

LIBERTY WELLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, 12-July-2017
Location: Tracy Aviary Education Center

Call to Order: By Kristie Christensen, Vice Chair. There were 10 officers and board members present. Bill Davis, Chair, is excused. A successful motion was made to approve the minutes from June's meeting.

Public Safety Reports:

Salt Lake Fire Department, Station 8 – There were 65 fires over the July 4th weekend. Firemen can request that fires in back yards be put out. Reminder to keep hydrated during this hot season. There are rules around fires in backyards on the fire department website.

Salt Lake City Police Department, Detective Andrew Pedersen – Spoke about resource limits. The department has 400 – 450 FTE's. Of those 130 are patrol officers. There are ongoing discussions regarding staffing levels. On Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, there are 14 FTE's on duty at any given time. Staffing can fluctuate. There are approximately 25 – 30 backlogged cases. There are 15 officers in training and recruiting is underway for an additional 32 positions. There are many special squads. The vice squad is back. Bike patrols are off on Fridays. Detective Pedersen will ask that officers stop by the Liberty Park Market to show a presence. Report problems directly to Detective Pedersen at 801-799-3625. Crime rates are down in District 5 over this time last year. Dispatchers prioritize calls. Bottom line, SLC needs more officers.

Mayor's Office – Nate Salazar announced that the city budget has closed. Rose Park golf course is still open and operating. New RDA Director, Danny Wall, has been approved. Nate distributed some fireworks safety information to the group. The city cannot ban fireworks due to state law. 'Tour Utah' stage 7 will be August 6th. Volunteers needed.

Chairman's Report – Kristie announced that the next council meeting will be a meet the candidates event. There will be a representative from the parks department at the September meeting to discuss a new partnership to address the 7 Peaks fountain.

Treasure's Report – There continues to be ongoing expenses. The current account balance is \$10,089.12. Some of those funds will be going to the Academy of Arts.

Candidate Introductions – Carol Goode-Rogozinski and George Chapman introduced themselves and made brief statements about their positions.

Liberty Park Market – Committee Chair, Rebekah Huber stated that there are now 40 vendors with new produce vendors coming onboard. Volunteers are still needed. The markets are from 4:00 pm until dusk (8:30) on Fridays. Peaches are coming on. There is a vendor waiting list. Fees are \$15.00 for farmers and \$30.00 for other vendors.

1st Encampment – Valerie announced that planning for the event is going well. Applications are complete. Volunteers are needed. So far there are 7 booths. Next planning session will be at Steve Hunt's home Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Safety Report – Chris Herrman had no new issues to report. There was some discussion around the National Main Street designation. Details to follow. There have been complaints regarding fires and a massage parlor on Nextdoor.

Grants and Fundraising – DeWitt Smith needs proposals for projects submitted by September. The pull-out lane at Whittier, a grant from the city for the Liberty Park Market, and the Ron Heaps park are good examples of a projects. Some other ideas mentioned were alley maintenance, block parties, inflatables to slow traffic, etc. Talk with Andy Jackson with the SLCPD to get radar trailers.

Reminders: The next community council meeting will be held at Tracy Aviary on August 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Please bring any neighbors who may be interested in community affairs.

A successful motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Larry Dean, Secretary