

**Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council
Meeting Minutes
8/15/18, 6:30pm
Marmalade Library Multipurpose Room**

Welcome & Review of July Minutes — Laura Arellano, Board Chair

Motion to approve (KW) seconded (MB), unanimously approved, 6:45pm

Representative Reports

Salt Lake City Police Department — Det. Alen Gibic

- Can always contact Det. Gibic directly: <http://chnc-slc.org/community/>, he has been driving in the Avenues and surveying fire hazards; has the same safety reminders (lock doors, car, etc.)
- Questions about scooter rules with clarification from Lt. Bennett: because the scooters are on a 30 day trial trainings were just released. Fine info here: <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/sharedmobility/> and share concerns with dockless@slcgov.com
- Community questions about camping at the Marmalade Library amphitheater and relationship to home on 600 N.; Det. Gibic confirms when this was last reported he sent extra patrols, recommends calls for trespass and that evening patrols may be an issue.
- A need for more officers addressed in the Community Network is confirmed by Det. Gibic.

State House Representative — Rebecca Chavez-Houck

- August interim includes the anniversary of Operation Rio Grande: the state's allocation to the Dept. of Corrections for criminal justice issues and another larger allocation to Workforce Services to support the dignity of work program, provide Medicaid waivers, and recovery beds are active through March 2019 but will require millions more to make it through the year; remains vigilant regarding plans for sustained funding and address of case management.
- Community questions: plan for individuals who choose homelessness and housing units (defer to panel and service agencies).

Salt Lake City Council District 3 — Chris Wharton

- City Council voted unanimously to place the [General Obligation \(GO\) Bond](#) on November's ballot to address street repairs in conjunction with sales tax. For voters making their choice, this is estimated to be an increase of only \$5 per household per year.
- City continues to address the Inland Port and there are many improvements but ongoing city concerns without anticipate action until the 2019 general session.
- Fire in the district could have been catastrophic, reminder for concerned community members about the Fire Departments defensible barrier recommendations: <https://slcfire.com/wildland>.

Salt Lake City School District Board — Katherine Kennedy

- Inland Port is situated equally between three schools and the district stands to lose hundreds of millions in school revenue without involvement in the process.
- Reports predict ongoing trend of declining enrollment. Most new units are not designed for families with young children and SLCSDB is working with the City Council on unit stipulations.
- There is SLCSDB Board consensus on goals for literacy and social/emotional health. An allocation of 2.3M from the legislature is discretionary but should support these priorities. Washington Elementary was named the top performing Title 1 School but literacy remains a goal throughout the district.
- Money has been allocated for the Washington hillside to be completed next spring.
- West and Washington both begin on Monday 8/20 so note traffic and additional pedestrians.

Salt Lake City Mayor's Office — Nate Salazar

- CIP funding applications due September 28th <https://www.slc.gov/hand/capital-improvement-program/> and distributes information on ACE funding which CHNC uses for JamFest: <https://www.slc.gov/mayor/ace-fund/>
- Shares a volunteer opportunity with Project Homeless Connect: <https://www.phcslc.org/>

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Committee & Community Announcements

Engagement Update — JamFest September 22nd

- JamFest needs volunteers for set-up, take-down, and vendor assistance.
- Please note the new location on 400 N. and 400 W., submissions for jam will be dropped at the library. Connect with Jack Winward for any additional details or to volunteer.

Cindy Cromer — City Creek Park HLC Hearing: Shares information on a hearing at the Historic Landmark Commission with upcoming Open House.

Panel Discussion — Charly Sweet (VOA Homeless Outreach Program Director), Kathy Bray (VOA CEO), Chris Wharton (Salt Lake City Council), Det. Alen Gibic (SLCPD), Sgt. Wolfe (SLCPD), Charlie Bennett (SLCPD), Nate Salazar (Mayor's Office).

John Mitchell from CHNC Infrastructure and Planning Committee works at the VOA and speaks briefly about their role in addressing homelessness and that the panel can address an open discussion on homelessness in the neighborhood community, presented below in a Q&A format.

Q: Does SLC have higher homelessness per capita and what are trends and fastest growing segments of the population?

KB: Homelessness is increasing in many cities but the fastest growing population is families with children and homeless youth. There are more individuals living outside than previous years which impacts what neighbors experience.

