



**Liberty Wells Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
10 January 2018  
Tracy Aviary Education Center

**Call to Order:** Bill Davis, chair, at 7:03p.m.

There were 11 officers and board members present: Bill Davis, Kristie Christensen, Sara Adelman, Marilyn Oblad, Megan Buhler, Karen Gough, Melinda Cudney, Zach Bartholomew, DeWitt Smith, Steve Hunt and Sharlene Revie. The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

**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](mailto:CIUDistrict5@slcgov.com))

- Officers have been leaving warning cards on idling cars to remind drivers of the risk of car theft.
- Decrease in crime year-over-year: car theft (15.6 percent decrease), car burglary (6 percent decrease), residential burglary (43.8 percent decrease). Robberies are up - the community saw six robberies this year, compared with three at this same time last year. Three of those robberies were carjackings.
- The vice squad, which conducts prostitution stings, is now impounding cars as well as arresting perpetrators. Impounding cars makes it more likely that the family will find out about the criminal behavior.
- One resident expressed concern at the ongoing code violations and potential criminal activity taking place at the Georgia Apartments at 2015 South and 200 East.
- Tim Cosgrove, the new community liaison to District 5, spoke about the multijurisdictional task force that is attempting to tackle similar issues by convening health officials, housing officials, public safety officials and more.
- Citations and fines can be issued against the properties, and penalties accrue until the issues are addressed.

**Main Program Items**

*Proposed Development at 1302 S 500 E and 1314 S 500 E*

Christopher Lee, principal planner, SLC Department of Community and Neighborhoods  
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- The city is currently reviewing plans for a mixed-use development on the southwest corner of 1300 South and 500 East.
- The project, which is being called the Wells Mixed Use Development, is a two-story development with office and retail space on the first floor and residential apartments on the second floor.
- The developers plan to maintain ownership and be active in the management of the building once complete.
- Zoning currently provides for a 15-foot setback between the building and property lines closest to the street. The developers are requesting a setback of 4.5 feet from the property line at 500 East and a setback of 2 feet from the property line at 1300 South.
- They are also requesting additional adjustments along the side and rear property lines.
- The development is on the agenda for the Salt Lake City Planning Division monthly open house on Jan. 18. The meeting will take place at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor hallway of the city and county building. Full agenda here:  
<http://www.slcgov.com/planning/planning-2018-open-houses>

#### *Our Schools Now ballot initiative overview*

Austin Cox, campaign manager

- Our Schools Now is a proposed ballot initiative to increase funding for Utah schools.
- The ballot initiative would create a new state law called the Teacher and Student Success Act.
- The act proposes a 0.45% increase to both state personal income tax and state sales tax. The resulting funding would be distributed to Utah schools at a rate of approximately \$1000 per enrolled student.
- In order to appear on the 2018 general election ballot, Our Schools Now must collect 113,143 signatures of registered voters in Utah and meet specific signature thresholds for at least 26 of the 29 state senate districts.
- For more information about the proposed legislation and ballot initiative, visit <https://ourschoolsnow.com/>

#### *Business Spotlight: Tinker's Cat Cafe*

Lisa Boone, owner, 801-519-2287

- Tinker's Cat Cafe, a business that just opened in 2017, is located at 302 East 900 South.
- The shop includes two spaces: a cafe room that sells drinks and locally-made pastries, and a cat lounge that serves as a foster home for 16 adoptable cats from the Salt Lake County animal shelter.
- The main goal of the cafe is to connect the fostered cats with new "forever homes."
- For those who love cats but cannot commit to adoption, visitors may make a reservation to play with the cats in the cat lounge. The cafe charges \$8 per adult and \$6 per child for an hour of playtime with the cats.
- To make a reservation to visit the cat lounge, visit <https://www.tinkerscatcafe.com/>

#### *Liberty Wells Homeless Neighbor Pilot Project follow-up*

Zachary Bartholomew, LWCC board member

- Liberty Wells Community Council members expressed concern about the impact of the homeless in their neighborhoods and in Liberty Park.
- Salt Lake City proposed a community pilot project, conducted under the auspices of volunteers in the community.
- This goal of this project is to gather data and provide suggestions and solutions to help improve the day-to-day experiences regarding Liberty Wells community members and the homeless community.
- This will be a 4-month project with a focus on gathering data through community surveys to identify problems and then match the problems with resources or recommendations to address identified issues.
- For more information on the proposed project outline, visit:  
[http://www.lwccslc.org/wp-content/Homeless\\_Community\\_Project.pdf](http://www.lwccslc.org/wp-content/Homeless_Community_Project.pdf)

### **Standing and Officer Reports:**

#### *Mayor's Office*

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Tim Cosgrove, [tim.cosgrove@slcgov.com](mailto:tim.cosgrove@slcgov.com) or 801-538-7238

- Salt Lake City Council approved a program that will provide eligible residents with free tickets to Broadway performances at the Eccles Theater. Arts for All is a joint city-county initiative that offers an average of 25 tickets to each Broadway event through a random drawing. To be eligible to enter the drawing for tickets, city and county residents must receive SNAP benefits or be eligible for free or reduced lunches. More info here:  
<https://artsaltlake.org/arts-for-all-program/>
- Yard waste pickup (brown bins) will be temporarily suspended Jan. 22 - March 18, 2018. The reduction in truck traffic as a result of the suspension helps save fuel and reduce air pollution at a time of low demand. The last week for brown bin pickup is Jan. 15-19. More info here: <http://www.slcgreen.com/compost-suspension>
- The city is no longer accepting plastic bags in the blue recycling bins. Opt for reusable bags or take your plastic back to grocery stores with bag collection. More info at <http://www.slcgreen.com/recycling-can> and <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/>
- The Salt Lake City Transportation Advisory Board currently has a vacancy for a resident from District 5. The Bicycle Advisory Committee, Redevelopment Advisory Board and Housing Advisory and Appeals Board each have openings that are not district-specific. To learn more about the boards and how to apply to serve as a board member, visit <http://www.slcgov.com/bc>
- Shelter the Homeless has submitted conditional use applications to the City's Planning Division for the two homeless resource center sites. To view the proposed site plans and learn more about opportunities for public comment, visit:  
<http://www.slcgov.com/hand/homeless-services-resource-centers>
- Nate Salazar is now associate director of community empowerment in the mayor's office. Tim Cosgrove will serve as the new community liaison to District 5.

**Committee Reports**

Due to the late hour, there was insufficient time for any Board or Committee reports to be given.

**A successful motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.**

**Reminders**

The next community council meeting will be held at Tracy Aviary on February 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
Please bring any friends or neighbors who may be interested in community affairs.

Minutes submitted by Sara Adelman, secretary.