

Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

January 27, 2021

On Zoom, [see the video, here.](#)

38 attendees

Meeting convened by David Scheer, Chair at 6:30 pm

Reports by officials

Councilmember Chris Wharton

- City housing initiative this year
- Watch out for zoning text amendments
- Hiring freeze for police has been lifted, City will hire enough officers to return to pre-COVID level. New class of officers about to graduate.
- Will continue work with CHNC on traffic issues
- Met with UDOT and UTA on overlapping jurisdiction transport issues
- State legislature considering bill on street racing. City lobbyist will try to get loud modified mufflers included. City ordinance will be considered if State law doesn't cover the issue.
- Will restart Marmalade historic street sign project. New head at Communities and Neighborhoods is more interested in project than previous one.
- Question: why was police hiring freeze put in place? Answer: Funded by sales tax, city was unsure of impact on COVID-19 on sales tax.
- Question: what can be done about noise from renters? Answer: hasn't thought about it but will.

Katherine Kennedy- SLC School District

- In-person classes will start for kindergarten & 1st grade Feb 2. Older grades will follow. School Board felt intense pressure from state legislature to begin in-person classes.
- Showed chart comparing COVID-19 infections for school districts throughout the valley. SLC had lowest number relative to total number of students. She believes their policy was correct and prevented spread of disease.
- Teachers will be 50% vaccinated by Jan. 28. Remainder will take about 5 weeks.
- Search for new superintendent is underway.

Guest presenter- Nicholas Rupp, Salt Lak County Health Department

- County has fewer COVID-19 cases than in previous peaks and trending down.
- Who can get vaccinated: people aged 70 and up, must live in SL County. Part-time residents OK.
- People 65 and up may be eligible by early March.

- Q: Does vaccination make it safe for people to dine out and socialize? A: Vaccine takes 2 weeks after 2nd dose to become effective. Until herd immunity is achieved, continue to wear masks and social distance.
- Q: When will children be vaccinated? A: Phase 3 trials underway for ages 12 and up. No timeline given. Younger children will follow.
- Q: Are side effects of vaccine more severe in people with auto-immune disorders? A: Side effects are no greater for any group except those who have had negative reactions to vaccines in the past.
- Q: Are hospitals full? A: Hospitals are near capacity but hasn't heard of anyone being turned away.
- Q: What are current criteria for vaccine eligibility? A: Must be age 70 or older, or have certain underlying conditions.
- Q: When will appointments for vaccination in March be available? A: Not known yet; will be heavily advertised in all media.
- Q: How soon can people who have had COVID-19 get vaccinated? A: Must wait 90 days after last symptoms. Having had the disease confers immunity for about 90 days.

Guest presenter: Det. Bob Nygaard, new community liaison officer for district 3

- Community liaison group reduced from 7 officers to 3. He has districts 3 and 4.
- Q: Speeding and noise on East Capitol Blvd- can there be more enforcement? A: Will check.
- Q: What training are officers getting about handling people with autism? A: Officers are being taught to recognize behavior patterns, both verbal and physical and how to respond appropriately.
- Q: Have you heard of lifesaver.org? A: No, will look into it.
- Q: There are places where cognitively disabled people wear trackers that are monitored by the police to avoid them getting lost. Would SLCPD consider such a program? A: Sounds interesting, will look into it.
- Q: What is the best way to reach him? A: Email- he checks it constantly.
- Q: Community needs more traffic enforcement- cut-through traffic, speeding and uncovered loads on trucks, running stop signs, ignoring crosswalks. A: Noted.
- Q: Will he meet with CHNC Transportation Committee? A: Yes.
- Q: How can people help the police? A: Be good witnesses. Video or photo incidents. Get license plate numbers if safe to do so. Don't hesitate to report incidents. Can file reckless driving report if license number is known.

Brian Hutchinson, Chair of Transportation Committee

- Davis County- SLC bus rapid transit connector: UTA survey online shows only two alignments, doesn't show alternatives discussed between UTA and CHNC. CHNC wants the BRT to help divert truck traffic onto 400 West, so favors 300 W route. Routing the BRT down 400 W would have the opposite effect.

- Transportation Committee will conduct a video traffic count at 3 intersections (“triangle”). Volunteers to help are needed.

Eva Lopez, Mayor’s office liaison

- Racial Equity in Policing Commission needs public input. Visit <https://www.slcgov.com/boards/racial-equity-in-policing-commission/>. Or call (888) 410-3427 (English)

Motion to adjourn by Brian Hutchinson. Seconded by Ken Kraus. No discussion. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Notes by D. Scheer.

ZOOM CHAT NOTES:

Chat log
CHNC January 27, 2021

00:28:45 brian hutchinson:Here is a link to the CHNC Traffic Calming Map, which includes several projects, including CHNC’s proposed 300 W - 400 W BRT route <http://chnc-slc.org/capitol-hill-traffic-calming-maps/>

00:45:39 Anna Zumwalt: Thank you Katherine!!!!