Q: 10 year resident asks about controversial laws in Cincinnati regarding camping based on availability for placement off the street. How do these play out in Salt Lake?

KB: The Road Home runs between 700-800 people a night and for those with mental health issues (or concerns with addiction), this is too much for people to accept offer of shelter. Shelters are technically full but move to scattered resource model will change available bed numbers. Under current ordinances, there is not the utility to require services but it's an attempt made every day.

SW: if there isn't room in the shelter, he does not issue a camping citation but often there remains space. In the last 5 years only one person was denied and the employee had consequences as this is not the policy. There are many people who do want to camp on the streets which is hard to comprehend but there is no option to force individuals to shelter.

Q: in NextDoor there is a conversation about whether the hillside is private property and should there be a fence?

SW: This issue happens on Churchill where a property owner won't fence an area of concern. This provides enforcement and neighborhood challenges but as a law enforcement agency this is no recourse.

Q: Many communities have public/private partnerships with small units and common restrooms. With issues like zoning in mind, could this model work as one piece to address housing and remediate concerns of large shelters?

KB: Tiny homes and single room occupancies (SRO) are part of the affordable housing conversations. Not sure of specific plans in Utah for tiny homes but a proposal for State Homelessness Coordinating Committee includes SRO units. Many who deny shelter would come into housing units.

CW: Councilmembers Mendenhall and Kitchen toured a tiny home manufacturer and zoning is a concern but there is also not a large swathe of land for a neighborhood.

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Comments: Personal experiences with individuals experiencing homelessness and their limited privacy, threat of theft of property, communication barriers, and more seem to add to the issue.

CS: Acknowledgment that reintegration requires a layered response and multiple services.

Q: In the comprehensive approach is there any address for landlords providing transitional units that are often substandard? With families being a rising class it seems eviction rates contribute to the problem.

KB: Utah Community Action helps with eviction prevention and reduces barriers to housing. Low wage earners have challenges paying market rent, so nonprofit development complexes (i.e. 60-70 unit project in Murray for families in recovery) can assist, though solutions aren't fast enough.

CW: As an attorney, Utah laws overwhelmingly protect property owners and Good Landlord programs have unintended consequences of restricting renters. English Language Learners face even additional barriers.

NS: Please report issues with residential units to civil enforcement, while standards are low, the city can advocate. With a 5K unit shortage, the Mayor and City Council have made efforts including: 221 beds, 262 supportive housing units, and these address people who deny services (including veterans). Road Home reports show many experience homelessness short term and really need access to housing and case management more than shelter which Resource Centers can address.

Q: Is the City looking at inclusionary zoning and with the shortfall in beds with new model, are there long range plans anticipating the gap? For reference, inclusionary zoning is a mandate for developers that a certain percentage must include affordability.

CW: Yes and yes! Inclusionary zoning comes with challenges and SLC aims to avoid issues that came up in Denver. In cases where individuals are facing homelessness but have a gap in rent, there are also programs for temporary coverage, details other non-punitive models. The sales tax change should help with adoption of options other than brick and mortar options.

NS: Part of the housing plan does include a mandate on city owned property for multiple levels of affordability. Current numbers look at a blanket service of emergency shelter, this hasn't created opportunities necessary for success and the resource model can target services outside of the gap in beds.

KB: There are more strategies for reduction — groups that offered more detox beds through Operation Rio Grande and if Utah could get [Medicaid Expansion \(Prop 3 is only the ballot!\)](#) paying for treatment beds is an effective strategy.

Q: What about land on Redwood Road for tiny homes?

CW: Because it's owned by UDOT the city can't do this, they can't bid without community input and lacks negotiating power unless a developer requests a change (i.e. we'll allow the height increase if a certain number of units are affordable). Clarification that the city and state don't have equal bargaining power.

Q: Camping citations aren't effective but what deterrents are there and what caused the fire?

CW: No determined cause with some discussion that it's possibly campfire.

DG: Agrees that when warrants can't be served and folks don't appear in court it's frustrating for neighbors and officers who travel between transient problems.

SW: SLCPD lacks additional enforcement tools but utilizes VOA's outreach team.

CS: VOA does offer treatment and often finds it's accepted much later than original ask (even 107 times!)

Motion to adjourn (MB), seconded (AA), unanimously adjourned, 8:05pm