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**Liberty Wells Community Council
Meeting Minutes
14 March 2018
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 Christenson, Chris Herrmann, Megan Buhler, Beka Huber, Wayne Howcroft, Karen Gough, Melinda Cudney.
- Since there wasn't a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, the review and approval of the February minutes was postponed to the April meeting.

Capitol Motel Redevelopment Project Update

- In February, the community council heard a presentation on the Capitol Motel redevelopment project from Joe Post of the SLC Housing Authority.
- Bill reached out to ask if they had any updates since the last meeting.
- HAME fenced off the Capitol Motel as soon as they took over the property. Most residents left, but a few remained.
- HAME has entered into an agreement with Home Inn, a company that specializes in weekly and monthly rentals. Thirteen units are currently being rented.
- Bill will continue to regularly invite HAME to present and update the community as the project moves forward.

Community Council Bylaws Review

- The council board executive committee is in the process of updating the community council bylaws. The bylaws were last reviewed in 2001.
- The modified bylaws will be presented to the community council for ratification after the board has reviewed and approved the changes.

State Senate District 2

- Jim Dabakis announced his retirement from State Senate District 2, which includes Liberty Wells.
- Derek Kitchen, District 4 city councilmember, is one of several candidates who have entered the race for District 2. He is currently collecting signatures for placement on the ballot.



- Bill invited Derek to attend the council meeting and introduce himself, but he is currently out of town. Bill spoke personally in support of Derek.

Volunteers Needed – Kristie Christenson / vice.chair@lwccslc.org

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

Public Safety Reports

Salt Lake City Police Department

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

- Message from the chief's office: Did you know you could get a DUI if you're not driving?
- If you're in your vehicle and have your keys on you--for example, if you choose to sleep in your car when you're drunk--you could be eligible for a DUI. If you get charged with a DUI, your car will be towed.
- There have been eight burglaries in District 5 in the last week alone.
- COMPSTAT analysts are working on identifying other trends and issues in order to figure out what might be causing the uptick.
- SLCPD is making the following changes to address this issue:
 - Day shift officers are being pulled from the west side to help augment police presence on the east side.
 - Bike squad officers will also be focused on this area.
- Mostly Level 1 stops: Not detained. It's a consensual encounter to try to identify who's in the area.
- Last week, the burglary unit lifted fingerprints from the same person on two separate homes. One person since December has committed eight business burglaries in the district. Is it the same person? That's what the department is trying to figure out.
- SLCPD typically don't have burglary suspect information. Send videos and pictures of suspicious individuals to SLCPD.
- When a burglary is reported, officers knock on doors in the area to gather possible witness information. If they don't make personal contact, the officers leave a door hanger asking residents to contact them with information.

CERT scholarship opportunities

Megan Buhler / emergency.prep@lwccslc.org

- Community Emergency Response Training is a program developed by FEMA to train residents in basic disaster response. This allows communities to respond to emergencies when first responders like police, fire, and medical cannot immediately respond.
- Seventy-two of Liberty Wells residents are CERT trained, but we need more!
- CERT training is a seven-week course that takes place on Monday evenings.
- The community council funded five scholarships for the course that began in March, and one person signed up.
- The next class begins April 30. 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

Liberty Park Market

- Last year, the community council established a farmer's market, which was a great success.
- The operations and planning of the market require a lot of time and work, and the first season was run entirely by volunteers.
- In order to support the future of the market, the market committee and community council board decided to hire a market director and assistant market director.
- These individuals will work part time to support the market planning and operations.
- Annette Shade-Accarrino has a business background and moved to Utah five years ago. She has more than 13 years of experience with project management and marketing. While living in Chicago, she helped design a mobile app for farmer's market.
- Lacey Ott is originally from Michigan and has lived in Utah for 10 years. She has a background in health promotion and education and worked closely with the Murray Farmers Market last season to run their SNAP booth. She currently works full-time as a food and nutrition supervisor at Intermountain Healthcare.
- The market opens for the 2018 season on June 8.

Mayor's Office

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- Mayor Biskupski and the city council are 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
- Public safety, streets and infrastructure, transit and housing are the four areas identified as priorities through previous public engagement efforts.
- It's estimated that approximately 60 percent of the revenue collected by the increased sales tax would be paid by nonresidents such as office workers, visitors and tourists.
- The sales tax revenue would support long term city operations.
- The general obligation bond would support funding-deferred maintenance for major road and infrastructure projects.
- Two general obligation bonds that were approved by voters more than a decade ago to finance the Main Library and The Leonardo will be paid off in mid-2019, providing the opportunity to finance other projects without a large increase in property taxes.
- The city council will be holding several public hearings on these issues. The city will also hold public workshops and encourages residents to provide feedback through the online survey. For dates, times and locations, please visit <http://fundingourfutureslc.com/get-involved/>

City Council District 5 update

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- The items these funding options would support are the issues the city has been talking about for years.
- Salt Lake City doubles, if not triples, its daytime population. Sales tax is the only way to capture revenue from nonresidents who travel and work in Salt Lake City.
- Even these funding options would not adequately fund everything that needs to get done.
- Your feedback is critical to helping prioritize these options.
- Bill Davis pointed out that the reason Salt Lake City can increase the sales tax is because the city took on the state prison. The state offered the increased sales tax option as a perk for accepting the prison.
- The northwest quadrant makes up approximately 25 percent of all Salt Lake City land.

- The City Council is very concerned about S.B. 234, which was passed by the Utah State Legislature.
- This bill creates a port authority board that would oversee the development of an inland port in the northwest quadrant. The bill would also force Salt Lake City residents to subsidize the development of the inland port in the form of lost tax revenue.
- They have the option to take 100 percent of tax increment for this area and place it in the hands of an appointed port authority.
- For example, this means Salt Lake City School District would lose \$145 million over the next 25 years.
- Governor Herbert has the option of either signing or vetoing the bill.

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 April 11 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring any friends or neighbors who may be interested in community affairs.

Minutes submitted by Sara Adelman, secretary.