

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Marmalade Library – Hermoine Jex Conference Room

Present: Laura Arellano, David Scheer, Minta Brandon, Vicky Collard, John Mitchell, Barbara George, Barbara, Don, Jack, Paul Dean, Georg Stutzenberger

Guest: Bob Brandon

Excused: Michael Measom, Polly Hart

Welcome: Laura Arellano

Secretary's Review of April Board Minutes:

Motion: Barbara

Questions about Solar Resolution

Second: John Mitchell

In favor: All

Opposed: None

APPROVED

Treasurer's Report

We spent \$10 in the last month – Laura renewed our registration with the State. Updating the contact info too – after Laura, it's the Council email.

Council Updates: Laura Arellano, Board Chair

- Next Board Meeting would fall on July 3rd

Motion (Dean Larsen) Move next Board meeting to July 10th

Second: Barbara George

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

MOTION PASSED

- Safi Safiullah won Librarian of the Year by the Utah Library Association. We will mention this at next public meeting so we can all recognize him. There was an article in the Deseret News with more info on Safi – we can look it up.

- This Thursday, Salt Lake Community network meeting – Laura will be there, Jack will try to be there. On that agenda is Stan Holmes – he took our advice and took resolution to that group.
- Our website: What content should be on our website, what should not? Discussion about taking service providers other than public utilities off the CHNC website. We need to reserve space on our site for our partners and sponsors. We would like to have a sponsor area.

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Motion: Take private companies off web site, Jack will send Laura info regarding sponsor activities for Jam Fest.

Second: Jack

In Favor: all

Opposed: None

PASSED

Yalecrest had a community council activity, a workshop on how to get historic tax credits for fixing your house. The workshop teacher is Nelson Knight. Discussion about if we would like to invite him to do a similar workshop with us. That would be relevant to many in our neighborhood. Paul received something in the mail about something like that in our neighborhood. Nelson Knight is in our neighborhood, actually.

Laura will post the Yalecrest info to our website with a blurb and link that says “if you are interested in programming like this please let us know.” David Scheer and Advocacy Committee assigned to take it from here.

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Jim Debakis nominated for UTA – there was a communication from Mayor Biskupski.

We have an election coming up for Stan’s (Penfold) (District 3) Community Council seat. We will have a candidate night in the near future. Discussion about what endorsements we as a board should or should not make. As a board we will stay neutral, but personally we may have opinions.

Council Seat Election will be in November, Laura will look up the closing date, and if there will be a primary, we will plan a candidate night in July.

Next Council Meeting Agenda: Solar Energy

David Scheer created a format. Discussion about timings – three panelists, how much time does each get. Ten minutes each – Rocky Mountain, Salt Lake City and Stan Holmes (solar). Then 10 minutes for rebuttal. Then Q&A. David Scheer will moderate the panel. We are going to meet after regular meeting but before August 9th

Are we going to have the neighborhood vote at the meeting or vote after?

Discussion: There are 2 issues.

Guest: Tyler, Program Manager SLC Department of Sustainability. Climate Positive Plan by City – all neighborhood councils have been asked to write letter supporting this plan. Tyler not available to join us June 21, so he is here tonight instead.

Climate Positive 2040 Plan:

People at panel will specifically focus on Solar. Transformative plan – presentation of household daily consumption. Compared to national rates, we are on average higher. Salt Lake City spends \$804 million on fossil fuels each year – goal is to redistribute that. Last year, a more ambitious plan – joint resolution to be 100% reliable on renewables by 2040.

(Tyler has pamphlet we would like to have at regular meeting panel)

SLC has signed a commitment with Rocky Mountain Power to work on these goals. They are partners. Also near completing a feasibility study – looking at our needs, where we are headed. It's not just solar but other renewables, too. That will come out later this month.

Speaking of solar – solar panels and why they become so cost effective: Each panel weighs 45 pounds, made of glass, aluminum. Very durable, can last 25 years. Installed in SLC can equiv. energy of 10,000 lbs coal over its lifetime. Very efficient. Makes up for impacts.

Question about how Utah compares in sunniness – Utah is the 7th sunniest day. Even cold days count for solar.

There are 2 types of scales to get to goals:

Distributed Clean Energy – net metering – you draw power and send power back, can run up a credit for up to 12 months, zeros out in April each year. Rocky Mountain has proposed a big change to that.

Discussion about batteries – how utilities react to that will be interesting.

Salt Lake City is determined to have a solution. Interested in net economic outcome for everyone.

Becker admin in 2010 made a goal about solar panels – we have actually exceeded that. From 2010 to 2015, we have doubles amount of solar. If we were to grow at 55%, we would have 220x more solar in 2020 than we had in 2010.

There are solar jobs.

Large Scale Renewable Clean Energy: PacifiCorp, Rocky Mountain Power's parent company. Goal is to see large scale renewables developed to meet demand of community – we want to see renewables integrated into the grid.

Previously, there were no really large-scale (solar) systems. First installation to come online in Utah, then 10 more. Got to 3.5 million now installed in Utah. In all cases, a private company develops the resources then contracts with Rocky Mountain Power for a 20 year rate. Rocky Mtn is regulated.

What do we need to know about Solar tonight? Check out the Climate Positive 2040 Plan – read up. The online version has hyperlinks: <http://www.slcgreen.com/climatepositive>

Why would anyone argue against Climate Positive 2040? No pushback – what everyone wants to know, though, is how it will affect economics.

