

District Three Community Council Updates

CAPITOL HILL

by Polly Hart

Summer is here! The Capitol Hill community has had a lot going on this past spring. We are in the process of a land swap with Staker-Parsons along the Beck Street corridor. Our hope is that the mining operation at Falcon Ridge will wind down over the next several years, while Staker-Parsons relocates their operations further up the road, away from existing residential development. Meanwhile, a considerable fire break and weed eradication project up in City Creek Canyon was delayed, thanks to the concern of hundreds of local residents. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the open house or contacted the administration with their issues about this potentially toxic project. Over on 300 West, progress moves forward with the commercial segment of The Marmalade project on the west side. Construction should finish this summer, and we look forward to having some neighborhood-oriented services within walking distance. The eastern residential parcel is still on hold while Howa Development works out financial issues related to the economy. Last, but not least, don't forget to come to the annual Fourth of July breakfast at Warm Springs Park, beginning at 8:00 a.m. As always, there will be lots of food and fun! Have a happy and safe summer. And remember, if you get on your bicycle, PLEASE wear a helmet! The Capitol Hill Community Council website is at: <http://chnc-slc.org/>, or call Polly Hart at 801-355-7203.

FAIRPARK

The Fairpark Community Council recently elected Gordon Storrs as their new chairperson. Council Member Jergensen is looking forward to working with Gordon Storrs on issues relating to the Fairpark area in District Three. The Fairpark Community Council meets regularly on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Northwest Recreation Center located at 1300 West 300 North. There are no meetings during the months of July, November or December.

For more information on the Fairpark Community Council call Gordon Storrs at 801-898-2830.

GREATER AVENUES

by Judith Locke

The Greater Avenues community looks south and finds the vibrant life of Salt Lake City and to the north, to the natural wilderness of the mountains. The interests, activities, and diversity of the community's residents are as varied as the surroundings. After just completing the annual Memory Grove Cleanup, Greater Avenues residents are supporting the Bonneville Shoreline Trail Committee's National Trail Day on June 6th. People from around the area will meet at the Morris Trail Head on 18th Avenue for a day of guided trail tours, trail maintenance and invasive weed pulling. A week later, on June 12th -13th, the Greater Avenues Relay for Life Team of residents, family members and friends will remember and honor those affected by cancer and support cancer research. The early morning July 24th Pioneer Day Breakfast sponsored by the LDS Ensign Stake, brings neighbors together under the large shading trees of the LDS Ward House on the corner of 2nd Avenue & G Street.

September sees the last of our large yearly events. The annual GACC Street Fair is scheduled for Sept. 12th. With over 250 booths providing crafts and food and 2 music stages, the day-long fair bring visitors to our community from all over the Salt Lake valley and surrounding areas. The Celebration of Faith Concert brings together local church choirs for an evening of music, song and socializing.

Starting earlier this year, a group is being organized by residents and lovers of tennis to create a community tennis association attentively called the Avenues Community Tennis Association or CTA. Part of that effort is to facilitate the maintenance of the three tennis courts in our community.

For more information on the Greater Avenues Community Council visit: <http://www.slc-avenues.org/>, or call Judith Locke at 801-521-6446.

Resourceful Telephone Numbers for Services

Annual City Cleanup	801-535-6970	Parking Enforcement	801-535-6628
City Council Office	801-535-7600	Parks Department	801-972-7800
City Library Information	801-524-8200	Police Dispatch - Non Emergency	801-799-3000
County Health Department	801-468-2750	Recycling	801-974-6902
Department of Motor Vehicles	801-297-7780	Salt Lake School District	801-578-8599
District Three Liaison - Quin Card	801-535-7613	Salt Lake City Need Line	801-535-6333
Drug Hotline	801-799-3784	Salt Lake County Animal Services	801-559-1100
Garbage Pickup/Streets Division	801-535-6970	Street/Sidewalk Repair	801-535-6999
Graffiti Removal Hotline	801-972-7885	Urban Forestry	801-972-7814
Housing and Zoning Enforcement	801-535-7902	UTA	801-287-2667
Mayor's Office	801-535-7704	Water Department/Public Utilities	801-483-6700

