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Meeting Minutes

**Liberty Wells Community Council - Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018
Salt Lake Community College - South City Campus**

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Call to Order: Bill Davis, chair, at 7:10 p.m.

- There were 10 officers and board members present: Bill Davis, Sara Adelman, Shannon Krug, Karen Gough, Marilyn Oblad, Beka Huber, Chris Herrmann, Wayne Howcroft, DeWitt Smith, Zach Bartholomew.
- Johnnae Nardone and Steven Hunt are excused.
- After discussion of the July and August minutes, three corrections were requested:
 - Update July minutes to say “West Temple” rather than “South Temple.”
 - Update August minutes to say “9 weeks” rather than “9 seasons” and clarify the bullet point about speed restrictions for electric scooters.
- Shannon makes a motion to approve the July minutes pending the changes. Sara seconds the motion.
- Wayne made a motion to approve the August minutes, pending these changes. DeWitt seconded the motion.
- Both motions pass unanimously.
- Vote to pass the change to the bylaws: move from fiscal year to calendar year. Budgeting and event planning
- Sara makes motion to accept the change to bylaws; Shannon seconds. All unanimous.

Vote on proposed change to the LWCC fiscal year

- According to the bylaws, the LWCC fiscal year runs from July to June, which puts the end of our budget cycle right in the middle of our event season.
- In July, the board adopted a motion to move the LWCC fiscal year to align with the calendar year.

- The proposed change to the bylaws were made public prior to the August community council meeting and must be ratified by a community vote.
- Attendees voted unanimously to accept the change to the bylaws. An updated copy will be posted to the website in the coming weeks.

Public Safety Reports

SLC Fire Department, Station 8

- The fire department has seen more than 400 calls in the last month alone.
- Depending on the scale of the emergency, help can't always get to you immediately.
- Be sure to take control of your own safety. Have an escape plan. Know where to meet or how to contact your loved ones. Keep an emergency kit with water, food, clothes, medication, flashlight, hygiene items, etc.

Det. Andrew Pedersen, 801-799-3625 or CIUDistrict5@slcgov.com

- Liberty Wells sees a lot of ups and downs in burglary numbers. In the period of Aug. 20-26, the community experienced 13 burglaries in a seven-day period. Last year, the community reported six burglaries during the same period.
- In response, SLCPD issued a saturation patrol to try to identify who's committing these crimes.
- The patrol put in 96 man hours, which resulted in the recovery of approximately \$6,000 in stolen goods. They also identified 24 more suspicious people. One woman was caught with 18 different credit cards.
- Following the saturation patrol, burglaries dropped to four in one week, and continue to go down.
- SLCPD has also been working with landlords to address problem properties.
- For example, one individual from Moab recently purchased the Alta Motel sight unseen. This property owner has been very proactive in making positive improvements.
- When it comes to drug crimes, undercover operations take time. One attendee asked what's being done to address drug use within the park. For tips, call 801-799-DRUG. This creates a case number, and a detective is required to follow up. SLCPD offers a "drug diary" resource online that includes helpful prompts so you know what questions will be asked when you call in a tip.
- It's not against the law for people to be homeless; it's not against the law to be in the park.
- Bike squad update: currently consists of five officers and one sergeant; their days off are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

- One attendee brought up some questions regarding private alley closures to assist in the breakup of homeless camps. There could be zoning issues around emergency vehicles needing to get to homes or other areas within the area.
- What happens when you see someone who seems to be in distress in public?
 - Homeless Outreach Service Team: Provides specific care and services. Typically only two host officers on call at a time. Call 801-799-3000.
 - Emergency Dispatch: fire department arrives first and checks vitals; then police evaluate whether or not they're a threat to others. The individual has the right to refuse medical care.
- Salt Lake County funds the jail and the sheriff. If you're concerned about rotating arrests, call the county mayor to weigh in on funding.

