

**Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council  
Regular Meeting  
Marmalade Library, Multipurpose Room, 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

**TOPICS IN SUMMARY**

**MINUTES**

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

Lighter crowd today. Appreciation of volunteers.

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

Minutes went out in email. Long minutes. Review now, revisit at end of meeting.

**Reports from City and Legislative**

**Rebecca Chavez-Houck – House Dist. 24 – Cap Hill, Aves, Dntn, Fed Heights.**

Work over last few days has provided resources and authority to keep Rio Grande project going over coming years. Did move 5 million from state correction budget to Rio Grande over next couple of years, to close street and passed legislation for lease to move forward. Need authorization to lease street from City. Money is there, but much of it is to backfill costs already expended by UHP, first responders, etc, since Operation Rio Grande was initiated and to pay for jail beds. Took care of criminal element, disconcerting that much money went toward law enforcement and less money for treatment. Depending on legislation passed last year – Medicaid extension for health services for homeless – not approved by Federal Gov. yet. When you see the 67 million dollars, much of that not in hands yet, but 5 million is there to carry us to January. Today on floor of house, colleague blamed City for homeless problems, Rebecca disputed that on the floor. It is not a Salt Lake City and County problem – tide is changing for majority in house and senate, realizing people come from everywhere to get services here. Frustrating but refreshing to hear colleagues from both sides of aisle dispute and say it is not just a City problem. Has mostly been Republican leadership working on the project, also jurisdictional leadership from County as well. We have 2 years to get through, there may be competing interests upcoming, but Rebecca is there to push it until her retirement next year.

Q: Jail beds - 200 allotted, how many being used now?

A: Unsure. They say they have enough jail beds, now looking for treatment beds.

Q: Those beds are scattered.

A: Yes, Odyssey House, First Step House, etc.

Nate Salazar: re treatment beds, as of Sept. 7, added 37 more beds, 24 more set to open. Goal is 241 by end of year. (260 of 300 jail beds in use right now, updated later in meeting)

**Fire Dept.:**

Craig, Captain with station 62. Safety theme, website has monthly safety message from chief. This month the focus is on renters and rentals. Make sure to change smoke detectors. Many deaths in dormitories last year, mostly smoke detector issues. Have purchased new cardiac monitors. Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> starts monthly test prep – go to website, jobs sections. Contact Darby Egbert if interested in becoming firefighter. Darby’s info is on CHNC website.

**Nate Salazar:**

Homeless Resource Center Open House Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> at the Leonardo – open house with many involved in the project – update on how we got to where we are now. 2 site visits. Info available on back table.

Homeless Connect event October 6<sup>th</sup> - Good opportunity to get involved.

New Transportation Director – John Larsen has accepted the position. Mayor Biskupski is excited to have someone with the leadership skills and experience that he has. Currently Chair of Utah Chapter of Congress for Utah Urbanism. Masters Degree in Science from BYU.

Q: His role?

A: Transportation Division Director

Q: Details?

A: Street lights, sidewalks,..

Q: Fix roads?

A: Not necessarily fixing roads. Many departments within city involved in fixing roads. Mayor planning to bring money to roads through bonding process – stay tuned.

**Katharine Kennedy, Utah State School Board**

School is in, drive carefully. Just less than a month in- btw, West High has late start Mondays now until march, school starts at 9:30 am on those days. Healthy. Based on stats, late start is what we should be doing. West also has bats – have had for years. Custodians says is partly windows, also entrances they can’t find. Infestation bad this year. Closed the school after school today and brought in Health Dept to verify its healthy enough and to catch bats. Last night they had safety plan - John Flint runs Safe Neighborhoods as liaison to city. Informs on how to handle emergency. Schools will be communication place in case of emergency and also a place for neighborhood captians to make sure everyone is safe. Very structured and organized, run through elementary schools. Sugestion to have John Flint address CHNC. Superintendent

offers breakfasts throughout the district. Third Wednesdays are busy days. Next month this week will be UEA.

Q: Kids went to Washington Elementary school, was always told it was on fault line.

A: The fault runs right in front of West High. We are the only district that has retrofitted all schools to code or beyond code. Only building not retrofitted is the downtown district office, but it is being done next.

