

**Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council  
Regular Meeting  
Marmalade Library, Multipurpose Room, 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, August 16, 2017**

**TOPICS IN SUMMARY**

Fire Department receiving new trucks and engines, new fleet director updating equipment. Who to call when burning is happening on vacant property. Most calls coming from Rio Grande, partnering with hospitals on NARCAN kits for opioid overdose situations. Detective Alen Gibic on neglected properties, cleanup of homeless camps at Victory Road, crime stats, registering bicycles, not leaving things in cars, number of cops on duty, please report suspected drug trafficking, offer to visit neighbors in their homes to share crime prevention strategies. Nate Salazar on Operation Rio Grande, discussion of different populations within homeless population, needs and services, numbers of treatment beds available, response to questions from council regarding possibility of safe place for people to live in their cars. Discussion of storage facilities for homeless to store their possessions safely, response to questions on preventing spidering and establishment of camps. Response to council comments and questions about refinery emissions, traffic changes at Temple Square intersection. Neighborhood Cleanup program facing 4 options of change – survey online. Rebecca Chavez-Houck on homeless issue, previous budget cuts that affect services. Agencies tasked with finding solutions – without funding. Encourages the council to write letters to the editor in support of efforts but requesting long-term planning for services. Sharing our stories will help strengthen efforts. Wendy Rendon from Northwest Recreation Center on services and classes as well as programming including after-school programs and senior programs. Sylvia Nibley on progress made regarding potential uses for Warm Springs Plunge building. Phil Carroll on results of Salt Lake City Council District 3 Primary Election, offer to look into change to traffic rules at Temple Square that are affecting neighborhood, reminder of Avenues Street Fair September 9<sup>th</sup>. Council mention of big trucks on 300 West and damage to road. CHNC Engagement Committee Chair Jack Winward on Fourth of July Breakfast success, Jam Fest coming up September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10 AM – 6 PM. CHNC Advocacy Committee Chair David Scheer on Ice House project cancellation, apartment project at abandoned gas station moving forward, Bishop Place owners trying to prove economic hardship to demolish buildings and CHNC resistance to that and monies owed to RDA, Marmalade Library Block development in advanced stages of planning – concerns over economic viability and parking issues voiced. Kyle Shields with Parks and Public Land on a pilot program for off-leash hours for dogs in Warm Springs Park – petition circulated, some council discussion of WSP Master Plan re: fenced dog park area. Zach Robinson of U of U Hospital Trauma Program on Stop the Bleed and Yellow Dot programs. Kenya Rene with Salt Lake City Emergency Management on BeReadySLC.com disaster prep program and upcoming CERT training Sept. 11.

**MINUTES**

**Welcome & Business/Announcements: Laura Arellano, Chair**

Day after the election! High turnout tonight. Agendas are on tables. Recognition of CHNC Board, all volunteers.

**Review of July Regular Meeting Minutes: Andrea Ashbridge, Secretary**

Minutes were posted on the website. Most of content was panel.

***Motion to Approve July 2017 Minutes***

***Second: Yes***

***In Favor: Yes***

***Opposed: None***

***APPROVED.***

**Community News**

**Fire and Emergency Services**

Sean from station 2. Firework season, not many instances. Boring is a great thing. Station 2 just got new tiller truck – aerial ladder that can steer. Station 8 by ballpark also got one, station 5 will get one soon. New fleet director over all of Salt Lake City – has good ideas, renew machines before they fail. Fire trucks previous are just on reserve now. Fire Engine – carries water and hose – will come in 2-3 months. Two new stations under construction – station 14 at California and 3200 West to be completed in next few months. Station 13 in Sugarhouse coming in next year or year and a half.

Operation Rio Grande – most calls coming from that. Our station right here responsible for that district. In July, 670 calls – a record. Not all to Rio Grande but old record squashed. That puts station at 7000 calls per year. Cops doing great job cleaning up at Rio Grande.

Q: Most frequent call?

A: Overdoses. Opioid abuse. Fire Dept. has been working with hospitals on NARCAN kits to save people in overdose situations.

Invitation to visit station, see new engines.

Q: If people are burning on vacant property, will you come?

A: Yes

Q: The (traffic) accident – who cleans up? Who cleans up the debris?

A: It's the tow truck guy (Detective Gibic)

Q: One case in particular – didn't get cleaned up

A: For a lot of really bad ones, cops must pick stuff up for their info – not Fire Dept.

## **Salt Lake City Police Department Update: Community Intelligence Detective Alen Gibic**

Regarding neglected properties – contact Det. Gibic, he'll get in touch with right people. Contact info is on CHNC website. Prefers emails – faster response.