00:50:45 Jennifer Dailey-Provost: As always, thank you Katherine!

00:50:49 Katherine Kennedy: Thank you, Chris, for your fiscal responsibility and careful management during these difficult years and for going through a zero-based budgeting exercise, which takes huge amounts of time. I appreciate your transparency and accountability.

00:51:21 Safi Safiullah: Thank you Katherine! I appreciate your comprehensive report. Safi

00:52:03 Todd Weiler: I’m wondering how many of the district’s MLL or special needs teachers have contracted COVID this school year in the classroom?

00:52:11 Anna Zumwalt: Thank you, Chris!

00:52:40 Chris Wharton: Thank you, Katherine, for your efforts to protect SLC students and prevent the spread of COVID19.

00:52:57 Jennifer Dailey-Provost: Hi everyone, I am really sorry that I cannot stay - I’ve got a few other commitments this evening. I would be more than happy to discuss policy issues and legislative work anytime. My contact info is 385-321-7827, jdprovost@le.utah.gov. Office hours sign up <https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=17767152>

00:53:15 Jennifer Dailey-Provost: Stay safe!

00:54:33 Anna Zumwalt: Thank you Jennifer!!

00:55:35 Katherine Kennedy: To answer Senator Weiler's question, we have many anecdotal but verified reports of teachers who have contracted COVID from students. Unfortunately, the SLCo Health Department does not track data on teachers specifically. We have asked for this data, but have been unable to receive it.

00:58:04 Rhonda Devereaux: So sorry! I thought I was muted!

01:12:26 Katherine Kennedy: Here is part of a letter I received from an employee. Since we are not doing contract tracing, it is hard to know for sure whether she contracted COVID from a student, but she believes she did.

01:18:00 Katherine Kennedy: On October 12, I returned to XXX Elementary where I am a Resource teacher for K-3 students, and I began preparing my room for in-person instruction, as requested. Until this point, my husband and a grown son and I have been very careful. Three adults live in our home in Heber City, and all three of us are considered to be "high-risk" for COVID for a variety of reasons. Recently, on October 23, my husband was tested for COVID because of some presenting symptoms. We immediately quarantined at home. The next day, October 24, my adult son

was tested as well. Both tests were positive, and so the XX County Health Department requested I also be tested. While already quarantined, I went in for testing on Monday October 26, 2020, though I was not presenting with any symptoms at that time, aside from feeling tired; but show me an educator who isn't feeling tired right now. Much to my surprise, my test was also positive.

01:20:37 Katherine Kennedy: Being asymptomatic, it is difficult to know where in the cycle I am, but I have remained asymptomatic except for fatigue. We believe that of the three of us, I had the greatest chance in the 2 weeks prior to our personal COVID outbreak, for exposure. My return to XXX School positioned me in in a public place, meeting with individuals, mostly adults, every day. During that time, I met with more than one child, and one parent, and interacted with many of my colleagues. Everyone I met with had a mask, and safety precautions, aside from length of time in interaction, were observed. Nevertheless, my opportunity for exposure far outweighed the other adults in my home. Because another of my sons, living outside of my home, interacted with me alone, and is also ill, we believe it is possible that I was the one who exposed the others in my family.

01:21:35 Katherine Kennedy: In the last week, all three of my sons, and 3 of my grandchildren, in addition to my husband and myself have become ill. Two are still awaiting their test results at this writing. It feels surreal how quickly this happened, even though we worked hard to personally observe strict precautionary measures.

01:22:25 Katherine Kennedy: One of my student's grandmothers, close to my age, died of COVID a little over a week ago. She was a caretaker of those children. As a family, we cannot emphasize enough, now that we are facing this personally: it is alarming how fast it spreads, and how quickly one becomes very ill. It's terrifying, really.

01:39:33 Dan Stevens: try the car business, lost about 25,000 dollars in 20 years

01:42:03 Dan Stevens: "cats" can be turned in to any and all Utah scrap yards with impunity and a mere recording of the perps driver license, virtually untraceable!! law could be changed
01:51:03 Eva Lopez: Racial Equity in Policing Commission:
<https://www.slc.gov/boards/racial-equity-in-policing-commission/>

To participate during the event, members of the public can:
Call (888) 410-3427 to participate in English
Call (844) 881-1317 to participate in Spanish
Text "Equity" to 22333 and wait for prompts
Post on social media using the hashtag #slcrepcommission
Advance registration is also available at www.slcrepcommission.com but is not required for participation.

SLC Report Card: <https://www.slc.gov/reportcard/>

State of the City address:
<https://www.slc.gov/blog/2021/01/26/a-stronger-more-resilient-more-equitable-salt-lake-city-in-2021-and-beyond/>

01:52:09 Anna Zumwalt: Thank you Eva!
01:57:12 Chris Wharton: I need to log off as well. Thanks, everyone!
01:57:50 Chris Wharton: Please email me anytime at chris.wharton@slcgov.com
01:58:04 Anna Zumwalt: Thank you Brian!! And thanks for the shout out!!!