

**Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council
Regular Meeting
Marmalade Library, Multipurpose Room, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 19, 2017**

TOPICS IN SUMMARY

Welcome and Review of March 2017 Minutes. Fire Station #2 on not burning yard waste. Claude Brandt on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. SLCPD Detective Andrew Pedersen on traffic during marathon, preventing car prowls near arena, crime statistics. Rebecca Chavez-Houck sends regrets, not present. Paul Hanks on the Ensign Peak Trailhead cleanup. Lani Eggertsen-Goff and Salt Lake City Corporation on East Capitol Boulevard repaving project. Bob Springmeyer on Bishop Place. Advocacy Committee Chair David Scheer on Bishop Place and Marmalade Library Block project. Nate Salazar on Homeless Resource Centers, response to council questions regarding urban deer and raccoons, and complaints that Artic Court project east of Marmalade Library has blocked parking for residents of The Villa. Peter Bromburg, Salt Lake City Public Library Executive Director, on budget requests to maintain library buildings and possibly to erase fines. Stan Penfold on the budget process and public information meetings, upcoming construction, and announcement that he will not be running for Salt Lake City Council next term. Candidates for Stan's District 3 seat on Council, Chris Wharton and Laura Cushman, brief introductions. CHNC Communications Committee Chair Laura Arellano on email announcements, those not receiving them, the problem is being investigated. Mention of upcoming community events. Dates of upcoming CHNC Meetings.

MINUTES

Welcome & Announcements: Laura Arellano

Recognition of volunteer Neighborhood Council donates time. All committees looking for committee members, please join us.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Review of March 2017 Minutes

Changes: page 5, Jeremy Peterson's bill = get HB number so we know in future what that is about.

Motion to Approve: Yes

Seconded: Yes

APPROVED

Reports from City, Legislature, Other Guests

Fire Station 2:

As you do spring cleaning, keep grasses away from home. Make sure you have an easy way in and out. Minimize clutter. Clean up leaves - reminder, you cannot burn yard waste. Please don't burn it and get the fire station called. Need more info? Slcfire.com, 801-799fire – can put you in touch with any station.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Claude Brandt

CWPP Committee is designing a plan, mandated by state law, to minimize possibility of wildfire spreading in community. Will give a proposal to board regarding how as a board they can commit to mitigation. Critical part of preventing wildfire in community: create a 5 foot clearing around house. They will present plan to board, board will present to us (CHNC).

Salt Lake City Police Department: Detective Andrew Pedersen

Any concerns to bring back to Detective Gibic to follow up on? None.

Events:

This Saturday morning is the marathon. It will affect us. It is recommended to park car outside the run area.

Q: How long does marathon last?

A: Until it's done. (Some discussion about the walkers being out of the city area and moved to sidewalk within certain amount of time)

Council comment: On the website you can see times of starts, and estimated times of how long places will be shut down. Estimated to end at 6:00 PM downtown.

Council comment: Marathon starts at 7:00 am so 6 hours later.

Council: Route doesn't seem to effect Capitol Hill too much this year. Runners start at 7:00 am.

Website: Saltlakecitymarathon.com.

Saturday night, the March for Science: 110 North State Street. City Creek.

Sunday, Jazz game against Clippers. During all Jazz games there are lots of car prowls. This year, city allocated funds to have extra officers to prevent that. The operation starts at 4:00 pm and goes until end of game.

Crime Stats:

Part 1 Crime: Homicide, serious crimes where people are a victim, likely to be reported nationally.

Part 2 Crime: shoplifting, vandalism, DUI, etc.

Part 1 crimes are up from last year.

Q: What went up?

A: Motor vehicle thefts, traffic accidents, and "other" category. Lots of cars are being recovered in Rose Park.

Council comment (inaudible): Minta Brandon

Council comment: Watch for suspicious people walking around, casing area. Look out for suspicious activity.

Q: How is the “box stolen off porch” category going?

A: That is general theft. Especially around holidays was big.

