

The Bulletin

CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Live from Washington, DC!

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In the weeks since the Inauguration of President Barack Obama there has been a lot of talk about his acceptance speech. Many claim it was rather tame and uninspiring, lacking the “nothing to fear but fear itself” and the “ask not what your country can do for you” of speeches past. My experience of his speech while standing on the frozen Capitol grounds of Washington DC, was that his purposeful departure from emotional, crowd inspiring rhetoric to more subdued and solemn language displayed Obama’s commitment to his position. He seemed to understand and embrace the responsibilities and challenges ahead of him. I found it to be a refreshing departure from the casual smarminess of the Dubya era. The crowd that Tuesday morning that used to chant, “Yes we can!” was compelled to chant instead “O-BAM-A, O-BAM-A”. We chose him because we believe he can. It was clear to me, though, as I looked around at the sea of hopeful and proud faces (about 3

million faces) that there is hope. Now for the hard part — doing the things he promised during his campaign. The economic slump has affected us in Utah. People in our neighborhood have begun to feel the crunch — homes are going into foreclosure, workers are getting laid off, and there is more and more competition for fewer jobs. Tuition has gone up, and banks aren’t lending like they used to. During the election, I saw Obama signs in yards and windows all over our neighborhood. Capitol Hill and Marmalade neighborhoods tend to vote Democratic, and we are all holding our breath and looking to our new President to bring about that change he so eloquently ensured us he would.

But I have hope. I have hope that Obama’s call for political transparency in Washington will reach our Capitol here in Utah and that our political leaders will represent our interests in an honest, ethical manner.

I have hope that a country that elected a black president can transcend ALL prejudices. I hope that we can extend the rights of everyone regardless of physical appearance to everyone regardless of sexual preference. I hope that we can live by the creed that ALL men(/women) are created equal and have certain inalienable rights...including the right to marriage.

I have hope that we as a people, and as a community here in our Capitol Hill neighborhood, can follow President Obama’s call for personal responsibility. The only way to see change is to be that change. Each one of us can actively

take responsibility for our roles in the economic and environmental crises and become more conscious of what we use, consume, or waste. We can work to become part of the solution, not the problem. And that is exactly what I intend to do.

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Three Cheers for the Friendly Neighborhood Pub

by Luke Garrott, SLC Council, District 4
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Can you feel the good cheer? Alcohol reform is coming to Salt Lake City.

From the top of the political pyramid on down, multiple forces are at work. At **see page 2**



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LAUREN MUELLER LISTS FIVE ROMANTIC RESTAURANT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOU AND YOUR'S THIS VALENTINE'S DAY:

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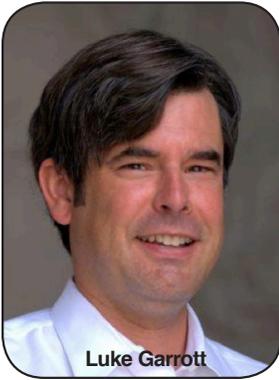
CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS
Wednesday, February 18, 2009
State Capitol Senate Cafeteria

6:00pm Mobile Watch Meeting

6:30pm Neighborhood Council Meeting
Welcome by Chair, Polly Hart

- 6:35 Police Report, Brian Wahlin
- 6:45 Mobile Watch Report, Robert King
- 6:55 Mayor's Office Report, Joyce Valdez
- 7:05 Elected Officials Reports
- 7:30 Vote on 527/575 North 300 W request for conditional use for Utah Power boxes
- 7:40 Presentation on zoning change request at 121 North 300 W (Howard Johnsons)
- 8:15 Request for zoning change and minor subdivision at 240 West N. Temple (City Creek Inn)
- 8:30 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING:
MARCH 18, 2008, 6:30 P.M.



Luke Garrett

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researching the creation of a hospitality district.

At City Hall, Mayor Ralph Becker says he intends to lead a

comprehensive overhaul of the city's licensing and zoning of establishments that serve alcohol. And the City Council this month is hearing a proposal from a citizen who wants a zoning change to allow his beer bar (a "tavern" in Utah legal parlance) to become a "private club."

My vision for a neighborhood-based city is one of microcosms. In order to be "walkable," urban neighborhoods need to offer all kinds of services. In a survey commissioned by the City Council last summer, 87 percent of city residents want businesses within walking distance of

their home.

I have two pleas: one for the neighborhood and one for downtown.

Andy's Place, a "tavern" at the corner of 500 East and 300 South, wants to become a Class D private club. Under Utah law, this would allow it to serve hard liquor. This busy downtown neighborhood is zoned residential-mixed use (R-MU), a category meant to "allow integration of medium-density residential and small-business uses at ground floor levels."

Andy's is a small neighborhood bar limited to 47 customers.

This area should have a neighborhood pub. We don't want a "private club" — the more public, the better. As in the 9th & 9th neighborhood or commercial corners in the Avenues, such businesses can become assets to neighborhoods, providing a place for residents to meet and relax. The "Cheers"-like establishment is a space for community-building.

We weaken our neighborhoods by not allowing pubs to thrive, and endanger the public by making people drive out of their neighborhood to get a drink.

