

**Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council
Regular Meeting
Marmalade Library, Multipurpose Room, 6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

TOPICS IN SUMMARY

Welcome and Approval of April 2017 Minutes. Legislative, County and City representatives excused. Fire Station #2 on barbecue safety, proper care of oily rags, youth camps being offered, fire hydrant maintenance and lessons from the 9th West four-alarm fire. Jennifer Daily-Provost on Community Wildfire Prevention Plan, 5-foot safe zone around homes. Detective Alen Gibic on crime statistics, car thefts in particular, continuing issues at Wendell Apartments, more officers will be in watershed areas, do not leave dogs in cars, what to do if stolen bikes appear on your property, reminder to put valuable objects like lawn mowers away. Colin Quinn-Hurst of Salt Lake City Transportation Division on Salt Lake City Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan, pedestrian bridge planned for 300 North and 500 West. Council questions about changes to Temple Square traffic agreement, traffic on Main and Center Streets increasing. CHNC Treasurer and Advocacy Committee David Scheer on CHNC account balance, flaw in the City's process regarding Marmalade Block development, an upcoming amendment with Planning Commission that would require the City to receive input from the community/neighborhood for developments, update on Warm Springs Park Building use. Sylvia Nibley on an alternative, community-oriented potential use for Warm Springs Park Building. Reminder of July Fourth Pancake Breakfast in Warm Spring Park – please volunteer! Phil Sarnoff, Executive Director of Bike Utah, on the ways biking is good for Salt Lake, how to increase biking and make it safer, join Bike Utah meetings every 3rd Thursday. Council raises topic of food left in parks for homeless, best ways to help, to be discussed by CHNC board. Next CHNC Board meeting June 5. Next CHNC Regular meeting June 21.

MINUTES

Welcome & Announcements: Laura Arellano

Light agenda tonight. Board invited to stand and be recognized. These are volunteers! We appreciate.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Draft of April 2017 minutes posted on website.

Motion to Approve: Yes

Second: Yes

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

APPROVED

Reports from City, Legislature, Other Guests

Rebecca Chavez-Houck's birthday, she is not present. Stan Penfold is out of town. Nate Salazar is meeting with the Mayor, also not present. Focus will be on topics brought by those here.

Fire Station 2:

Always impressed by the turnout at our meeting. Jared, Paramedic Firefighters, Craig Weaver, Jason Davis, Dan Mortensen. Fire engine operation is four-handed – grateful for that funding. Staying busy. Reference material fliers are on back table – also can find on website and follow on social media. Message from the Fire Chief: the summer season full of barbeques, etc, please use care. Common Sense reminders: keep bbq away from house, deck, railing. Keep pets and kind 4-5 feet away. Clean those bbq grills so residue in bottom doesn't ignite. Always make sure grill is open before lighting. 8,900 home fires each year caused by bbqs.

Youth outreach programs. Camp for young women 14-18 – get to try being a firefighter for a day. Camp Prometheus for young men coming up this Saturday. Station #2 is busiest fire station in the state – 18.7 calls per day. Probably will do 7,000 calls this year.

Program with water department – identify all the fire hydrants, make sure they are operational. Involves opening just a bit, letting hydrant flow. You may see this taking place.

Q: Linseed oil on back deck, towel with oil laid on grill, grill not lit but spontaneously combusted.

A: Even vegetable oil can spontaneously combust . When done with rags, lay them out flat to dry.

Q: Is the same true for paint thinner, turpentine, mineral spirits?

A: Any time you use any oil/petroleum based substance, lay rags out flat and in open air.

Q: Was Monday fire on 9th West in your area?

A: Went up to four alarms, majority of fire departments did respond to that.

Q: Any take-home lesson from that?

A: Last month's message from chief was about hoarding.

Community Wildfire Protection Plan: Jennifer Daily-Provost

Jennifer Daily-Provost and Claude Brant have been working with Chad Doyle. Working on broad plan that accesses State funding to mitigate wildfire. CHNC can help by supporting outreach efforts, focus this year on East Capitol Boulevard due to hikers and campers. Focus will be to create defensible perimeters, clear brush, etc. . All the work you do on your home to make is safer against fire, you can log on to a Google form and our community gets credit for the effort.

Chad Doyle will be adding a flier to water bills. If you get an email from Jennifer Daily Provost, don't delete.

State of Utah will support us for free if we provide volunteer hours in support of the plan. CHNC will help publicize the efforts. CWPP is the official contract between City and State. Chad Doyle asked if we could find a demonstration property in the community. Jennifer Daily-Provost has created a demo at her home – we can go see it. Five feet around house is ignition zone – the plan is to clean up those 5-foot areas this year. Log all the work you do in support of this!

Laura will post the link on the CHNC website.

Salt Lake City Police Department: Detective Alen Gibic

#1 priority is to be availability to community.

Crime statistics are available at slpd.com

In past 28 days, 14 cars stolen in our district. That's average compared to other districts. Vehicle Burglaries – slight improvement. Residential Burglaries – 14 – up by 2. Capitol Hill and East Sugarhouse are the safest places to live in Salt Lake – our numbers are similar.