*\*Secretary's note:*

*Alen Gibic's email address is [CIUDistrict3@slcgov.com](mailto:CIUDistrict3@slcgov.com).*

*Phone number is 801.799.3623*

**Crime Stats:** You can get full stats on website slcpd.com. Most crime for district is car prowls and general theft. SLC was 2<sup>nd</sup> in nation for property crimes at last check. (Prevention is) everyone's responsibility – don't leave things in the car, especially guns. Don't leave valuables in sight in general.

**Victory Road Camps:** Finally had chance to clean that up. City and cops got together, got people rehab and resources. Took whole day to clean up, next day they were back. Most people camping in neighborhoods seem ok, then notices bikes that are stolen. Register your bicycles - that's only way to get bike taken away from those who should not have it. There will be an annual cleanup (at Victory Road area.)

**Number of cops on duty:** 24 patrol officers on duty right now, for whole city. 22 calls waiting to be answered. Lower priority calls will take longer to get addressed. Not enough cops. Today is a double day – double-covered. Sometimes there are only 12 officers on duty.

Questions about Homeless Shelter, ask Nate Salazar.

Detective Gibic has been taking some patrol calls, meeting neighbors. If you need some crime prevention strategies, Detective Gibic will come to your house. Just contact him and ask. (contact info above)

Q: Where do you register your bike?

A: City website

Q: Have to take it in?

A: Don't think so

Q: Where to find bike serial #

A: On bottom, flip it

Q: What is plan for area like Rio Grande – when cleaning up, how to prevent problem from just moving

A: Unsure. Shelter is not Gibic's district. Detective Gibic drives around to make sure that problem doesn't come into district 3. Questions about shelter defer to Nate Salazar.

Q: Every year this camping happens at Victory Road, why not dump a bunch of rocks there?

A: Did that at shelter, did nothing. Camped on rocks. There was a plan by City to hire day laborers to clean up camps and offer resources – but no one took it seriously.

Q: As requested years ago, hire park rangers. May be cheaper than what they're doing now.

Q: Contacted Gibic about events at Bishop Place, Gibic was right on it. Thank you.

A: Recovered stolen motorcycle there too – grateful for that.

Q: Suspected drug trafficking – who to call?

A: Report it. Needs that info

Q: You know of places where that's happening? Pugsley?

A: No. Send info.

Q: School back in session – drive safely.

There was a broken link for Nate on CHNC website – it is getting fixed

### **Nate Salazar, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office**

Operation Rio Grande officially started Monday morning. Comprehensive effort – state, county, city to address criminal element. Name makes it seem concentrated on rio grande – really it's throughout. 3 phases to the operation : diversion, targeting drug trafficking and those wanted for serious crimes. Treatment Phase, Job Connection Phase.

There are handouts – help yourself

Q: Do you have enough beds for treatment for those who choose treatment?

A: Not right now. On Monday, able to secure 16 beds, but not enough. When collaboration started, Mayor Biskupski tasked with finding jail beds, other partners working on treatment bed piece, but still building capacity.

Q: What is City's plan to take care of problem and not just move to different area

A: Number 1 thing – look at different communities within homeless population. Especially this year in Rio Grande, people not truly homeless – there to take advantage or move drugs. Remove the criminal elements so they can access the people really looking for services. There are folks moving to new parts of city. Ever changing plan – identifying hot spot, 10<sup>th</sup> west, north temple, Jordan river, Sugarhouse park, Fairmont park – lots of places for folks to be. Also relying on public to report people in backyards, etc. Law enforcement will be joining visiting these areas.

Q: Are you asking questions – homeless have different needs. Are you categorizing?

A: Not categorizing, but assessing. Lots of case managers, Juvenile Justice, social workers doing assessments on the individuals they are making contact with. Not criminalizing homelessness – but sometimes jail is a component of what they need.

Q: Saw on TV, a woman saying that those who don't have problems are being harassed

A: Not harassing but disrupting the day-to-day activities. Such as during a cleanup, City posts notices, must give 24 hours, but tries to give 48 hours – get your stuff out or it goes to landfill. Doing best to not violate rights.

Q: Works with DOA, talks to lots of homeless. Many, many homeless are not criminal, but don't want homes – don't want services. What to do with people who don't want services?

A: Sandra Hollins, Rose Park neighborhood, working with Health Dept. – part of her job is to make sure to connect people with resources. Cannot force people into shelter. There are people that don't fit into shelters.

Q: Have dropped out of mainstream society – want to camp

A: Definitely true to that. City has system for them to make a change when they want to change.

Q: Storage program – tell us more. It would be awful to have just a shopping cart. Are there storage opps other than near shelter.

