

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes
5/15/19, 6:30pm
Marmalade Library Jex Conference Room

Welcome — John Mitchell, CHNC

Fire Station 2; Dave Chugg: addressed spring runoff safety (look out for soft banks) and stroke symptoms (headache, one-sided weakness, slurred speech and poor vision/coordination) warranting immediate call to 911. East Capitol suggestion to address interface again.

Det. Alen Gibic; SLCPD:

- Be mindful of speeding with school ending soon
- Giving away car clubs especially to Honda/Nissan/Subarus older than 2004
- Hopeful to clean up a new location where a former camper has moved after house fire.

Review of April Minutes: *Motion to approve (MBr), seconded (DS), unanimously approved.*

Guest Speaker: Dean Anesi

Visit his design studio at 365 W and 800 N.; discussion of xeriscaping and selection of drought tolerant plants, water conservation and mulching. About half of clients request an English country cottage garden but other regions with more arid climates are great to consider. When Dean gardened for the Capitol, he learned about global connections to Utah's climate and encourages more mixed surfaces (buy chat (gravel type) in 5 shades from Staker Paving). Additional discussion about ways to divide outdoor spaces for varied needs and specific plant types for our area (honeysuckle, junipers) and those which are deer resistant (yew) as well as strategies to mix existing soil with new mulch for gardening success.

Representative Reports

Derek Kitchen, Senate District 2 — <https://senate.utah.gov/derek-kitchen>

- Interim meetings have begun and the State Office Building is coming down, requiring many employees to move to WVC with the hopes that the master plan will alleviate parking issues.
- Discussion of senior housing & eviction as well as opened bill files: election day state holiday, free calls for inmates, housing loss mitigation, and battery storage incentive.

Jen Dailey-Provost, House District 24 — <https://house.utah.gov/rep/DAILEJ/>

- Attending HHS and Natural Resources for interim and eager to bring downtown perspective to predominantly rural committee.
- Discussion of Medicaid (one waiver was approved but others still need to be passed and the federal government did decline a special window for addressing the coverage gap).
- Discussion of 15 bill files opened including: criminal justice issues, youth vaping, ADA compliance, amendment to abortion legislation, end of life options, and healthcare workforce development.

Chris Wharton, City Council District 3 — <https://www.slc.gov/district3/>

- City has completed a Community Development Block Grant process allocating over \$6M, the Union Pacific Hotel was granted a \$7M RDA loan from appreciated tax. Benefits include: historic preservation, connecting thriving downtown areas. 300 N. pedestrian bridge is fully funded with TIGER grant. Warm Springs feasibility study has been funded and there is an RFP for year-round public market at the Fairgrounds.
- Stan Holmes shared the petition regarding East Capitol speeding and can discuss at next week's public hearing.
- 4th Ave. pump station open house last Thursday, additional comments can be sent to public utilities or Chris before it moves to Historic Landmarks.

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

- Thank you to the legislature for Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) funding, 25% will go to salary increases with 75% being decided with input from school communities.
- The district increased paraprofessional wages to \$13-15 per hour and funding one counselor per elementary school. 4.5 more assistant principals will be hired and some Title 1 and Special Ed is being reallocated.
- West is in the middle of AP and IB testing with the reminder that late starts would improve our high schoolers experiences; with 35 suicides in the district there is evidence late starts could have impacted two student lives.

Randy White, US Census Recruiter: Canvassing is beginning and will pay \$17 per hour in Salt Lake County. Flexible hours (5-25 per week, daylight hours) for anyone 18+, mileage reimbursed and travel time paid. Canvassing lasts from July-fall. Apply here: <https://2020census.gov/en/jobs>

Elaine Navar, Mayor's Office

- Has moved from District 1-2 to 3 and is available to meet and learn about community issues.
- Mayor Biskupski's proposed new budget includes Funding our Future (roads, transit, law enforcement) and requests increase for preservation and restoration of parks and open space.
- Living Traditions is this week.
- Push to end camping at the Jordan River, take fliers.
- Freedom Loop Hike on Memorial Day starts at 9:11am in Memory Grove with presentation of colors at 8:30.
- Introduction of intern, Mikenzie Orozco

Community Updates

Ken Krause & Stan Holmes (Capitol Hill Action Group): discussion of long-standing speeding issue and traffic volume on East Capitol with the "no stop required" ineffectual. Requesting traffic calming designs and devoted to locating funding.

CHNC Updates: Save the Date for June 19th! Meet the Mayoral Candidates

Unanimously adjourned.