Notice I wrote "can become assets." There is no question pubs need to be harmoniously integrated. The city is taking this seriously and is highly sensitive to many issues — noise, safety,

hours, cleanliness, size, parking. Pubs must also be scaled appropriately to their surroundings. A destination-type establishment like Port O' Call or a dance club would clearly not fit in Andy's neighborhood.

My second plea is to drop the idea of a downtown hospitality district. How will it not feel contrived? Which blocks would be included within its eight-or-so square blocks? Why will one area be favored and another be denied preferential treatment?

Our downtown sprawls, and the existing nodes of nightlife need to be nurtured, not starved. Fledgling signs of life exist — on Main, Broadway, State, at the Gateway and soon City Creek — and their theaters, shops, eateries and bars all need neighbors to survive.

Instead of further contorting the market for these services by creating a hospitality district, downtown nightlife should grow organically. Let's lift the two-bar-per-block limit in the entire downtown business district, allowing it to become a healthy and diverse urban ecosystem. Downtown can be a safe and dynamic magnet for all — tourists and Utah residents alike.

If approved to become a "private club," Andy's would still be just a neighborhood bar. It would, however, improve its services and increase profits, allowing the owner to reinvest in the property. If we lift our location restrictions on nightlife establishments, our downtown would be more likely to stave off urban decay, increasing all kinds of investment in the

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Mobile Watch Couple "Citizens of the Month"

by Brian Wahlin

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SLCPD, Community Intelligence Unit

On Tuesday, November 11, 2008, the Salt Lake City Police Department activated its Mobile Watch volunteers to help search for an elderly woman with dementia who had wandered away from her home in the Avenues. Time was of the essence as temperatures were falling into the 30s and "Judy" was not dressed properly.

Mike and Susan Smith were new Sugar House Mobile Watch recruits, out on their first solo ride. The husband-and-wife couple met with officers and other volunteers at an Avenues church at 7 p.m.,

by which time Judy had been missing for six hours.

Once briefed, the Smiths began searching in a grid system, methodically going up and down streets in an ever-widening pattern. They were using their own car, marked with Mobile Watch signs, and staying in touch with the search team with a hand-held police radio.

While officers concentrated their efforts in the immediate area, the Smiths headed south. The woman they were looking for had wandered away from home before, ending up near Liberty Park.

As the Smiths approached 500 South and 900 East, they observed an elderly lady walking across the street in what appeared to be a confused state. Based on the description provided at the briefing, especially clothing, they were confident they'd found Judy. She was cold and shivering, but lucid enough to identify herself and otherwise all right.

The Smiths placed Judy in their car to warm up and called officers, who reunited the woman with her family. It was an unexpected ending to the Smith's first solo patrol.

"The day that we went on this search, we were offered a ride with another team. We said no, because we would be one more car and two more pairs of eyes on the streets," said Susan. "Even if it hadn't been ourselves finding her, the [Mobile Watch] search proved again the value to having extra eyes and ears on the streets."



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February 16th, President's Day

February 24th, Mardi Gras

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginning March 1, 2009, the grace period will end and you must use the new 10-digit dialing procedure for all local calls. On this date, if you do not dial all 10-digits, your call will not be completed, and a recording will instruct you to hang up and dial again. Additionally, new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers with the new 385 area code at this time.

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**The Polls Have Closed!
New Year's Resolutions
for Capitol Hill**

by John Boyack

The input was little at best, but thanks to those who participated in naming resolutions they'd like to see take place in our wonderful neighborhood, or in their own lives this year.

Here, now, are the Top 5 neighborhood resolutions for Capitol Hill in 2009 from none other than you, The Reader:

1. Improve safety for pedestrians, especially at the corner of 5th North and Columbus and improve the trail that drops down into Memory Grove at about 450 North and East Capitol Blvd – Kathryn Roach

If you can get a car to stop for you they run the risk of being rear-ended. There are never flags there and not even a flag cup anymore on the northeast corner. Part of the Memory Grove trail has washed away, and dead trees could be removed too. The Editor would like add 400 North and 300 West to that recommendation.

2. More neighborhood coffee shops, particularly ones that sell copies of The New York Times! – Hilary Cline

(The Editor contacted the owner at Café Marmalade www.marmaladeslc.com, and will begin selling it at her place on 300 West shortly, I'm assured.)

3. Meditate ½ Hour every day – Joan

DeGiorgio

"Maybe publishing it will help make it happen!"

4. More dog owner waste responsibility! – regrettably, The Editor

Just because it's not your yard, doesn't mean your neighbor wishes to step in your dog's waste, or wants it to help their yard grow. Please carry trash bags, and keep the neighborhood clean and walker friendly in 2009!

5. Watch out for your neighbor – Matt Aune

Too often residents of Capitol Hill are victims to senseless crimes — broken car windows, pet snatching, house break-ins and hate crimes we're all happening in our neighborhood in 2008. Let's keep an eye out for one another, and incorporate a zero-tolerance for senseless crimes on Capitol Hill. Our neighbors on Wall Street, Skip and Art, are two shining examples of looking out for those around you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Visual Art Institute Student Work
Mondays-Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturdays until noon

The Loge Gallery at Pioneer Theatre Company presents Visual Art Institute Student Work during the run of the play Romeo & Juliet. The gallery is located on the second level of the Simmons Pioneer Memorial Theatre.

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Pioneer Theatre Company
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The Tabernacle Choir's Thursday evening rehearsals will be open to the public.

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