A: Right now, only option is 500 West, across from Rio Grande. Recently expanded – still not enough. There have been ideas for other places, but not implemented.

Q: There are people living in their cars. What about safe places with water and a toilet for people camping in their cars?

A: A formalized camp has not been something Mayor Biskupski has been in favor of. There have been things like that in other states. What they find is they take just as much time and energy to implement as other methods. Trying everything they can to bring resources to people. But not moving forward on facilitating camps – but can ask.

Q: Renee, lives on 600 North, thanks the City. How can we notify you of camps, spidering, and what can we do to help?

A: If you see illegal activity, city needs to know so they can track it. 801-799-3000 is the non-emergency number. To help, let county mayor and Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Speaker Hughes, tell them what we need, keep them committed. Not seeing as much return on requests from outside sources as they would like. Put pressure on elected to get the money to make this happen.

Q: Does mayor's office have to deal with emissions from the refineries. Salt Lake City not much authority.

Council response: that's the State. You need to call them on it – they need to know that is happening. Laura Chavez Houck will get the info of Dept. of Air Quality to Laura to share on CHNC website of who to call when that happens.

Q: When Main Street became Temple Square, there was provision that people could not drive straight through light. That's changed. Traffic, especially on Center Street, has increased enormously. The change has not been presented – just happened. Someone in transportation has changed that. Are you aware?

A: Not aware, but will look into it.

Q: Last experience with Health Department – they said camps are not their problem.

A: Nate will look into that too.

Neighborhood Cleanup established 30 years ago, there will be 4 options of change. Survey online. It's important for protecting storm water, recycling issues. City requests guidance – do survey.

Q: Is that survey on NextDoor? It should be there.

A: Nate will look into that.

Q: Please take back to City our thanks for cleaning up Rio Grande

**Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Utah State House of Representatives, District 24**

At State level, frustration has been that service providers have been starved of abilities to provide services – budget cuts 2009 – 2013. Frustrated that colleagues at state suddenly interested. Right now, it is primarily a law enforcement effort – but Rebecca is concerned with the services they receive later. It's more than jail beds - many people do need treatment. Agencies are tasked with finding the way – without the funding. Request to us: write letters to the editor re: glad for effort at Rio Grande, but build in the capacity for services downstream. Experiences we have all had – cyclical efforts only. Our experiences to remediate will strengthen requests. There has been disruption within county jails – both jail and treatment beds. Thanks to Mayor Biskupski and the City for involving Rebecca to see what's happening so we can plan for next phases. Those services cost money – not expect agencies to do it. Make it a real state, city and county program. Demand continuity. Talk about reality of experiences. Share stories – find opportunities to share your experiences so it won't be short term, can be a long-term effort. We looked at 7 years ago, back then it was City or County problem – make sure this time it's a State issue too. Remind the State that it's not done yet.

**“Open Mic” Community Updates**

**Wendy Rendon, Office Coordinator at Northwest Recreation Center.**

Salt Lake County facility 1300 W. and 300 North – 2 swimming pools, indoor track, basketball courts, fitness classes, sports programs for kids, before and after school program and preschool program – NWREC can pickup after school and provide program, snack. Info available on tables. There are memberships – super senior pass – 80 and over, any county, silver sneakers, etc.

**Sylvia Nibley**

Warm Springs Plunge Building. Support growing – now has a nonprofit. There is a petition going around – about 450 signatures, mostly from neighborhood. Website – there is a survey, share ideas. Will be at Jam Fest, Aves Street Fair. When we hear about the City and the problems being solved – as well as intangibles – really visioning Warm Springs Plunge building as a place to bring people together and meeting the needs that people have when they turn to opioids.

Q: Any time pressure?

A: City has a proposal for apartment building, city needs to hear that residents don't want that. There is urgency.

**Phil Carroll, Salt Lake Community Council District 3 Candidate**

Successful in primary (election for Salt Lake City Council District 3 seat) last night. Great thing about our district – 30 percent of votes. Very positive result. Will look

into traffic issue at Temple Square – was involved in original process. Everything in City is complaint-driven – and complaint must be made when the thing is happening. Call 801-799-3000 - there is 24-hour phone coverage. If it's an emergency, you will be referred to emergency. Avenues Street Fair Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> – looking forward to it.

Q: Seeing tremendous increase in traffic on 300 west. Road already damaged – lots of big trucks. Can we keep trucks from being there? (Georg Stutzenberger)

A: Georg is on Advocacy Committee, let's talk about it. (Laura Arellano)

Q: Comment that many trucks are from Staker Parson – they are busy!