Q: Traffic control on East Capitol Boulevard, speeding. Who do we report to?

A: Report it on Speedwatch, make a request online and motorcycle cops will respond.

Q: Speed bumps signs – how to ask for them?

A: Have to go to the Mayor’s office – streets. Nate Salazar may be good contact for that, too.

Legislative Update:

Rebecca Chavez-Houck sends regrets, not able to be here.

Ensign Peak Trail Cleanup: Paul Hanks

Saturday April 22, something we do each spring. City provides tools and plants, we provide labor. Starts at 8:30 AM. There will be refreshments.

East Capitol Boulevard Re-Paving: Lani Eggertsen-Goff accompanied by Cris Jones, Becka Roof, David Jones.

Distribution of handouts regarding the repaving. Cris works in Transportation Division, can provide info about the speed bumps (council question raised earlier).

Becka Rolf is Bicycle Coordinator. Lani is with Engineering Division.

Many are familiar with this project area. Project will start by mid-June. Project is limited to roadway improvement. Parts previously repaved will be preserved, old parts will get new overlay. Once whole road is in good shape, lines and lanes will be put in. If you have questions, there is a list left on back table. Project is really just about the roadway, bike lanes, new right- turn lane at turn onto 5th north. Have met with a couple of neighborhood council members who have special requests. Can consider them.

Hopefully contractor will start in June, project should last 60 days. Hope to maintain 2 lanes of traffic during work.

Jeremy Mitchell – Construction. He will put out a notice and we can ask him any questions we may have.

David Jones: prior to construction there will be a “meet the contractor” meeting.

Q: (regarding variations to plans council member references)

A: There are some variations. If we want more detail about each section, the engineering drawings will be available.

Q: Does it involve sidewalks?

A: Not any new sidewalks.

Q: Hazardous without sidewalks.

A: Won’t be part of this project.

Q: When will neighborhood cleanup be?

A: Undetermined

Q: Would be good to have the cleanup prior to construction.

A: Agreed. Will propose that.

Q: City has assured us the striping will not negatively impact any other projects.

A: Does not *preclude* other improvements on that street.

Q: One safety issue without sidewalk is with bike lane. Will there be a bike lane full length?

A: Yes. The bike lane is not for pedestrian use. People tend to walk in the bike lane when there is no sidewalk – so bike lane will help with safety.

Q: Will there be 24 hour parking?

A: Yes, except for a little stretch (at bottom?)

Q: This will only impact during legislative session.

Q: Can we see plan of striping?

A: Yes, it is part of the report. This info will be provided.

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Bishop Place: Bob Springmeyer

Owner of property is Don Armstrong, who lives in Park City Utah. Tomorrow night, (March 16, 2017) Historic Landmarks Commission will hear from Don Armstrong regarding demolition. What is significant and consistent: recommending denial of request to demolish. The next step in process is to make an appeal for economic hardship. Has to take place within 80 days. They set up a brand new body of probably 3 people, the owner nominates 1, historic landmarks nominates 1, all these people need background in redevelopment. These 2 people meet and choose a 3rd person. If they can't choose, Mayor's office chooses 3rd person. This group then makes decision regarding economic hardship and issuing demolition permit.

Q: What is definition of economic hardship?

A: Anyone from staff to help?

Council comment: there are a number of criteria, and it has to meet multiple parts. (Polly Hart)

A: Bob Springmeyer summarizes the list.

Q: How long has don Armstrong owned it?

A: Several years

Q: what has been done with it

A: Mostly sitting vacant.

Q: What are owner's plans

A: Develop housing

Q: What kind of structures

A: Residential. Single family residential. Mostly single family detached. Maybe a twin home. Speculating on some of info that has been shared.

Q: If Don Armstrong does get permission to demolish, what

A: Homes seen so far would be craftsman style.

Q: Why hasn't he done something with them yet – restoring?

A: Bought with intention to restore, then found it's a bigger project.