Board mentions costs and then continuing maintenance. What happens to the old units. It is imagined that there will be effective markets created around it.

On a net basis, renewables are best source of energy.

How to get 100% renewable energy by 2032 – how do you get there? What will people have to do? How will it affect the individual?

The vision is not to force anyone to do things – City wants to work with Rocky Mountain Power to create new methods. Not looking to forced development of renewables on private property, etc. All customers will remain connected to the Rocky Mountain Power grid – it's the same infrastructure, just turning to a partnership with the City to reach climate goals.

Final comments:

How is this going to work governmentally?

We don't know the economics yet.

Preference that it be more private.

Tyler reiterates that is why partnering with Rocky Mountain Power is important. The economics are definitely something being considered.

Other Community Issues:

Laura reports that we got a response to our letter about the failure of public input on Marmalade Library Block. Letter came from Department of Community and Neighborhoods Planning Division.

Discussion. What are our next steps? Keep pushing? Bring up with new council member that takes Stan's seat? Planning commission is considering changing the public input ordinance. David Scheer sent revisions, circulated around the planning commission board. The changes will come back in a few months. David trying to contact CEO of Clearwater about some issues that impact us but might harm them, too.

Discussion: We need to have a strong voice and demand changes to the public input ordinance. We must fight to enlarge our role, not get pushed out.

Salt Lake Community Network – Laura will ask to be on the agenda in the future and she and/or David Scheer can present the issue.

Committee Updates:

Ensign Peak Park: Paul Hanks & Dean Larsen

Paul Hanks: We are at a stalemate with the City, but maybe the Ensign Peak Foundation can help put a fence in. Without a fence, there is no way to secure it at night. People at Edgcombe aren't building on their lot. The police that close the park at night don't make it down to Edgcombe. We just aren't getting the support needed from the City.

Dean Larsen: Years ago, Ensign Peak was created it as an amenity, to help the City but now it's a problem. Comment that Open Space Department doesn't have resources for it.

What can we do? Discussion of working directly with police and Open Space folks, is there a letter we can write? Suggestion to write a letter to Lewis Kogan (and post to website?)

Movies in the Park: Dean Larsen

Capitol Preservation Foundation's James Hussy is moving on. The State has a lot of requirements of people wanting to do movies. Our proposal is being considered but won't happen this summer. The plan is to keep it at the Capitol. Capitol Hill Preservation Board will not rush into it – there are also licensing issues – so it may happen, but not this year. Board discusses that it would be a great project for us to shoot for – get started this fall for 2018 summer.

Potential of a sidewalk up 500 North and on up East Capitol Boulevard.

David Scheer: The City has a special fund for sidewalk continuity. It is a complicated design problem there – it's the only way out of that neighborhood. Want to slow traffic down but not impede street from being navigable in emergencies. There is an application process – but we are not sure what to ask for. Maybe the design can be handled as part of Capitol Improvement.

Dean Larsen: It's in the mill. Dean will work with David Scheer and Ensign Downs neighborhood.

Don Butterfield suggests contacting Eric Jergensen and Rebecca Chavez-Houck before doing anything.

Pump Plant Update: Paul Hanks

Positive update! Pump Plant on Cortez and 500 North has been cleaned up, trees replaced, it is lovely. Also, the City put in a speed bump half way up Cortez.

East Capitol Boulevard Street Striping:

Should start this month.

Engagement Committee Update: Jack Winward

Movies in the Park – we were thinking about doing Warm Springs Park, but only if Capitol OK with it.

This is our last board meeting before Fourth of July Breakfast. We need volunteers!

Erlinda is reaching out to volunteers and Boy Scouts for flag ceremony. Barbara got a commitment from the missionaries. We will need people at the church to transport tables and chairs and set up. Georg will be there with his truck. We need volunteers to portion and serve the food. Then we need people to break down and take tables back to church. Breakfast served from 8:30 am – 10:00 – will probably go to 10:30. Tuesday July 4th, be at the church south of Marmalade Library at 7:00 AM, and be available until 12:00 Noon.

Boy Scouts will do the flag ceremony. Elders (missionaries) will help serve the food. Further board discussion about logistics.

Jack will make a call for volunteers at the Regular meeting this month.

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Jam Fest Sept 23rd –ready to send out sponsor and vendor invitations.

Communications Committee Update: Laura Arellano

Jeremy Harris and Laura still working on the Bulletin. We look forward to a summer edition because we have people to thank including The Garage.

Next Council Meeting:

Discussion about voting in real time at the solar panel regular meeting. If asking people to vote, need to provide time for discussion, there will be questions.

We should hand out the cards during the panel or just have people raise hands? Cards would allow us to weed out duplicates, etc. Will everyone's comments need to be read?

There will be packets of info and a few cards – if question occurs to you while someone is speaking, write it down.

Discussion about the purpose of the presentation: we (CHNC Board) are supposed to respond to this draft resolution. The purpose of this presentation is to develop a response with Council input. Can we send the materials home with people to study?

Decision: A hybrid model - There will be a ballot. You can turn it in now or you have 2 weeks to get it to the Board. Vote now or vote later, discreetly.

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Motion to Adjourn: Paul Hanks

Second: Jack Winward

Adjourned 8:30 PM

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