

LIBERTY WELLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, 14-June-2017
Location: Tracy Aviary Education Center

Call to Order: By Jeff Bair, Vice Chair. There were eight officers and board members present. Valerie Vaughn, Chair, is excused. A successful motion was made to approve the minutes from May's meeting.

Public Safety Reports:

Salt Lake City Fire Department, Station 8 - Not present, no report.

Salt Lake City Police Department, Detective Andrew Pedersen - Reminded everyone that kids are out of school for the summer, drivers should act accordingly. He also reminded us that we should not leave cars running with kids or dogs inside. To reduce crime, he suggested that we ask a neighbor to watch our house and take in the mail and newspaper while on vacation. He indicated that there are now 7 speed box monitors available to dispensing throughout the city. If you feel there is a speeding problem, contact him. Crime statistics are down 15% over this same time last year.

Standing & Officer's Reports:

Mayor's Office - Nate Salazar was excused, no report.

Chairman's Report - Jeff indicated that the council's newsletter had been printed and those living within the council boundaries should have received it. It was sent out in time to advertise our upcoming events, which include the Liberty Park Market, the British Field Day car show, and the First Encampment Park Celebration.

Treasurer's Report - Steven Hunt indicated that the current balance was \$4,083.51. This was slightly lower than last month's because several expenses had been paid. With the upcoming British Field Day and the farmers' market each Friday, that balance should rise considerably in the coming months. With more funds available, everyone was encouraged to submit ideas that would improve the community.

Liberty Park Market - Committee chair, Rebekah Huber, reported that the first farmers' market, held in Liberty Park on 09-June, was a success. People visiting the market expressed their gratitude for holding such an event. Several vendors sold out before the evening was over.

Main Program Items:

Business Spotlight - Kali Matson, of Spice Kitchen, explained how this organization was helping refugees, immigrants, and those with low income establish their own business. You can learn more at <http://spicekitchenincubator.org/>

Salt Lake City Public Library - Peter Bromberg, director of the Salt Lake City Library, explained why they were asking for more budget which would increase the taxes slightly. The average increase for home owners should be around \$20. The three reasons that necessitate additional funds are: (1) the city opened two new branch libraries, (2) the need to maintain their eight existing buildings, and (3) a desire to create a safe, clean, and welcoming environment in each of the libraries. You can learn more at <http://www.slcp.org/>

Friendly Neighborhood Senior Center - Melinda Cudney, manager of the facility, explained some of the benefits available to senior citizens. The center, which is open 8-2:00 Monday through Friday, serves lunch at 11:45 for \$3, also has activities such as bingo, fitness classes, yoga, outreach tickets, and produces a newsletter.

District 5, City Council Representative – Representative, Erin Mendenhall congratulated the community council for the successful farmer’s market. She indicated that the city will be asking citizens to participate in a survey. She was optimistic about a civil penalties amendment ordinance that will help to put undesirable businesses, such as some of the motels on State Street, out of business and thus reduce crime. The city council will be voting on that soon.

Committee Reports:

Safety - No report given.

Grants & Fundraising - DeWitt Smith asked for citizens to take a year sign home with them promoting the upcoming British Field Day. He will send out an email to those who signed up as volunteers, asking them to select a time they would be available to help with the event.

CERT - No report given.

2017-2018 Officer and Board Nominations: Jeff explained that due to other commitments he and Valerie Vaughn would not be running for reelection for vice chair and chair, respectively. Hence, nominations were opened for these and the other positions for officers and board members. It was proposed that Val and Jeff be given special thanks for their service this past year. That was then followed by a sound round of applause. The following were nominated and the motion was made, seconded, and approved that these individuals be accepted for these positions by acclamation. The newly-elected officers and board members will officially begin their 1-year term on 01-July.

Position	Nominee(s)
Chair	Bill Davis
Vice-chair	Kristie Christensen
Secretary	Larry Dean
Treasurer	Steven Hunt
Parliamentarian	DeWitt Smith
Board Members	Chris Herrmann, Chuck Robbins, Meg Young, Beka Huber, Paula Weaver, Marilyn Oblad, Karen Gough, Megan Buhler, Sharlene Revie, and Melinda Cudney

Reminders: The next community council meeting will be held at Tracy Aviary on 12-July at 7:00 p.m. Please bring any friends or neighbors who may be interested in community affairs.

A successful motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Steven Hunt, Treasurer