**Safi Safiullah, Marmalade Library Director**

Thank you for involvement in Library, involved with West High. Two issues: talked to Dt. Gibic, huge homeless issue, 5 people sleeping in front of building and camping on north side. Traffic also and issue, many people crossing the street due to parking on other side. Discussion about speed bumps, talking with City Mayor's office on ways to reduce driving speed.

**Advocacy Committee Update: David Scheer**

We hope tonight for council to review and approve Resolution re: Warm Springs Plunge. This is not at all final or fixed. We are seeking participation. You will have adequate opportunity to input to the process.

Review of Resolution.

We are considering advocating:

Our Council supports Warm Springs Alliance Proposal in it's current state, as described in paper provided. We want to see the building preserved. We want to see tradition of healing there. Do not want to see construction there that rivals or exceeds size.

Q: Is the structure considered historic to city or state

A: It is on the National Register of Historical Places

Q: Then how has it fallen into such disrepair?

A: Council comment – we don't want to lose this building

A: There is a website for the Warm Springs Alliance

Q: Council comment - looked up the website, saw link to article, saw comment that back in 70s someone bid on it but it was irreparable. Is it possible to keep it up and restore or too much damage?

A: City hired architects and engineers to assess in 2012 – they did not find it irreparable.

Q: Council comments regarding years and history

A: [www.warmspringsalliance.org](http://www.warmspringsalliance.org)

**Motion to approve resolution; Minta**

**Second: Yes**

**In favor: 9**

**Opposed: 2**

**MOTION CARRIES.**

### **Detective Alen Gibic – District 3**

2 Stats only tonight, then open to questions

Residential Burglaries: in past 28 days, 13 residential burglaries. A bit less than average but still too many. Please watch out and report, make self less of a target, use CEPTED, Gibic can come to your house to suggest ways to prevent being a target.

Vehicle theft: 42 in past 28 days. Still quite common. Once again, do not leave anything of any value in your vehicle. Even phone chargers, change, empty bags. Someone will break in and cause \$500 of damage for a dollar. Recently stopped a vehicle with no plates, impounded vehicle, from Magna. They come from outside the neighborhood to steal. Snow is coming, don't leave garage open and nice equipment in sight.

Response times: call volume and officers on duty. Just before meeting, 19 officers for whole city – that's patrol officers. 20 calls backlogged. If you do call police, don't get mad at them when it takes them some time.

Bike serial numbers: has topped many people in neighborhood on very pricey bikes – runs serial numbers but doesn't pop up stolen because they aren't documented as stolen

Is Rio Grande project coming our way? Not much.

Package thefts: Send packages to neighbor or workplace. Thieves follow FedEx and UPS trucks around to take advantage.

Jam Fest is September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Coffee with a Cop event coming up too.

Q: How do we know when to call 911 and when to call non-emergency and how are calls prioritized so we can have some expectation.

A: Cannot say when to call 911 or not. If it is a crime in progress, someone is hurt, etc, 911. But suspicious person would not be 911.

Q: (Det. Gibic) mentions that there are not that many homeless flowing over, but here at library there is big uptick in homeless.

A: That is something to call non-emergency about. Gibic can also put Library on patrol check, to get more patrol officers dropping by.

Q: Already left message for that, but even at this very moment there are 5 camps out there. This is land owned by RDA.

A: Things have changed recently. We are welcome to report camps to police, but nowadays the Health Department is on it. Also being sent to Sandra Hollins at the city to clean up homeless camps. Police now have very little influence on camps – Jorge from Health Dept. will address that.

Q: Has read about surveillance images. What do police do with those images?

A: A video of someone stealing your stuff still doesn't tell cops who that person is. It gets booked as evidence but no way to id that person.

Q: Every day software gets more sophisticated.

A: State does have facial recognition software, but has to be correct angle, etc. Not a huge success rate but in coming years we could see some advances.

Q: Are surveillance cameras a deterrent?

A: Yes. Trimming a tree in front yard helps. Everything helps. They are very affordable.

Q: Do barking dogs deter?

A: Sure. Everything helps. Burglars don't want a fight.

Q: Do security signs help?