Salt Lake City Council District Three Community Update

June 2009

We live in a great City! In a recent poll, 88 percent of District Three residents indicated their satisfaction with the services provided by their City. But, even so, we are all concerned with the economic realities of our day. The City is working hard to identify the wisest, most productive way to spend precious taxpayer dollars in order to maintain the services that are important to us as citizens. I am optimistic that by working collaboratively with the Administration regarding this year's City budget we will arrive at solutions that will keep our City running effectively and productively.

As summer approaches and we leave our homes for outdoor activities, we have a greater opportunity to get better acquainted with our neighbors and become more involved in our community. Consider attending your local community council meetings. Visit and help a neighbor. Community involvement is what makes our neighborhoods great places to live.

There are many ways to get involved in City issues that aren't just in our neighborhoods. Currently ongoing issues such as the City Creek Fuel Break project, the proposed new Public Safety Building, the City's proposed Preservation Plan and the Airport Trax line are just a few. Input from the community is critical to the success of these issues which affect us all. On the back page of this newsletter you will find a list of useful City phone numbers. Please share your input on any issue you are concerned about, or would like to share your ideas on.



Council Member
Eric Jergensen

District Three has a new bi-weekly email update! This email includes updates on important District Three issues and events happening in our District as well as Downtown. It also includes meeting times for City Council Meetings and Salt Lake City Boards and Commissions.

If you would like to receive these updates, please email Quin Card, District Three Liaison at quin.card@slcgov.com, or sign up at: www.slcgov.com/council/D3/default.htm

Party Problems?

Parties are a great thing. Unfortunately for some they can be a real nuisance if the party gets too loud or goes too long. If you're having noise or late night problems in your neighborhood, please call the Police Department at 801-799-3000 and make a complaint. In addition, please call or e-mail Quin Card, District Three Constituent Liaison, (801-535-7600 or quin.card@slcgov.com) with information about the problem. If the problem persists, the City can take legal action against those who consistently create a nuisance for their neighbors. The City may never know the problem exists until it is brought to their attention. Further, legal action requires a history of complaints from neighboring residents to the City/Police Department. These complaints are kept completely confidential, please don't hesitate to call.

Public Safety Building

The Administration has forwarded a proposal for Council consideration regarding a new Public Safety Complex along the 300 East corridor between 400 and 500 South, which could be funded by a General Obligation bond vote this November. The project is comprised of a Public Safety Administration building, which would house the Salt Lake City Police and Fire Department Administrative offices, as well as an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) building, which would house Salt Lake City Police and Fire Dispatch, Salt Lake City Emergency Management, and potentially the State Department of Homeland Security. The EOC building would be built to the highest construction standards in order to ensure that it is operational in the event of a catastrophic emergency. The Administration estimates that the total cost to the voters of Salt Lake City will not exceed \$125 million.

The Council will be deliberating during June and the first part of July, whether or not to put this proposal on the ballot for a vote. During the first part of June the Administration will explore options for a specific location of the buildings by gathering public input. Information on how to provide your input is available at the City's website or you can call the Council office. The Administration expects to finalize their location recommendation for the Council in early June. The Council will then hold a public hearing on June 16th to gather further public input. The Council expects to make a final determination about a 2009 bond in mid-July.

Preservation Plan

The Historic Preservation Plan has been recommended for approval by the Salt Lake City Historic Landmark Commission and has been before the Planning Commission for their review and action. It will be delivered to the City Council for their consideration during the month of June.

The Preservation Plan will be quickly followed by revisions to the zoning ordinance related to preservation which will implement plan recommendations, revise the approach to determining economic hardship, and fine tuning of the ordinance. Along with these revisions, the Planning Division has been working diligently in reviewing all internal procedures to ensure efficiencies in implementing policy direction and regulations.

