

**Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes
1/16/19, 6:30pm
Marmalade Library Multipurpose Room**

Welcome — Laura Arellano

Board elections were held November and the January board meeting had officer elections: Laura Arellano will serve as Chair, John Mitchell will serve as Vice Chair, Ashley Anderson will be Secretary/Treasurer.

Representative Reports

Firefight Coleman — <https://www.slc.gov/fire/>

- Bathtub safety reminders: beware sharp edges, don't leave children alone, use traction devices or handles if needed, test water temperature; fire safety reminders: test your smoke alarms and use ADA recommendations for strobes for hard of hearing.
- Review of medical service response methods.
- Community questions: code requirements for sprinklers are based on lot size; cause of 400 N. fire believed to be arson and Capitol Hill fire information can be requested from Fire Prevention Bureau.

Detective Alen Gibic — alen.gibic@slcgov.com

- Three years in this assignment and continues to respond the best that he can; 16 new recruits recently hired.
- Black Ford Explorer (North Dakota license plates) related to mail theft. Locking boxes help but he's continuing to locate the owner and suspects. Call 911 or dispatch.
- Please do not only report crimes on NextDoor; contact Det. Gibic or dispatch (801-799-3000).

Councilman Chris Wharton - <https://www.slc.gov/district3/>

- 2019 meetings have elected leadership (Chris will serve as RDA Vice Chair) but District 4 vacancy has caused delay to establishing priorities; subsequent meetings will allow candidates to speak and those work sessions will be live-streamed.
- City legislative concerns include: water jurisdiction, changes to sales tax, affordable housing, potentially inland port (but that may be delayed) and a boundary dispute with Millcreek.
- Contact Chris to share feedback on newsletter information & frequency.
- Community Question about Operation Rio Grande: data continues to drive decision-making, contact Det. Gibic and the city directly to report issues rather than NextDoor. Construction for resource centers is on schedule.

Katherine Kennedy, Salt Lake City School District - <https://www.slcschools.org/board-of-education/>

- Budget process is beginning and includes support from all precinct schools for a paraprofessional pay-raise with a \$2 per hour increase requiring approximately 2 million dollars in funding. For background on this issue see a [CHNC member op-ed here.](#)
- West High has IB student sign-ups with high enrollment and looking at diversification.

Nate Salazar, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office - <https://www.slc.gov/district3/>

- State of the City tomorrow at 6pm, East High School. [Click here for details.](#)
- Training for point in time count, which is data collection for individuals experiencing homelessness. [Information for a January 23rd volunteer training is here.](#)
- Snow day street management is based on priorities, noting that some city thoroughfares are also managed by the state.
- Has put a request for enforcement in regarding turn lane on Wall St. and 300 W.
- News story featuring CHNC member has resulted in garbage clean-up on vacant 300 W. developments, additional garbage should be continually reported. Additional community questions will be reviewed with Det. Gibic.
- Holiday trees accepted curbside through January 25th; [for Green Waste suspension timeline click here.](#)

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Community Updates

Safi Safiullah, Salt Lake City Public Library: Library continues to face health and hygiene issues related to homelessness; unsure of proactive solutions as security only delays issues.

Barbara George, CHNC: Contact County Archives if you have a historical home! Photos from a tax collection in 1936 are available and interesting for historic home owners: <https://slco.org/archives/contact-us/>

Legislative Update: Jen Dailey-Provost (HD24)

Contact Information During the Session:

- Text: 385-321-7827, best for urgent communication
- E-mail: jdprovost@le.utah.gov, include "constituent" in e-mail subjects to be read first
- Visit: <http://house.utah.gov/rep/DAILEJ>
- Check [facebook](#) or [website](#) for town halls

Ballot Initiatives:

- Voters across the state must contact legislators asking them to support the will of the voters. As with the Special Session for Prop 2, some policies may undercut Medicaid expansion, work requirement and spending enrollment cap would place expansion outside ACA compliance and make a federal match less likely, it may also prevent the April 1st implementation, among other complexities. Jen will be meeting with representatives from Better Boundaries where there may be comparable concerns. Some bill files seek to make ballot initiatives even more challenging in ways that are likely unconstitutional and would result in expensive fights simply to return to an already challenging process.

Other Legislation:

- Most bills passed in the session will be bipartisan and without contention.
- Jen has a few bill files open to address the opioid crisis, a resolution to create a statewide initiative regarding the refugee crisis, Rebecca Chavez-Houck's End of Life Options Act, and a WWII memorial commission.

Community Questions:

- Hate Crimes Legislation? This will have a strong sponsor in Sen. Weiler and may be supported by an incoming legislature that appears more moderate.
- Conversion Therapy ban? Equality Utah has put resources into a bill to ban this unscientific and deeply damaging practice. The draft legislation may only outlaw the practice at state run facilities which is problematic as the practice takes place primarily in private facilities.
- Early Childhood Education Funding? There is some priority for this in the Governor's budget.
- Failure of Our Schools Now? Legislators have indicated that the failure of Question 1 is not a mandate on limiting funding but acknowledge it failed due to the mechanism. Additional discussion of complexities of tax structures which fund education; the way taxation is shifting may inadvertently increase housing costs with all funding models in flux.
- Air quality? Rep. Arent continues to lead the caucus, there are bills for greener buildings and reduction of NOx in water heaters and freight switchers.
- Public Health? Vaping is a concern with 34% of secondary students using e-cigarettes. Policies to limit product placement can reduce use of nicotine.
- Inland port? Have tried a pragmatic approach to a done deal; getting more stakeholders at the table (i.e. school districts, city employees, etc.).

Motion to adjourn (AA), seconded (MB), unanimously adjourned, 7:55pm