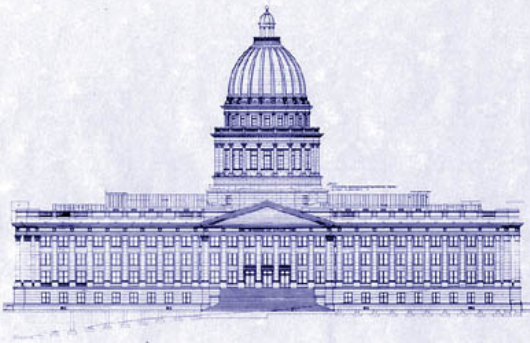


# THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

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## Capitol Hill & Avenues Mobile Watch Meeting

When: 17 October 2007, 6:00 p.m.  
Location: **Washington Elementary School**

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Location: **Washington Elementary School**

NEXT MEETING  
November 21, 2007 - 6:30 p.m.

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## Meet Mayoral Candidate Dave Buhler

The issue facing voters is who will do the best job for them as the next Mayor. I am a doer, not a dreamer, and I appreciate the opportunity to explain why the voters of Salt Lake City, and specifically the Capitol Hill neighborhood, should choose me. My qualifications:

- Working eight years on issues affecting city residents as a member of the City Council. I am familiar with the broad scope of city issues ranging from the airport, to public safety, to parks and open space, to zoning.
- Twelve years experience as a successful manager and leader—as Executive Director of the Utah Department of Commerce and as an executive in a private business. The Mayor’s job is to lead the Executive Branch.
- Working as a teacher or leader in Higher Education for 17 years.
- A track record of effectiveness—on the City Council for eight years where I have twice served as Council Chair and as a State Senator for four years where I sponsored 36 bills that became law on a wide variety of issues. For example:
  - ⇒ Helping to lead the effort to enact a compatible infill ordinance to protect our residential neighborhoods.
  - ⇒ Crafting the City ordinance that provides fairer benefits to all city employees and their partners.
  - ⇒ Sponsoring legislation to allow credit cards to be used at state liquor stores (instead of cash-only), and to establish the ZAP tax to support arts, parks, recreation and the zoo.
  - ⇒ Consistently working to acquire and protect open space, including the North Salt Lake property within SLC’s boundaries north of Capitol Hill.

I supported the environmental initiatives of the past eight years including requiring LEED certification of city buildings and city funded projects, expanding and improving the city’s recycling programs, and putting more alternative fuel vehicles into the city fleet. I will build upon these successes.

In this campaign I have announced a series of “to-do” lists that focus on my results-oriented leadership. I will make public safety a high priority and strengthen our neighborhood-watch and CERT programs. I will also fix the problems that currently exist in the city’s planning division and focus on neighborhood and downtown revitalization.

Salt Lake City needs a Mayor who has the proven ability to lead and get results. For more information, please see my website at [www.DaveForMayor.org](http://www.DaveForMayor.org) or call 328-3283. Thank you for your consideration.



**This Old House by Nelson Knight  
August and Priscilla Carlson House  
378 N. Quince Street**

This month's subject sits in a commanding position at the top of 400 North and Quince Street in the Marmalade neighborhood. Now lovingly restored, it once looked like the neighborhood haunted house, and was filled to its ceilings with years of old newspapers, magazines, and other treasures.



August Carlson

Part of the building's haunted house aura may perhaps lie in its architecture style: the Gothic Revival. No black makeup or frilly shirts to be found here, however. The Gothic Revival Style was one of the picturesque architectural styles popularized throughout the United States between the classical architectural styles of the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century and the Victorian styles of the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. As noted in Tom Carter and Peter Goss' Utah's Historic Architecture 1847-1900, the Gothic Revival style was a "vertically oriented architecture imported from England that is characterized by pointed arches, steeply pitched roofs, and the elaborate saw-cut ornament often called 'gingerbread' today." Asymmetrical massing and elaborate color schemes also were common elements of this style.

The August and Priscilla Carlson house at 378 Quince Street exhibits all of these elements. Like the neighboring Thomas Quayle house at 355 Quince Street, the building is a two story, wood frame structure, with a front bay window topped by a small balcony. The steeply pitched roofed is decorated with gingerbread detailing at the eaves. Other gingerbread is found on the one story porch. A two-story barn stood on the lot until the 1970s, along with an outhouse that had similar décor.

The house's first owners, August Carlson and Mary Priscilla Spencer Carlson, were well known throughout Capitol Hill and late nineteenth-century Salt Lake. August was born in 1844 in Karlskrona, Sweden. He abandoned a planned career in the Swedish Royal Navy to join the LDS Church, and emigrated to Salt Lake City in 1871. In 1872, he married Mary Priscilla Spencer. They soon built this home in 1874. The Gothic Revival was at the height of its popularity in Utah, so the Carlson House, though modest in size, stood out from the less-fashionable classical-styled older dwellings in the Marmalade District. By that time, August was an up-and-coming financial mind for Z.C.M.I, so this must have suited the Carlsons well.

August eventually rose to treasurer of the Z.C.M.I. system. He also became a director of the Zion's Benefit Building Society, director of the State Bank of Utah, and the director of the Deseret National Bank. He served as a member of the Boards of Regents of the University of Deseret (forerunner to the University of Utah) and was a member of the Salt Lake City Council. In addition, Carlson was a member of the High Council of the Salt Lake Stake of the LDS Church, and was a counselor to two bishops of the LDS 19<sup>th</sup> Ward. He translated the Book of Mormon into Swedish and traveled to his



home country with his wife almost yearly. As noted by Capitol Hill historian Hermoine Jex, "he was a man that people greatly loved, and he had the kind of a disposition that made no enemies. He was known as a peacemaker, and cared for all people."

Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, less is recorded about the life of Mary Priscilla Carlson. An English convert to the LDS Church, Mary Priscilla may have met her husband in Liverpool, where he was serving as an emigration agent. A 1978 oral history by Alpha Johnson, a long-time neighbor, noted that the Carlson's garden was large and elaborate and tended by Mary Priscilla. The history also notes that Johnson's mother would often visit Mary Priscilla to keep her company on August's meeting nights.

Throughout their obviously busy lives, the Carlsons remained in their house on Quince Street. They had no children. On a visit to Santa Barbara in 1911, August had a heart attack on a hotel veranda and died shortly thereafter. Hermoine Jex notes that "his death was very difficult for Mary Priscilla to adjust to, and she lived alone for 21 years in the same home he had built for her as a bride."

Mary Priscilla died in 1933. Clifford Johnson, a member of the Johnson family that were longtime neighbors of the Carlson, purchased the house in 1935. Johnson lived in the house until the 1970s. Late in his life he was in ill health, and wasn't able to maintain the property. He also took to not throwing anything away. Eventually, the house was filled to the rafters with stuff, with only narrow paths allowing passage between rooms.

The house was renovated in the 1970s and now is one of the showplace historic buildings along Quince Street. A new, compatible rear addition provides more living spaces for the house's current owners. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Salt Lake City Register of Cultural Resources as part of the Capitol Hill Historic District.



**VOLUNTEER SERVICE & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES**

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters** needs volunteers for school based or community based mentoring program. Requires a one year commitment. School based requires one hour per week at lunchtime or after school. Community based is 2-4 times per month. Contact Melanie Albrecht, 313-0303.
- **English skills Learning Center** needs volunteers to provide one to one or small group English language tutoring for adult refugees and immigrants. No experience or foreign language is necessary. 15-hour training is provided. Six month commitment required to tutor for 1-1 1/2 hours, twice a week. Assignments available throughout Salt Lake County. Flexible schedules. Training offered every 2-3 months. Contact Barbara Fish, 328-5608, [www.eslcenter.org](http://www.eslcenter.org).
- **LDS 19th Ward Clothing Exchange** Second Saturday of each month. 9:00 am to Noon, 225 W 500 North.
- **Salt Lake County Aging Services** has a variety of opportunities for volunteers to serve in the community. To see the full listing, see: <http://www.slcoagingservices.org/volunteerPrograms/voluntee.html> or call 468-2454 for more information.
- **Volunteers of America** needs volunteers to assist with variety of projects. Hours per week: 1-1 1/2. Contact Marcus Perry at 363-9414 Ext 108. Projects include: arts & crafts, preparing food packets and hygiene kits, preparing dinner for homeless youth, yard clean up and maintenance.
- **Washington Elementary needs you!** We are seeking applicants for the following part time positions: Kindergarten Assistant, PE Assistant, Art Instructor, and Attendance Secretary. If you are interested in working in a challenging and rewarding environment, close to home, with people who are committed to making a difference for children, please contact Principal Joann Price at 578-8140 or email [joann.price@slc.k12.ut.us](mailto:joann.price@slc.k12.ut.us). We are also in need of volunteers.
- **YWCA SLC** needs energetic and loving volunteers to play with and hold babies in Lolie Eccles Child Care Center. Volunteers will help where needed. Hours per week vary, 2 training hours required. Contact Jan Smith, 537-8601, [www.ywca.com](http://www.ywca.com).

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### Meet Mayoral Candidate Ralph Becker

It's been quite an adventure running for mayor of Salt Lake City. I am so appreciative of the wonderful response I've received from my friends on Capitol Hill, where it has been a pleasure representing you in the Legislature. And the big win in the primary election, spurred by my home neighborhoods of Capitol Hill and the Avenues, reinforces my confidence that if I do my best to serve you and look out for the public interest, success is possible in the crazy world of electoral politics.

So, what has it been like? Invigorating, challenging, an education – a few of the words that come to mind. From the beginning, I knew that a long campaign of more than one year would require my full dedication and ability to pace myself. My days often started before 5 a.m. and ended after 8 p.m. I tried to maintain my minimum sleep requirements (6 hours) I'd learned from years of legislative sessions. But no matter what, there were two absolutes every day: walk door-to-door and call folks for support and money.

I hired the best people I could find for my campaign staff, and we were fortunate to have an incredibly bright,

energetic, and dedicated staff that became a smooth-operating machine as the campaign unfolded. I was able to be the candidate and turn over the daily operations to capable folks. And my volunteer support often drove me to tears of gratitude. One prominent example: on primary election day, we had 120 volunteers to help us get our identified supporters to the polls. From Capitol Hill, I want to particularly acknowledge your Chair, Polly Hart, who worked day after day, making lawn signs, walking door-to-door, talking to friends and neighbors, providing financial support, keeping me informed about what she was hearing, and providing sustenance for a sometimes weary staff.

So, now we are on to the General Election on November 6. I ask you to stay involved. It scares me when I hear some folks presuming success. I will need twice as many votes as I received in the primary to win. So, I ask you to please stay tuned, keep letting me know what is on your mind, and engage in our city's future.

We live in a wonderful neighborhood, Utah's first neighborhood. I want to make sure we preserve our precious heritage, our spirit of community, and move forward to become a Great American City. (For more information, please see [www.ralphbecker.com](http://www.ralphbecker.com))

### COMMUNITY EVENTS


#### October


- 20 Last Farmers' Market
- 21 Last People's Market
- 22-27 Book Festival, Main Library
- 27 Monster Block Party at Gallivan Center, 3-6pm

#### November

- 4 Daylight Savings Ends
- 6 General Election

- Broadway Center Theatre: [www.saltlakefilmsociety.org](http://www.saltlakefilmsociety.org)
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