Council comment: What owner has done there since buying has decreased value.

Council comment: Displeasure that nothing was done to repair yet is asking for economic hardship

Q: Is he not considering saving the 2 more modern buildings that the council suggested?

A: From conversation 1.5 hours ago – might be a compromise he would consider.

After the open house, Bob Springmeyer strongly recommended it.

Council comment: Our (CHNC) Advocacy Committee did meet with Bob, and did write a letter to Bob with recommendation, it is on the CHNC website.

A: That letter is included on the report to the Historic Landmarks Commission, too.

Advocacy Committee Update: David Scheer

Spoke with Anthony Riederer, City official spearheading both Bishop Place and Library Block.

Clearwater has all the approvals they need to proceed. There is nothing formal that we can do. Did mention to Anthony that our remarks were not included, relied on developer but probably not sufficient grounds to re-open. Concern that the live/work units on the ground floor are very shallow, will not find tenants, will not be economically viable. Anthony Riederer will speak to the developers to see if they will be amenable to meeting with us to hear our concerns.

Q: Any changes on parking?

A: Currently just 1 space per unit.

Q: Reviewed our minutes, in December 2016 they said 1.5 spaces per unit. Also mentioned that street parking would be provided – but doesn't add up. Made a lot of changes since presenting to us. (Barbara George)

Q: How many units?

Council comment: 275 units. And it's 75 feet – 5 stories.

Council comment: We were told that people (living there) would only ride bicycles.

Q: (Asked of David Scheer) Why would these apartments not be economically viable?

A: Referred only to the live/work spaces.

SLC Mayor's Office Update: Nate Salazar, Community Liaison

Not a lot of updates, the main topic is homeless issue.

Biggest update: secured ownership of (Homeless Resource Center) site, have an RFP out for an architect. Once finalized, City will move quickly to get the High Avenues site developed. There will be a public comment opportunity in City Council probably in May, and will include town halls events, etc.

Q: Resident of Center Street. We have an urban deer problem. Called City but City redirected to someone else. Why don't we have an urban deer plan? It's just a matter of time until there is a serious automobile-deer incident.

A: No answer right now, but the conversation is happening. Other communities have brought it up.

Q: is there someone to contact to let know this is an ongoing project/problem.

A: Nate Salazar and Open Spaces Department. Stephanie Gliot (Administrative Assistant, Salt Lake City Corporation) is the contact.

Q: Is there a raccoon department?

A: No, there is no raccoon department.

Q: The (construction on the) townhouses east of the library has blocked the street (Arctic Court). (For residents of) The Villa, mostly elderly people, parking has been taken. They have been told to park elsewhere.

A: Arctic Court is a private road, the City doesn't enforce it.

Q: Who would we talk to about that?

A: It's true it is a private street but City may be able to talk to contractor, talk with RDA and Mayor's office. Nate can contact David Jones and they can work it together.

Q: Cannot cause hardship to neighborhood.

A: Understood.

Council comment: (The Villa) is a 108 unit apartment complex. You have to be mobility impaired to live there and their parking was completely cut off.

A: Can call fire department. Fire department would have trouble accessing it.

A: Reiteration that Nate Salazar and David Jones will investigate.

Other news, budget season is wrapping up.

Contact:

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Peter Bromburg, Executive Director of Salt Lake City Public Library

About the budget – going for increase in operational funds, first time since 2004. What's driving that \$3.9 million request? First driver of budget request: two new libraries, Marmalade and Glendale. The plan was to build and get them running, then give estimate of operational costs. Glendale alone needs 1.5 million dollars. Has been director 7 months, looked at 8 libraries but saw no maintenance plan. Were not previously budgeting for that. Will request \$1.5 million to maintain these buildings. Facilities Condition Assessment – going through each building, seeing where they are on life cycle to prioritize what the needs are. Doubling down on commitment to providing safe, clean environment in each building. New head of facilities, new head of security, custodial staff. Tax impact for average homeowner stated. Also hoping in this budget to eliminate fines. Theory behind fines is that you need to exact fees to get the books back. But that isn't the issue. What it actually does is acts as a barrier to using the library. Erase fines, people come back to the library. Plus, electronic materials don't have fees, and there is more use of those. Values and mission based – library is about creating access.

