



Liberty Wells Community Council
Meeting Minutes
14 February 2018
Tracy Aviary Education Center

Call to Order: Bill Davis, chair, at 7:05 p.m.

- There were 12 officers and board members present: Bill Davis, Kristie Christenson, Sara Adelman, Zach Bartholomew, George Hannan, Wayne Howcroft, Chris Herrmann, Dewitt Smith, Marilyn Oblad, Karen Gough, Megan Buhler, Steve Hunt. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Announcements – Kristie Christenson / vice.chair@lwccslc.org

- LWCC is seeking volunteers to join the planning committees for the Liberty Park Market, British Field Day, and First Encampment Celebration.
- Send us an email at info@lwccslc.org if you're interested in supporting these events.

Public Safety Reports

Salt Lake City Fire Department, Station 8

Kade Martin

- SLC Fire created a monthly email newsletter to keep the community informed. To sign up, visit <https://slcfire.com>.
- The fire department is participating in upcoming S.A.F.E. workshops at schools across the city. The Schools Aid Families in Emergency (S.A.F.E.) program provides training and information to help neighborhoods recover from major disasters. For workshop dates, visit <http://www.bereadyslc.com/s-a-f-e-neighborhoods/s-a-f-e-training-schedules>.
- SLC Fire is also being featured in an upcoming episode of 60 Minutes. Salt Lake City is the first city to provide NARCAN kits to respond to heroin and opioid overdose.

Salt Lake City Police Department

Detective Pedersen (801-799-3625 or CIUDistrict5@slcgov.com)

- SLCPD had received several reports of a white Crown Victoria prowling neighborhoods. On Jan. 26, the police impounded the car and brought the suspects in on six illicit drug charges.
- SLCPD has also followed up on complaints related to the Georgia Apartments on 2100 S and 200 E. They have issued citations to individuals sleeping in the burned-out units, as well as a “no trespassing” affidavit. The landlord is currently working with the fire department to fix code issues.
- Areas with high complaints of activities like car prowling have been added to the system for officers to patrol when they are not responding to calls.

Public Safety Committee

Chris Herrmann / safety@lwccslc.org

- Chris is a member of the SLCPD Volunteer Corps. Volunteer Corps members are trained and authorized to patrol.
- Community supported policing unites the community and empowers residents to work with the police to effectively combat crime in the community
- To join Volunteer Corp, contact the Police Department’s Volunteer Coordinator at 801-799-3361 or slcpdvolunteer@slcgov.com.
- Neighborhood Watch is another opportunity to support community safety and crime reduction. Any resident may participate in Neighborhood Watch. For more information, visit <http://www.slcpd.com/community-engagement/neighborhoodwatch/>.

CERT scholarship opportunities

Megan Buhler / emergency.prep@lwccslc.org

- Did you know Liberty Wells has a community emergency response team (CERT)? Sixty-five of Liberty Wells residents have been trained in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.
- If you live in Liberty Wells and you're interested in signing up for a CERT class, you may be eligible for a scholarship to cover your costs. Contact Megan at emergency.prep@lwccslc.org for more info.

Main Program Items

Capitol Motel Project

Joe Post, SLC Housing Authority, 801-539-8700 or jpost@haslcutah.org

- In January, the Salt Lake City Council approved \$3.2 million for Housing Assistance Management Enterprise (HAME) to purchase and develop four parcels on the 1700 South block of State Street.
- These lots include the Capitol Motel and two other businesses. HAME, in collaboration with the Housing Authority of Salt Lake City, hopes to build a four-story, mixed-use project with 108 units.
- HAME closed on the properties on Jan. 18, and they immediately began making improvements to the Capitol Motel area. For example, much of the motel has been repainted, lighting has been updated, fencing has been installed, and security guards are on premises 24 hours a day. Many of the previous occupants moved out, but nine rooms are still occupied.
- HAME will operate the motel during the transition period. HAME hopes to begin demolishing in one year and building in two years.
- The project is currently waiting on the approval of tax credits in order to move forward with next steps. HAME will continue to update the community council as the project moves forward.

Liberty Wells Homeless Neighbor Pilot Project follow-up

Zachary Bartholomew, LWCC board member

- Liberty Wells residents expressed concern about the impact of the homeless in their neighborhoods and in Liberty Park.
- The Salt Lake City mayor's office 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.
- The mayor's office, in conjunction with community council volunteers, issued an online survey to the community. As of Feb. 13, 270 people responded to the survey. Survey results will be reported at a future community council meeting.
- For more information on the project, contact info@lwccslc.org.

Mayor's Office

Tim Cosgrove, tim.cosgrove@slcgov.com or 801-538-7238

- The Utah State Legislature began the 2018 General Session on Jan. 22. The mayor's office put forward specific legislative priorities related to affordable housing and homelessness, air quality and renewable energy, transportation, water and local development projects. To learn more about the mayor's legislative priorities this year, visit <http://www.slcgov.com/statelegislature2018>.

- Mayor Biskupski and the city council are also exploring two funding options to address growth issues related to housing, transit, public safety, infrastructure and air quality.
 - One option would increase the local sales tax by one-half percent, generating an estimated \$35 million each year
 - Another option would be to bond up \$87 million to generate one-time revenue for replacing aging streets and sidewalks
- Arts for All is officially underway. The program is a city-county initiative offering an average of 25 tickets for individual Eccles Theater events 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/>

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

Reminders

The next community council meeting will be held at Tracy Aviary on March 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.