Main Program Items

Proposed 2019 Capital Investment Program applications for Liberty Park

Nancy Monteith and Kristin Riker, Salt Lake City Parks and Public Lands, 801-972-7891

- City review and approval of funding for capital improvement projects takes place this fall. SLC Parks and Recreation have proposed CIP projects within Liberty Park and are seeking support from Liberty Wells residents.
- Moving vehicle access to the Maintenance Yard:
 - Trucks currently access the maintenance yard through the Tracy Aviary and pool parking lot. Lots of visitors and kids. The parks department recommends moving the driveway to the south wall between the tennis courts and pool.
 - However, there are users who play handball in the area. Meeting attendees expressed concern that this would eliminate the only area where park visitors can practice tennis or play handball for free. Could another area be set aside for this purpose?
- Safety Improvements on Pathways:
 - Last year, the parks department initiated a pilot program on the rollerblade track around the park.
 - The pilot program is wrapping up in the next few weeks with a final request for public feedback: through survey online; QR code online; and also a physical table near the pathway with pen-and-paper surveys.
 - Attendees expressed concern that there are still design flaws at the entrances to the park. Cars can't see people coming. Could a raised pathway and/or flashing lights help draw the attention of drivers? Nancy and Kristin confirmed that engineers are studying the safety bottlenecks to make qualified recommendations to improve the experience for pedestrians and other users.

- One suggestion that the parks department has considered is widening the inside sidewalk to give walkers another alternative within the park. This would allow the rollerblade path to be used primarily by faster recreational traffic such as runners, cyclists, and rollerbladers.
- Seven Canyons Fountain study and replacement project:
 - One year ago, the parks department met with the Liberty Wells Community Council to provide an update and gather feedback on the need to replace or update the Seven Canyons Fountain. View minutes from that meeting here: <http://www.lwccslc.org/wp-content/2017-0913-LWCC-Minutes.pdf>
 - Last year, LWCC and the parks department applied for a CIP grant to fund a study of the fountain and develop possible scenarios. The proposal was not funded.
 - To help make up for lost time, the parks department is applying again this year - this time for both the study and the estimated design and construction costs.
 - CIP project applications are viewed more favorably when they have the support of surrounding community councils.
 - LWCC board members are assisting with the CIP funding application again this year.

Proposed Lane Changes on 1700 South between State Street and 300 West

Bill Davis, chair, chair@lwccslc.org

- A member of the community asked LWCC to have a brief discussion of the lane realignment proposal that would affect 1700 South between State Street and 300 West. Although the proposal is being put forward by the Ballpark Community Council, it would have an impact on Liberty Wells and other surrounding neighborhoods.
- Ballpark neighborhood has traditionally been a “pass-through” neighborhood. It’s easy to miss.
- However, as pocket neighborhoods become more and more integral to the fabric of Salt Lake City, Ballpark Community Council focused on making the neighborhood a destination.
- For example, they worked on a master plan amendment that rezoned 191 residential properties from multifamily back to single family zoning.
- Boulevard Gardens, a historic courtyard development, was listed on the national register of historical places.
- Now, the 1700 South realignment.
- Manny’s approached BPCC to ask about adding increased parking in the neighborhood. An informal survey of surrounding businesses was conducted,

which led to more discussion at board meetings and monthly meetings, and eventually a CIP funding application.

- The proposal would add on-street public parking while preserving and improving bike lane infrastructure on 1700 South to create a vibrant, walkable urban node.
- Studies have shown this lane alignment increases pedestrian safety.
- The street currently handles 10,000 cars a day. The threshold with the new alignment would be up to 18,000 to 20,000 cars. No appreciable impact on traffic numbers.
- The CIP Board approved the proposal; the mayor approved it; city council approval is still pending.
- Bill asked those in attendance how many supported the proposed realignment and how many were against. By a show of hands, those in favor outnumbered those against.

A successful motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Reminders

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

Minutes submitted by Sara Adelman, vice chair.