

The Bulletin

CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

If you walk City Creek very often, you may have already noticed this stubborn little tree, which simply refuses to shed its leaves. Then again, if you walk often, it may have completely passed you by. But after this morning's first major snowfall, its 'attitude' can hardly be kept a secret. Just south of the Social Hall Building, maybe 100 yards or so, this defiant tree chooses to 'think out of the box', to 'march to the beat of a different drummer', to 'stand its ground and send a message', or just be 'different' than everybody else. Maybe it's just 'a freak of nature'. Whatever the reason, it reminded me how grateful

I was for variety. Many years ago I heard a statement; "If two people think exactly the same, one of them isn't needed."

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*Happy
Holidays!*

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This morning, walking with my sweetheart up City Creek I had a real epiphany as I understood that without this tree, I would have never stopped to comment on its uniqueness, let alone taken a picture. What fun conversations we've had over it. What curiosity it has created. By defying nature, it's made us ask questions about "why it behaves so?" What an important and challenging part of life; finding the answers to those things that don't quite follow the norms of culture and society.

How such dialogue can create burdens for so many. How it can be elevating and emancipating for others. This little tree in our beloved Memory Grove has really made me think.

Well, perhaps only Larry Sager knows why, or God, but I'm glad this little tree in our beautiful City Creek has chosen to 'go against the flow' and challenge the status quo as it creates an infinitely more interesting world than had it simply decided to 'not rock the boat' and shed its leaves.

Thanks to Vince Barborka and Michelle Manwaring for sending in this photo and commentary. The photo is far more striking in color. You can see it in our online version of *The Bulletin* at http://chnc-slc.org/chnc/The_Bulletin/The_Bulletin.html.



It is well remembered among the old-timers on Capitol Hill that certain streets would be designated as sledding venues for the kids during the winter. Here's evidence of those happy times. This photo was probably taken at the corner of 500 North and Center Street looking east. The trolley tracks visible in the foreground ran down Center Street in those days and at the top of 500 N. was a large hill on the east side of Wall Street. Condominiums now occupy that steep, once-vacant lot, but in an earlier era it would have been a terrific place from which to launch a sled speeding down 500 N.



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**Capitol Hill Neighborhood
Council Meeting
November 17, 2010
by Dean Larsen**

We had the privilege of having Mayor Ralph Becker attend this council meeting.

He talked about his regular visits to our council while serving in the legislature and then opened the time for questions from those in attendance. The first Q & A was a discussion of the planned Northwest Sports Complex. The land is currently owned by the state, but will be controlled by Salt Lake City. Funding will come from the voter approved bond and 7.3 million of promised additional funds from the Real Salt Lake soccer franchise. The site will initially have 16 competition soccer fields. Other venues will be added later.

Also discussed were 1) plans to improve the "ugly" Beck Street entrance to the City, 2) plans to limit the future expansion of the numerous area gravel operations and 3) ideas regarding the traffic problems on 600 North.

Annual elections were held for CHNC and in the only contested election Katherine Gardner was chosen

as Chairman. Others elected were Dean Larsen and Sam Peterson, Vice Chairmen, Rosann Greenway, Sec./Treasurer, Angela Hulleberg, Historian and Victoria Collard, Nephi Kemmethmueller and Erlinda Davis as Trustees.

The Council then conducted a "Straw Vote" to support Hanson's Service at the corner of 200 West and 200 North in their effort to sell their property for business and/or professional use. There was basically a unanimous vote to support Hanson's in their effort to sell and improve this property.

SLPD Detective Tony Brereton discussed a domestic violence matter in our neighborhood and confirmed that three cars were recently stolen from the 600 North area. Our Senator, Ben McAdams, reported on new legislation he is considering to address securities fraud in our state. Stan Penfold talked about a proposed panhandling ordinance he and the city council are considering and reported the North Temple viaduct construction is ahead of schedule and that the RDA 300 West 500 North property should soon be ready for resale to a prospective developer.

UDOT representatives advised that they would be at the January 2011 CHNC meeting to discuss proposals for the intersections at 500 North and Columbus St. and 300 North and State Street. If you incur problems on a State highway you can call 801-887-3700 and actually talk

to an operator at the State traffic control center about the situation.

The library committee reported on six possible sites for the proposed Marmalade Library and is asking for community input. Sites range from the Warm Springs building at 900 North to the Salt Lake School Board property south of West High. Proposals have not yet been presented to the City Council nor are funds yet available.

**Thoughts from the Chair
by Katherine Gardner**

Thanks to those of you who voted for me to continue as Chairman of CHNC for another year. This has been an interesting year and I have learned a lot. I am looking forward to 2011. Special thanks to Georg Stutzenberger and his supporters. He serves our area generously in the Neighborhood Watch.

I have appreciated all of the help of our officers, the Bulletin staff, those
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**CAPITOL HILL NEIGHBORHOOD
COUNCIL MEETING**
Wednesday, January 19, 2010
State Capitol Senate Building
Copper Room

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who attend Wednesday meetings, and those who choose to communicate their pleasure/displeasure privately. Our accomplishments would be nil without you.

Those old orange leaf bags are gone forever now we have the nifty brown cans to complete the set with the blue and green. I know three cans take a lot of room in the garage or the yard, or wherever you try to put them. At my house I have bags of leaves covered with snow. There was not room for all the leaves in the brown can last week (and probably no room this week or next). I realize I cannot put the bags in the cans; I will shake the snow off, split the bags and dump the leaves in the brown can.

With the demise of the orange bags comes winter, often with snow. Residents are responsible for cleaning the sidewalks within 24 hours. The fines have increased considerably, so keep your shovels and machines handy. In fact, it would be a beautiful and typical Capitol Hill Neighborhood gesture if you would help your neighbors clean their walks.

Some of you may still remember Brady Young, the ranger who was shot near Moab. Brady and his wife managed an apartment in the neighborhood before moving to Moab. Those who knew the good couple wish him a speedy recovery.

A big shout out for the 10th Circuit Court for their decision establishing that Utah can now ban foreign waste.

I hope you had a delicious Thanksgiving. Mark your calendar now for our CHNC

meeting on January 19th at 6:30 p.m. We're going to determine which of our concerns we're going to work on for 2011, and we'd appreciate your input. Meantime, have a pleasant December. We're surrounded by many celebrations — the choice is yours. So have a happy Hanukah, a merry Christmas, and a joyous Kwanza.

On Christmas Eve we are having our annual neighborhood Christmas sing-along. It adds to the season to participate and joyfully sing songs you've heard all your life, with your neighbors. So please join us or take part in one of the other several holiday events in the city.

**CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE:**

A non-denomination sing-along featuring the Hillcrest Carillon Bell Choir. 5:00pm - 5:45pm Christmas Eve @ the Capitol Hill 1st Ward, 413 N W Capitol St.

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