in microfilm format at the Utah History Information Center at the Rio Grande Depot, in a hard copy format at the University of Utah and online at the University of Utah's Special Collections at <http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/collections/sanborn/>. The online version is most convenient (and in color), but only the 1884, 1889, 1898 and 1911 editions are available due to copyright issues. To locate your address, find your block on the keyed index

map at the beginning of each edition, then find the corresponding individually numbered sheet. A map key explaining the colors and notations is also found on the index map.

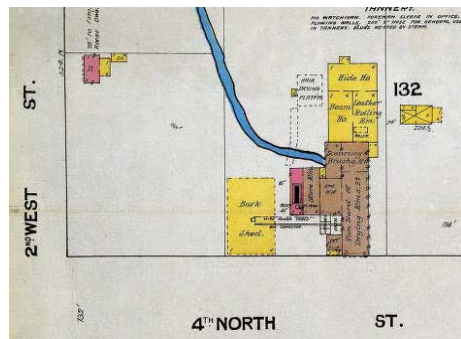


1898 Sanborn Map

To illustrate the value of these maps, I have included a portion of the 1889, 1898 and 1911 editions of the corner of 300 West and 500 North. Note that the 4th North and 2nd West street names on the map reflect the existence of 1st West and 1st North on the street grid. In 1972, the city changed the system so that the house numbers and street numbers would correspond. In 1889 this corner was home to one of a cluster of tanneries that stood along 3rd West. The large two story structure was primarily adobe, with wood frame additions on the north and west sides. A bank of windows on the east side provided light and air for the interior. A stream (probably fed by the spring and pond just south of the site, where the LDS meetinghouse now stands) fed into the south wall of the building, providing either a water source or drainage (and no doubt an environmental nightmare) for the tannery. The only other structure on the corner at the time was a small brick house along 3rd West. By 1898, the

tannery was gone (and the lot where it stood cleared) and homes were constructed on the corner, the most substantial of which was a brick home with a wood porch and a distinctive tower. A brick duplex stood next door, and a two-story adobe house was further up the block. By 1911, the former site of the tannery was filled with brick homes, and the entire block was now mostly filled. These home would later be demolished to make way for a Safeway grocery store, which itself was demolished several years ago to make way for what will soon be the Marmalade Project.

Want to find other maps? The Utah History Information Center at the Rio Grande Depot and the University of Utah Marriott Library's Special Collections have maps that would be helpful when researching Capitol Hill properties. For an online source, the Library of Congress has a great site at <http://memory.loc.gov>. Among the library's collections are great birds-eye views of the city in 1870, 1875, and 1890. Such views were popular in the 19th Century, and give a great overall idea of how a city looked, though such views weren't all that accurate for individual buildings. However, an 1875 close-up of our subject corner shows the stream and pond that later appeared on the Sanborn Map.



1889 Sanborn Map



1911 Sanborn Map

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- **LifeCare Bank** needs volunteers to deliver food boxes to low income homebound senior citizens and people with disabilities. This food allows low-income elderly to supplement their monthly food budget and also provides isolated individuals with valuable human contact. Hours per week: 1 to 2 per month. 30 minutes training required. Contact Taylor Beckstead, 887-1229.
- **Volunteer Utah** is Utah's resource for finding volunteer opportunities in your community. Their website (www.volunteerutah.com) features information on volunteering with a wide variety of organizations.
- **Volunteers of America** needs assistance putting together food packets and hygiene kits for their homeless clients. Also involves occasional help with facility maintenance. 18 years or older and complete volunteer orientation. Hours per week: 1. Contact Marcus Perry, 363-9414 ext 108.
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FEATURED NEIGHBOR

William Salas

Neighborhood Council Trustee, Swedetown

When Willie Salas was 19 years old, he had an experience that changed the direction of his life. Born in a big family in Ogden (five brothers and one sister), educated at Ogden High and Weber State, Willie had done some Golden Gloves boxing and excelled in other sports as well. One evening he and a friend were standing beneath a street light, talking, when a drunk driver careened over the curb and hit them both. His friend died; Willie was left partially paralyzed (he still uses two canes when he walks).



kids,” he states, “even more so than the athletic activities.”

Willie worked as an EEG technician at McKay-Dee Hospital in Ogden, then moved to Salt Lake City in 1976 when he was hired by Technology Associates. Several years later he followed an interest in electronics to California, where he worked in that industry for a number of years. He returned to Salt Lake in 1991 and obtained a real estate license.

“Life goes on – everybody goes through trials sometimes,” Willie remarks simply of that experience. “You just keep going and do your best.” Part of Willie’s best was an increased awareness of serving others in the community. After his recuperation, he attended the University of Utah where, among other activities, he served as president of the Chicano Student Association (1983-84). He recalls that as “a real learning experience – very rewarding. That provided a lot of good opportunities for our members, not only academically but also for service in the community.”

His desire to help others has continued in recent times. For the past nine years he has served on the Youth Services Advisory Board; every Tuesday evening at the Youth Activity Center he teaches at-risk youth to play the guitar. “We can include all

Willie’s impulse to help others has asserted itself now in ways that benefit the Swedetown area and our Neighborhood Council. Drawn to Swedetown (the northernmost part of our Council area, around 900 West and 1500 North) for affordable investment properties close to downtown, he remodeled two homes there and has ended up living in one. “There is a lot of work to do in these neighborhoods,” he smiles. “Most of the older residents take good care of their properties, but some others don’t, so it’s an ongoing battle.” He and roughly ten others (including long-time residents, corporate neighbors, and renters) have set up a neighborhood committee which meets regularly to address Swedetown issues. “I see great potential here if we all work together.” Willie’s service as a Council trustee now benefits all in our neighborhood.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

March

- 11 Daylight Savings begins
- 16 Gallery Stroll, 6:00 pm, www.gallerystroll.org
- 17 St. Patrick’s Day Parade at Gateway, 10:00 am, www.irishinutah.com
- 22 Gina Bachauer 2007 Concert Series: Armen Babakhanian, Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center, 138 W Broadway, 7:30 pm
- 27 Harlem Globetrotters, Energy Solutions Arena, 7:00 pm
- 28-31 Salt Lake Acting Company: Rounding Third, 7:30 pm
www.saltlakeactingcompany.com

April

- 1-4 Salt Lake Acting Company: Rounding Third, 7:30 pm
www.saltlakeactingcompany.com

- 5 SL Bees opening night
- 17 Income Tax Day
- 16 Gallery Stroll, 6:00 pm, www.gallerystroll.org
- 17 Salt Lake City Marathon

Salt Lake Art Center Exhibits (www.slartcenter.org):

- 3/6-3/17 New Narrative: Warhol, Stella, Marden, Fitzpatrick (Main Gallery)
Bill Viola: Ascension (Projects Gallery)
- 3/17-5/19 Resonance and Return: Social documentary Photography, 1935 to the Present (Street Level Gallery)
- 3/31-5/30 Fab Ab: New Acrylic Abstraction (Main Gallery)
Eileen Doktorski: Domestic Arsenal (Projects Gallery)