A: Yes.

Neighborhood Watch: Greg Wilking from PR department can come and give a detailed presentation at a future date. Gibic can make arrangements with us for that. There are some handouts about that on table. Also Operation Rio Grande handouts.

### **Officer Mike Hatch et al**

Questions about staffing regarding Rio Grande Project – officers for us were not reallocated to Pioneer Patrol Division. Officers that were in our neighborhood are still in our neighborhood. Staffing fluctuates, 26 new guys ready to start. Trending up for patrol.

Q: (Inaudible)

A: Has been a challenge – ever time they do a hiring class, they hire to staffing levels. Getting enough response. Always looking.

Q: What is dept. doing about response times?

A: Like Det. Gibic said, things get prioritized. Hate to see calls holding. Have to prioritize according to their system. Weekly meeting to determine prioritization. There is online reporting to utilize as much as possible too. There are improvement processes in place – i.e. businesses can handle things themselves so officers don't need to be there. Constant battle and improvement.

Q: Neighbor burgled, officer put tag on their doorknob to tell them (nearby neighbors). Thankful for that.

A: Started that a year or 2 ago – want to make neighborhood aware and be good neighbors.

Q: Comment: appreciation of police force and support of Det. Gibic.

### **Pete Ashdown, Founder of XMISSION on Cyber Security**

Trust and Passwords:

Trust: do not trust anyone on the internet. Always verify who things are coming from. Don't trust sites. No major company or organization will ask you for your password.

When using passwords (now called passphrases) random ones like HorseBatteryStaple is more secure than others. Length is the thing. Go next step and put unique separators between the words. If you can get above 16 characters you will be good. Every character you add makes it stronger. Mixture of capitals, numbers not as important – just make a long one.

LastPass.com = download software to work in any web browser helps you come up with one single passphrase to guard all other passwords. Can manage all the websites you use. Will come up with very strong passwords. Just come up with one master passphrase, then the software makes really complex passwords for you for everything else.

Impossible for a hacker to break: 2 factor authentication. Will send a code to your phone.

There are lots of how-tos online about these topics as well.

Q: Everyone is worried about EquiFAX. What can those customers do?

A: Sad to see EquiFAX take advantage of situation – waiving all rights to sue EquiFAX. Don't do anything. EquiFAX really trying to do damage control but this is a huge thing for them. We hear about major breaches all the time – this is a fact of life on the internet. Don't want info stolen on internet? Don't use internet. Convenience versus security. Take some precautions and most people will be ok.

Q: Heard something from Experian, check to see if your info is on the deep/dark web

A: There are some services that can tell you if your info is out there – but they want your subscription. Often there is a guarantee that if info is stolen you only pay \$50. Amazon has option to put bank info in- don't do that.

Q: Free service to check ssn

A: Yeah, SSN is out there, people trade them.

Q: Wireless networks in homes?

A: Use long passwords. Older form of IP address for wireless, WEP, don't use it. Use only WPA. Use a long passphrase and you'll be ok. Also if using open network be very careful what transactions you do over those connections.

Q: Has heard to keep web cam off

A: It's probably good to be paranoid. Can put a sticker over the camera. Good precaution. There have been cases of people taking control of computer and camera and see inside your house.

Q: Can you block emails that are not appropriate

A: There are some filters you can set up – only messages from certain addresses get through – whitelist. Or a blacklist – things you definitely don't want. There are features that can block these.

Q: Can you freeze your EquiFAX?

A: Doesn't know

Q: How does reporting as junk work?

A: Doesn't make different on own private filters, just makes filters at service provider smarter

Email [peteashdown@xmission.com](mailto:peteashdown@xmission.com) with questions

**Salt Lake County Health Department : Jorge Mendez, Division of Environmental Health**

4 Bureaus in the division – each oversees different sets of regulations relative to Env. Health.

Food bureau, air quality, etc.

Sanitation and Safety oversees 13 regulations. 40 environmental health inspectors assigned to different areas in SL County.

Historically how homeless encampments have been handled:

Since June 2017 – 83 reports of illegal encampments. 43 of these have come since August, when Op. Rio Grande began. Partnering with Salt Lake City to do these cleanups. Has mainly been a voluntary service to the city. Inspectors come and do mitigation/abatement.