### **CHNC Engagement Committee Update – Jack Winward**

Thanks to Moka for coffee at Fourth of July Breakfast, and Marsha at The Garage. Please patronize both businesses.

The Marmalade Jam Fest is up next , September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

There are competition forms and flyers here tonight. Save a tree, get form online, CHNC Facebook page. Hoping for lots of entries.

Q: Timing of festival?

A: 10 AM – 6 PM

### **CHNC Advocacy Committee Update: David Scheer**

Project to renovate old Ice House warehouse – cancelled.

Abandoned gas station – apartments preferable to that, so letting that project move forward.

Bishop Place: Nine abandoned houses almost gone. Historic Landmarks Commission refused to let property owner demolish. Now owner must prove Economic Hardship – but it's owner's fault, the disrepair, so we are fighting that. Today met with Laura Fritz, mentioned Bishop Place. Contractor of Bishop Place owes RDA 160K dollars – how to get it back is unclear but RDA is trying to recover the money. Library block project is going into advanced phase of planning, David mentioned conflicts: some units not economically viable, parking issue, suggested artwork. Since the area surrounding the library includes a fair amount of public land, there are plans for a park there, but cannot be parking because of fire lanes requirement.

Q: Can developer be required to put parking underground?

A: They do have parking underground

Q: So there just aren't enough parking spots?

A: Max parking for each unit is 1.3 City zoning says. There are plans for a restaurant too but no additional parking.

Q: Possible to put parking underneath what is supposed to become that park?

A: No laws of physics against it, but that is a small area and won't be sufficient.

Q: Still option for parking median on 500 north?

A: Let's look into it

### **Kyle Shields – Parks and Public Land Program**

City Council proposed a time-limited off-leash dog parks. District 3 – Warm Springs Park. Off-leash hours are 5 am–10 AM and 5-10 PM. Pilot areas are for neighbors to enjoy their parks. Park staff will do some monitoring but deciders will be complaints or lack thereof. SLCo Animal Control will also do some tracking from time to time. Education through FIDOs, other groups. Enforcement by Salt Lake County Animal Services. (Shows map of off leash areas, time limited off-leash areas, future areas) There is a petition – circulating.

Q: Any fencing?

A: No fencing.

Q: Not long ago, master plan prepared for that park, many uses proposed. Doesn't remember a dog park being on the list – but was certainly not favored.

Q:Council comment: Actually, there is a plan for a dog park in the master plan.

A: This is a pilot program. The deal: you can let dogs offleash there between those hours without getting ticketed,

Q: Will this be everyday, the dog times?

A: Yes

Q: Took 10 years to get one dog bag dispenser installed, how long will it take to get a second one?

A: There is some funding so signs and bag dispenser are in the plan

Q: Do we contact you about other locations of dog bags that need maintenence

A: No. just WSP pilot program

Q: Any update on fixing the WSP bathrooms? There's still 100,000 floating around for tennis courts, those aren't fixed. We get impression that it's not being taken care of. Watering problem.

A: I (Kyle) am the one that makes those decisions. Watering problem was a controller issue – still recovering.

Q: If we have pilot, when it will start?

A: As soon as we get the petition back, will hurry and get it done.

Q: Lots of families go to parks but off-leash dogs can be deterrent to that. Fenced area would be better.

A: Master plan may provide for that.

Laura will get Kyle's info and share it on CHNC website.

### **Zach Robinson - U of U Hospital Trauma Program**

Community outreach and community injury prevention. 2 programs: Stop the Bleed, nationwide program to control a major hemorrhage before EMTs arrive. Think bad guys doing bad things –save people. Grant w/Dept. of Public Safety – Yellow Dot –



drivers 65 and over, how to drive safely. Has been to all senior centers in Salt Lake County. Both courses free – each class takes an hour. Contact info left with Laura.

**Kenya Rene – Salt Lake City Emergency Management**

Preparation for disaster – get prepared for winter snowstorms, loss of electricity. BeReadySLC.com. Sept. 11 training CERT training coming up. All neighbors need that training. Laura has contact info. Please contact with any questions – can come to you to do emergency plans and kits.

**Motion to adjourn: Yes**

**Second: Yes**

**Favor: Yes**

**Opposed: Yes**

**ADJOURNED 7:58 PM**

**Upcoming CHNC Meetings and Events:**

**September CHNC Board Meeting**

Monday, September 11th, 2017

Jex Conference Room, Marmalade Library

**September CHNC Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Multipurpose Room, Marmalade Library

**The Marmalade Jam Fest**

Saturday September 23, 10 AM – 6 PM

Warm Springs Park

<https://www.facebook.com/TheMarmaladeJamFest/>