Q: Will this allow library to be open on Sundays.

A: Some locations are open Sundays. This budget has nothing to do with operating hours. There will be a lot of community outreach – we will have opportunity to recommend changes.

Q: Council member loves the Marmalade library. Totally fine with raising taxes. Have you considered expanding hours on Sundays.

A: Let's defer that to the community outreach project.

Q: Process starts with school being out of session, how will school hours impact library hours?

A: Will look into it at strategic planning meeting.

Q: Any stats about this library compared to other libraries?

A: Does not have specific statistics. Short simple answer is that this library (Marmalade) is heavily used compared to other libraries.

Mimi Charles thanks us for being here.

Council comment: One recommendation is for better parking.

City Council Update: Stan Penfold

Going into budget process May 2nd. Has looked at budget for airport, public utilities and library. Will send out a notice. Scheduling public info meetings. First week of August – hearing. Will know more about the budget on May 3rd, day after Mayor presents budget. Any property tax increase requires Truth in Taxation hearing – usually first week of August – there will be opportunity to speak specifically to proposed tax increases.

Construction starting up – we will be seeing orange cones. Projects on 4th West in particular.

The Marathon is this weekend. Get out and cheer, we are at the front part of the marathon. Expect some inconvenient traffic Saturday morning. Planning to go south?

Q: Heard anything about construction on West Capitol?

A: Will follow up on that next time.

Q: Several months ago, asked about parking at library.

A: There needs to do some shared parking for the retail spaces.

Q: Parking structure is where?

A: In back of development. There won't be any surface parking. Comes up to 40 feet from library.

Stan Penfold will not be running for SLC Council again. Has been a great experience, great joy in life to represent District 3. Especially loves diversity of District 3. Has been so exciting to see all changes in last 7 years.

Candidates for Stan's seat on SLC Council:

Chris Warton: thanks to Stan for his 7 years of service. 6th generation SL resident. Attorney – civil rights practice downtown. Born in the district, currently lives in Aves. Issues: doing a listening tour of community councils and groups to hear thoughts and impressions. Affordable housing, housing diversity, housing equity. Historic Preservation = huge issue. Wants to retrofit as many old buildings as possible. Safe neighborhoods are an issue – hoping for community policing funds

and engaging neighbors to keep an eye out for suspicious individuals. Passionate about arts and culture, SL is a hub for that in the region, up to local communities to keep them alive.

Laura Arellano: we will have a candidate night when we get to know (these candidates) better.

Laura Cushman: lives in Avenues, roots in Midwest but chose to move to Salt Lake City. On Board of Directors at JCC. Issues: Infrastructure improvements, increase bus/walk communities. Promote clean air and decrease waste. Open green spaces hugely important. Need to organize and update green spaces in our district. Neighborhood policing and community outreach – need city-wide collaboration. Address homelessness and mental health issues. Make District 3 a district for everyone.

Communication Committee update: Laura Arellano

Who gets email updates? Not many.

Who signed up for them but doesn't get them? Lots.

Laura (CHNC Board Chair and Communication Committee Chair) and Andrea (CHNC Secretary) will audit the email system to get people signed up.

Council comment: CHNC website is new – check it out.

Council comment: Free seminar, Tuesday (April 25th) at 6:00 PM - Financial Advisor, here at the Marmalade library. Is advertised downstairs.

Next CHNC Board of Directors Meeting:

Monday, May 1st, 2017

Hermoine Jex Conference Room, Marmalade Library

6:30 PM

Next CHNC Regular Meeting:

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Multipurpose Room, Marmalade Library

6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn: Yes

Seconded: Yes

Adjourned: 8:05 PM