Dispersion as result of Op. Rio Grande– was anticipated. This dispersement is into existing encampments near Jordan River. This is where efforts are focused.

Happening in West Jordan, Millcreek, etc. Volunteers, cities, county health dept. come together over multiple days to do the cleanup.

Key component: partnerships. Health Dept. does not have resources or crew to do all the cleanups. Looking for partners from here to Draper and east to west. Meeting with cities to find solution.

**Questions for any one of the 4 bureaus in Health Dept:**

Q: If we see an encampment, who to contact?

A: Encampments on private property are responsibility of property owner – but also your right to have people removed by police. This is considered illegal dumping.

When it is public or open property, need to give 24 hours notice for person to remove, then remove. If camp is in public area, may report to health dept. or to police who will then report it to health dept.

Q: If we call non-emergency, get referred to Health Dept.

A: Can make it simpler. Directly report to Health Department: 385-468-3835 – to report illegal encampment in public area. But again, if private property, call police.

Q: Often calls Health Dept. has been told different ways to handle it. Has been waiting 11 months in some cases. How much funding did Health Dept. get from Op. Rio Grande to accomplish their work?

A: County Health Dept. has volunteers. If public property, instead of reporting to City to advise them to clean it up, County Health Dept. works with City to get it cleaned up. Neither County nor City has the crew to clean camps up.

Q: Community needs to understand that Health Dept. does not have support to do job.

A: Health Dept. is voluntary. Looking for partnerships. Currently working on inmate labor. Hopefully will one day be ahead of game. 51 cases in queue right now.

Q: Have volunteered at juvenile detention facility – those juveniles are required to do community service. you should be able to get labor for free

A: If they are younger than 18 there are some liabilities. Some folks can provide community service.

Q: Why not have homeless in rehab clean up their own mess?

A: Has happened – enlist the campers to move their stuff (under supervision) health department has truck and trailer to haul the stuff. Salt Lake City has been assisting with heavy equipment – using dump trucks to remove piles.

Q: Maybe these public places need more dumpsters

Q: Population increasing, what program is in place long term to build cleanup department? Some cities have crews dedicated to this

A: Today there was a lunch and learn and this was discussed. What to do long term? Always comes down to resources. Looking at every avenue – volunteers, LDS church volunteer website for people to sign up, etc. Long term solutions definitely require elected officials support.

Q: Saw a camp in City Creek. Got the mess to the curb, then need County to come haul it away.

A: Exactly the kind of partnership the Health Dept. needs. Will connect after meeting to get pickup address.

Laura will post SLCo Health Dept. phone number on CHNC website.

### **CHNC Engagement Committee Update: Jam Fest – Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

We need volunteers! Engagement Committee meeting Thursday, 6:30 PM, Jex Conf. Room – everyone welcome, come and meet with us and sign up to volunteer (vol sign up sheet going around.)

### **Brief comments by Salt Lake City Council Dist. 3 Candidates**

Phil Carroll

Chris Wharton

Ed Butterfield with RDA, project manager of building north of library. Our concerns were not addressed at meeting with developer. This next meeting (October Regular Meeting) will be our opportunity to raise issues.

### ***Motion to Approve August 2017 Minutes***

***Second: Yes***

***In Favor: Yes***

***Opposed: None***

***APPROVED***

Final Comments: Mayor Biskupski will be a Jam Fest judge! There will also be a beer garden, bounce house, and more - lots of exciting stuff this year.

***Motion to Adjourn: Yes***

***Second: Yes***

***In Favor: All***

***Opposed: None***

***ADJOURNED: 8:25 PM***

**Upcoming CHNC Meetings and Events:**

**Marmalade Jam Fest Engagement/Volunteer Meeting**

Thursday, September 20, 2017, 6:30 PM

Jex Conference Room, Marmalade Library

**The Marmalade Jam Fest**

Saturday September 23, 10 AM – 6 PM

Warm Springs Park

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

**October CHNC Board Meeting**

Monday, October

Jex Conference Room, Marmalade Library

**October CHNC Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, October

Multipurpose Room, Marmalade Library