Q: Are those numbers for Avenues and Capitol Hill together?

A: Yes.

Q: Stolen cars, how many recovered?

A: Not sure, but most cars get recovered. Probably 80% of stolen cars are recovered.

Q: Is there something to put in our cars to make it more easily locate?

A: What to do to prevent car theft is to not leave your keys in the car. Other than that, old Hondas, Toyotas, Acuras can be started with a screwdriver. New vehicles are less vulnerable.

Q: But isn't there a device that makes your car traceable?

A: There is something, old technology, BoJack, you can get. Only officers can detect it though. Cars are rarely found that way.

No major crimes this last month. Continuing projects include Wendell Apartments, owned by Road Home, transitional housing. Detective Gibic will meet with them tomorrow to address issues. Similar to new resource centers city will set up.

We will start seeing bike cops in the watershed area, to prevent transients from moving there. There will be police patrols there.

Some communities have complained that their calls about speeding, etc. are not responded to. Email Detective Gibic directly and he will relay message to motor officers – his email is on CHNC website. Gibic will respond. Also, do not leave dogs in cars.

Q: Who to call for loud, reckless drivers?

A: Call dispatch about reckless drivers.

Q: Response time is 2 hours.

A: Call dispatch.

Q: Thanks to police for recovering stolen bike that had been yard-hopping for days.

A: If you find abandoned bikes, call dispatch. Every Tuesday morning, crime lab unit will come and collect them. Also, do not leave lawnmowers out. Lock things up out of sight.

Q: If you see a garage open at night, you call police and maybe not get response.

A: If you call, we will respond, but not sure how long it will take. There are not so many cops for that.

Salt Lake City Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan: Colin Quinn-Hurst, Salt Lake City Transportation Division

At 300 North and 500 West, by West High – cars often stuck waiting for trains to pass. Students coming from West side will get stuck for 30 min, some decide to climb through train cars - very dangerous. This bike and pedestrian bridge is happening at last – there is a design and now it is our turn to provide input. The right of way was a big factor in the design.

Q: (images show stairs) Will there be a ramp for bikes?

A: Funding from Union Pacific, UTA, Wasatch Front Regional Council. Money must be used by 2021. Plan is to have it in next 3-5 years. The layout has a bike-friendly elevator and wheelchairs, so it is ADA. Spiral staircase won't work. This design is exact copy of functioning bridge in Oregon. It works there, they are picking up same footprint. Open house will be next Wednesday (May 24) from 2 – 6 PM at the bridge site.

Q: Individual has seen bridges that have a channel between stair treads and cheek wall. Is that a consideration?

A: Yes. We want suggestions like that.

Q: This is one of the dreams of Hermoine Jex. Hermoine Jex was a major player in the neighborhood for 40 years, pushed us to do more in the neighborhood back when families were moving out and the area was not so desirable. Hermoine would be pleased that this project is finally happening.

Q: Will it be 24 hour access or have time limits?

A: Intended to be 24 hour access.

Q: Why will it take 3 years to get going?

A: It's all relative. Takes 3 years to get the money lined up – UTA grant is a 5 year grant, so we queue up.

Q: Which of the entities will be responsible for maintenance?

A: Salt Lake City will maintain it.

Q: What about lighting?

A: We will have an activity at the open house to discuss and explore these things. Next Wed, May 24, 2-6 PM.

Q: Another transportation question: When Main Street got blocked, there was an agreement that there would be no entrance or exit of traffic onto Main Street.

Transportation division has decided to give rights to exit directly on Main Street. The paint on the road was changed, especially on Center Street, and it has increased traffic in the neighborhood. There was agreement between LDS Church, the City, and Capitol Hill Neighborhood – and now it's changed.

A: Colin will look into it.

CHNC Committee Updates:

Advocacy Committee Update: David Scheer

David Scheer is also CHNC Treasurer. Balance of CHNC account at present: \$2,542.50

Marmalade Block Development & Amendment for Community Input:

There is a serious flaw in the City's process on the Marmalade Library Building. The staff report at Historic Landmark Committee said that there were no comments from the community. This is not the case at all. David called Nick Norris, Director of Planning for the City, sent letter to Mayor Biskupski and copied Stan Penfold and Nick Norris. David was told that the City is not required to get public input.

Pertains to a larger issue: There is an amendment being considered by the Planning Commission would require the City to get community input. **May 24, 5:30 PM at City County Building** – room unknown but can find on website. It is a Planning Commission meeting where they will discuss changes to an ordinance that would require City to get neighborhood input. All who can attend are encouraged.

Q: Any response from mayor to letter?

A: No, only sent may 6th, are following up

Q: Aside from this meeting, what can we do as residents

A: David has emailed to get a copy of the amendment, also get copy of questions the Planning Commission will ask. On this issue, the only thing to do is come to the meeting. If David does get response, we will post it to the website but the meeting is only a week away.

