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**Liberty Wells Community Council
Meeting Minutes
13 December 2017
Tracy Aviary Education Center**

Call to Order: Bill Davis, chair, at 7:06 p.m.

There were 8 officers and board members present: Bill Davis, Kristie Christensen, Sara Adelman, Chris Herrmann, Marilyn Oblad, Megan Buhler, Valerie Vaughn and Zach Bartholomew. The minutes from the November meeting was approved.

Announcements

Salt Lake City's Parks and Public Lands Division notified the community council that, beginning the third week of December, the Liberty Park Pond will be dredged. The dredging process will consist of removing excess earth and sediment that has accumulated at the bottom of the pond. More information: <http://www.lwccslc.org/wp-content/LibertyParkPondDredging.pdf>

Public Safety Reports

Salt Lake City Fire Department, Station 8
No report given.

Salt Lake City Police Department

Detective Pedersen (801-799-3625 or CIUDistrict5@slcgov.com) – Burglaries are very difficult to solve due to a lack of suspect information. Sixty-eight officers from the detective division executed a community outreach effort and visited 2874 homes. They either spoke directly to the residents or they left behind tip cards with information on protecting against burglaries, car theft, etc.

The department is also conducting bait bicycle operations and package theft operations to catch suspects in the act.

Always call 801-799-3000 to report a burglary or break-in.

Main Program Items

Salt Lake Police Department dispatch system update

Jennifer Seelig, director of community empowerment, Mayor's Office, 801-535-7117 or jennifer.seelig@slcgov.com

- Jennifer Seelig followed up on the dispatch system issues raised at November's meeting.
- Dispatch is a separate entity from the police and fire departments. Dispatch customers include both internal customers (police and fire) and external customers (general public).

- The mayor's office met with dispatch immediately following the November community council meeting to discuss concerns.
- Current policy is that, if a caller does not have any suspect information, the preferred reporting method is to file a report online.
- However, the dispatch script has been updated to state that if a caller needs a police officer, one will come.
- The administration also plans to assess customer service for both internal and external dispatch customers.
- If you call dispatch and are denied the opportunity to file a report over the phone, hang up, call back and ask for a supervisor.

Pilot Volunteer Program

Jennifer Seelig, director of community empowerment, Mayor's Office, 801-535-7117 or jennifer.seelig@slcgov.com and Deeda Seed, resident.

- At the last meeting, several residents expressed interest in volunteering to address issues of homelessness and safety in the community.
- The Mayor's Office invited Deeda Seed to discuss what a community outreach pilot project might look like in the area.
- Deeda suggested the possibility of a four-month program to assess what's happening with homeless individuals in the Liberty Wells community. The assessment could then shape concrete actions for addressing the issues.
- The community council asked Deeda to come back to the next meeting with specific program proposals.
- LWCC is willing to coordinate with residents in the community to gather volunteers as appropriate.

Standing and Officer Reports:

City Council District 5 update

Erin Mendenhall, Salt Lake City Council, 801-535-7786 or erin.mendenhall@slcgov.com

- City Council held their final session of 2017.
- The council approved funding to purchase the Capitol Motel as part of the State Street redevelopment project area. The Housing Authority will develop and hold the property for mixed rate housing, i.e. a combination of affordable and market rate housing.
- The council also voted to fund 50 new police officers and to approve Salt Lake City's long-term housing plan.
- Going into the new year, Councilmember Mendenhall will continue to push for a human trafficking needs assessment. The city knows human trafficking is an issue, but not much is known about the victims specifically.

Mayor's Office

Nate Salazar, Nate.Salazar@slcgov.com

- After the council voted to approve the city housing plan, Mayor Biskupski issued several executive memos instructing city officials to write rules that require the evaluation of sellable surplus city land for housing development.

- During December, the mayor's office also ran a winter clothing drive to benefit the Weigand Center and Catholic Community services. More information: <http://www.slcmayor.com/mayors-office-clothing-drive/>
- During the first week of December, Mayor Biskupski and Vicki Bennett, director of Salt Lake City's Department of Sustainability, participated in the inaugural North American Climate Summit in Chicago. The summit convenes local leaders from across North America and Europe to discuss climate change and specific commitments local leaders have made to the Paris Agreement. More information: <http://www.slcmayor.com/pressreleases/2017/12/1/mayor-biskupski-to-participate-in-international-climate-summit-focused-on-local-efforts-to-address-climate-change>

Chairman's Report

No report given.

Treasurer's Report

No report given.

Committee Reports

Safety

No report given.

CERT

No report given.

Grants & Fundraising

No report given.

A successful motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Reminders

The next community council meeting will be held at Tracy Aviary on January 10 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring any friends or neighbors who may be interested in community affairs.

Minutes submitted by Sara Adelman, secretary.