

# Liberty Wells Community Council

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“We began with a great history... We’re headed towards a great future!”

## WHAT IS THE LIBERTY WELLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL?

Do you have a need for sidewalks to be replaced or alleys cleaned or pot holes fixed? Have a concern about a possible drug house, noisy neighbors or absentee landlords with unkempt yards?

Do you need a way to get “things” done but don’t know how, or who to contact? Then join the Liberty Wells Community Council (LWCC). We’re here to help you!

Salt Lake City certifies and coordinates neighborhood organizations throughout the city, providing input and information to City Departments — and to meet the goals of residents and businesses within the area.

The LWCC boundaries are from 900 South to 2100 South and State Street to 700 East.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Salt Lake Community College, in the rooms located on the south side of the Cafeteria. Park on north-east corner of 17th So. & State.

## LWCC MEETING AGENDA • Wednesday, January 14, 2009

**Call To Order:** 7:00 pm — Call for a Quorum and Review Minutes

### NEW BUSINESS:

**1. We need to receive ideas for grants now!** If you have an idea that needs funding, please let us know. The deadline for LWCC to take suggestions for grants will be at the meeting February 11, 2009. In order to comply with Salt Lake City's budgeting process we will need to have the applications submitted to the City for various government grants by April, 2009. The City grants are Community Development Block Grants (GDBC), Housing Program grants and Capital Improvement Grants. Information can be found on the Salt Lake City web site.

**2. Report on members of the LWCC to participate on Salt Lake City Boards.**

### CONTINUED BUSINESS:

1. Elections for 2009: Nominations for the LWCC Executive Officers and Board Members will be made in April with the vote to take place in May. New officers will take their place in June. *Info about the duties and roles of various positions will be posted on our web site. If you have further questions, please call Jim Fisher at 485-8780.*

2. Streetlight Committee: We have made preliminary contact with SLC. We have been told that there is \$200,000 for streetlights available under the regular program where the home owner pays a substantial amount (about ½) of the costs. With the street lights from Felt Electric (poles and installation) the cost is about \$1,500. There needs to be a minimum number of people on a street will to participate in order to proceed (50%) with the project on a street by street basis. There is another program that Rocky Mountain Power has, but we have not received a phone call back from them, as they want to work with a City representative in the negotiations. For that purpose, we need to set up a meeting with the Mayors office and the help from our City Council Woman, Jill Love. Another option is to pursue grants, such as CDBG to go towards this project. As for CDBG, we have about \$200,000 in grant funding in an account for streetlights. We need to work to get those funds released for this project. (We placed aside some of the funds for the eventual purchase of the Ron Heaps property). LWCC will be pursuing ways to bring decorative street lights to our neighborhood and present our recommendations to Salt Lake City. Again, we need those interested in this project to attend the meetings to represent our interests. Please call Jim Fisher at 485-8780.

3. Ron Heaps Park Update: The process has proceeded to the Salt Lake Attorneys Office.

4. Problem Properties: Complaint Procedures

5. Emergency Preparedness

6. Urban Forestry

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS & DEVELOPMENT:**

1. Grant Funding: Jan Knaphus *If you have an idea that will improve our community, bring up the idea at the Council meeting. This way we can begin looking for ways to fund the idea.*

2. Neighborhood Watch/Emergency Preparedness: Chris Herrmann

3. Public Relations: We need someone to fill in for Julianne as she serves in Iraq.

4. Review of Committee Needs

### **COMMENTS FROM CITY REPRESENTATIVES:**

Police Report

City Council Report from SLC—Transparency Survey

Councilwoman Jill Remington Love-Update and clarification on Ron Heaps, Streetlights, Stop light at 400 East and 1700 South

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

We are lucky to have an active Neighborhood Watch program in our community. The Neighborhood Watch programs are divided into two areas, north of 1300 South and south of 1300 South.

The Neighborhood Watch program north of 1300 South is headed by Dusty Smith. She can be reached at 801-635-6444.

The Neighborhood Watch program south of 1300 South is chaired by Chris Herrmann. He can be reached at 801-484-1322.

The Neighborhood Watch meets at 7:00 PM on the first Wednesday of the month at the Salt Lake Community College, in the east room off the cafeteria. A rep. from the SLC Police Department attends these meetings to gather information to help reduce crime.

## **LWCC “WISH LIST”**

Street lights? Skateboard Park? Recognition as an Historic District? Continued use of the pool at Salt Lake Community College? Fewer speeding vehicles? After school activities for the kids? Community Farmers Market? What makes a neighborhood a desirable place to live?

Jan Knaphus is working with the Salt Lake City staff to learn about funding sources for various kinds of community improvement projects. LWCC has been invited to develop a "wish list" of approx. 6 items for Community Development Block Grant Funding and we need your suggestions. Email your ideas to Jan at [jknaphus@gmail.com](mailto:jknaphus@gmail.com) or call 483-2507 before the January 9th Community Council meeting. We will take some time during that meeting to prioritize suggestions and develop our list.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The Liberty Wells Community Council (LWCC), American Red Cross, Salt Lake City and the LDS Wells Stake are working together to implement the LWCC Emergency Plan.

We are looking for Street Captains. Their duties are to meet their neighbors and pass out Emergency Preparedness Information and other information to improve our area. The Street Captains have about 6 to 10 homes on the street where they live. They will pass out information to their neighbors explaining how to get ready for an emergency, what to do in the case of an emergency and to identify those home bound neighbor who have special needs. This is a wonderful program to get out and meet your neighbors.

If you are interested come to our meeting held just prior to the regular LWCC meeting. There you will receive a packet of information so you can do the job.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee meets at 6:00 PM, on the second Wednesday of the month, immediately before the monthly LWCC meeting, in the same room, east of the Cafeteria.

## **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: Get to Know Your Neighborhood**

Within the Liberty Wells neighborhood, there are many cooperative efforts to help meet local needs and further our community interests. Disaster preparedness is part of the goals of the Liberty Wells Community.

If there is already a neighborhood Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) or association or neighborhood watch group or church group for your area, you have a ready-made structure for disaster preparedness. For example, neighborhoods organized to fight drugs, promote CERT, organize recycling or have church affiliations have structures that can be used. Other groups can also add disaster preparedness and response to their activities: tenants' groups, homeowners' associations, community and senior centers, parent/school associations, childcare centers, social service agency projects, or any grassroots movement.

If there is no existing group to which you can attach disaster preparedness, start one. It will be up to you to determine how many households you should involve in a disaster preparedness project. Geography and topography should play a part in your decision, as should a sense of what will need to be done after a disaster in your immediate area and what number of people will be needed to do it. Some groups have designed themselves around a square block, some around both sides of their street, some around their apartment building or mobile home park, some around church boundaries.

The ethnic, cultural, and traditional social structures of neighborhoods vary greatly. Any effort to organize people for disaster preparedness must understand the character of a neighborhood and its people, and approach the issue in a manner that involves and reinforces that unique character.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS**

### **There is help out there:**

Salt Lake City has launched a Small Business initiative to help in these tough times. Liberty Wells Community Council can help you coordinating your business needs with the resources of Salt Lake City. We can help in developing a business plan to create a small business district, co-ordinate advertising and marketing and assist obtaining low cost financing and grants. We can show you various resources to help you grow your business. Come join us.