Q: Comment about fighting the parking issue at the library.

A: To reiterate, this meeting would require the City to ask our input.

Warm Springs Park Building

The City got two proposals – one was not responsive, one was Woodbury's apartment building idea. Historic Landmarks Commission will review this proposal tomorrow (May 18th) at 5:30 at City Hall/Salt Lake City and County Building.

As we consider proposals, please consider: the building is almost irretrievable due to water damage. We are running out of time. Woodbury proposal is far from a done deal. Very good idea to hear some other ideas.

Presentation regarding Warm Springs Park Building: Sylvia Nibley

Part of coalition of groups. Wants to share their ideas and get our ideas regarding Warm Spring Park building.

What makes a thriving community: Connections between all ages, cultures, communities of many kinds. What we already have are retail spaces and high rises. What we lack are ways to come together consistently for many reasons. Need a place that calls people to it, healing. That space has been about healing for a long time – Warm Springs. Events and nature, clean air, art, collaborative space. A place for community-led programming. Rather than top-down programming, grassroots up. This property has been problematic for the City, but mostly due to abandonment. Right now, creating a board and strategic team. Signup sheet circulating to receive info. Working with Utah Integrated Health Alliance to provide healing there.

Q: Woodbury with all their money may not even be able to do their plan. How will you make it happen?

A: Developers think about money, not about connection. Trends in the valley show that people are hungry for connection. What are the reasons we come together over and over? That's what makes it viable. And we are working on the business plan.

Q: The project the City is working on may dovetail with your plan – main space of pool is not broken. The City owns it and has the financial responsibility. One of the things we must consider are sources of money and we are not talking about trivial amounts.

A: Director of Utah Integrative Health Alliance – spoke at U of U conference. Trend of medicine is going integrative - especially important in addiction and homelessness. There is some funding because people are interested in integration. That would be part of plan.

Engagement Committee Update: Jack Winward

July Fourth Pancake Breakfast: Free Pancakes! This year the 4th is a Tuesday, at 8:30 AM. The Garage on Beck is a sponsor. We need volunteers – those interested should contact Jack. Contact info available on CHNC website.

Other Neighborhood Issues:

Executive Director of Bike Utah: Phil Sarnoff

Bike Utah, 501c3 works across state on all sorts of cycling. Encourage ridership and make conditions better for those who ride.

Why the big push toward bicycling? Safety – safe infrastructure for walking and biking. Example of NYC, increase in cyclists did not result in increase of accidents – thanks to infrastructure. Safest scenario is when cars and bikes don't mix, and when there are more cyclists. Livability – if it's safe for kids and seniors, safe for everyone in between. Bike to school, seniors who stop driving can ride. Health – what really effects health on daily basis. Obesity-related healthcare costs are huge. Air Quality –

more than half of the air issue is motor vehicle emissions. Most trips along Wasatch front are less than 3 miles – easy to bike. Connections to transit – makes transit more efficient. People on bikes are good for local economy – spend more at local businesses. Bike lanes do not kill business by knocking out parking – biking actually helps. Real estate closer to bike trails tends to be more desirable. Impact a car has on a roadway has effect of approximately 9,000 bicycles so roads last longer. Helps create jobs – building on a smaller scale creates more jobs. Cars aren't going away, but major cities are moving toward biking and walking. Salt Lake is on the brink. Induced demand: a road is built, more people use it and then it needs to grow again. 60% of cyclists (53% in Utah) would like to bike but are concerned about safety. In the Capitol Hill Neighborhood, vast majority of infrastructure will be buffered bike lanes – this is new. With growing population, we need to think about how we are going to change. Bike Utah has meeting every 3rd Thursday evening to discuss projects. Contact phil@bikeutah.org 901-440-3729.

Q: Where is Sprague Library? (mentioned in presentation above)

A: In Sugarhouse.

Q: How to get cyclists to obey traffic laws?

A: You are noticing those that break law.

Q: There are a lot that break law.

A: Cyclists and drivers actually break law at same rate. There's data on it.

Next Regular Meeting Agenda: Laura Arellano

Next Month we focus on Sustainable Energy, specifically solar.

Q: Invite someone from Historic, too, regarding putting solar on roof.

Additional Council Comments and Questions:

Q: People have been leaving food in the park for the homeless. Is there a better way to get it to them? (Georg Stutzenberger)

Q: Why not ask people to donate it to homeless shelter?

Q: The bread lady has been leaving bread out for people for 25 years – it all checks out. Rescue Mission actually calls her to come and get the stuff.

A: The CHNC Board can discuss it as a health and safety issue. (Laura Arellano)

Motion to Adjourn : Yes

Second: Yes

In Favor: All

Adjourned 8:06 PM

Next CHNC Board of Directors Meeting:

Monday, June 5th, 6:30 PM, Marmalade Library

Hermoine Jex Conference Room

Next Reg. Council Meeting:

Wednesday, June 21, 2017
6:30 PM, Marmalade Library, Multipurpose Room