The Preservation Plan makes recommendations relating to fostering community commitment to preservation, developing a comprehensive and broader preservation toolbox, administering a convenient and consistent historic preservation program, providing education and outreach to the community and owners of historic resources, and implementation of the plan itself to support sustainable neighborhoods. Some of the key plan recommendations include:

- Refining existing design guidelines addressing new construction in order to offer a greater degree of guidance and clarity for how to achieve compatibility while retaining a greater degree of flexibility for the property owners.
- Reviewing the City-owned property listing to identify historic resources, formally designate them as historic sites, and prepare plans for long term management of the sites.
- Improving education and outreach by preparing educational materials, e.g., to alert property owners in historic districts of their historic status and potential assistance benefits, annual newsletter, create property maintenance information handouts, and to better explain the beneficial role that historic preservation plays in promoting a sustainable city.
- Developing new regulatory tools to encourage and support the preservation of historic properties, e.g., conservation overlay districts, TDR programs.
- Developing guidelines for historic landscapes, e.g., Liberty Park, Memory Grove, the City Cemetery.

Developing of criteria related to historic surveys that may be applied on an ongoing basis to determine where new survey work is necessary. Their examples include:

- Concentration of potential resources
 - New types of resources that may need to be protected
 - Possible endangerment of the resource/area
 - Need of survey to precede and inform potential planning or development
 - Presence of public support (for survey of unlisted resources)
 - Protect exemplary groups of historic properties as local historic districts and refine local district boundaries
- Information on the proposed plan can be found at: <http://www.slcgov.com/CED/planning/pages/HistoricPresMP.htm>.

City Creek

Of one thing everyone certainly agrees — City Creek Canyon is a beloved treasure. Residents, users, visitors, City leaders and staff unanimously expressed this affection after Salt Lake City Public Utilities suggested earlier this spring to create a shaded fuel break in City Creek Canyon. The shaded fuel break was proposed as a fire suppression measure to: reduce the intensity of fires that may occur, minimize the spread and damage caused by a fire, and increase safety for responding emergency personnel. The plan, presented by the Department of Public Utilities at an Open House in April was met with great concern from City residents and users of the Canyon. The concerns shared ranged from habitat and wildlife preservation, drastic changes to the landscape, overstated risks of fire dangers, and extent of public process.

As a result of this public input and to develop a broadly supported plan, Council Member Jergensen, Public Utilities representatives and Council staff have gathered together a community committee with representation from various user groups and expertise backgrounds. This community group met at the end of April for a site tour and discussion about the options, possibilities, and needs. The discussion was fruitful, and identified the equally important considerations of fire protection, habitat protection, risk evaluations, and public process. The group also discussed next steps, and the likely possibility of creating a small test area to view what a shaded fuel break would look like, and how the area would evolve over the changing seasons.

Not only has this process initiated a collaborative and thoughtful plan for the next steps for City Creek Canyon, but it has also demonstrated the amazing ability of residents and concerned community members to get involved and make an effective change for the good of the wider community. The City will continue to rely on your involvement to gather input as any plans move forward. Updates on the project are sent out to the District Three email distribution list bi-weekly — to be added to the list, please email: quin.card@slcgov.com.



City Creek Canyon

Sustainability in Salt Lake City

Salt Lake City has a long history of caring for its environment since the days of its settlement by Mormon pioneers in 1847. Early settlers were asked to plant trees "to make the desert bloom," feed the populous, and build a strong city. Soon thereafter, water quality and conservation rules were enacted to allow for domestic and agricultural uses. The year 2009 brings new environmental, economic, and societal challenges and the City is committed to taking a hard look at its relationship to the land and environment it occupies and how it impacts the overall quality of life of our residents and visitors. Below are only a few of the initiatives currently being pursued by our City.

Sustainable Community Code Revision Project

Salt Lake City has undertaken a ground-breaking Sustainability Community Code Revision Project to incorporate sustainability provisions into its zoning and subdivision ordinances. Appropriate zoning and subdivision regulations can contribute much to making Salt Lake City one of the most sustainable communities in the country. This can be accomplished, for example, by:

- Creating incentives for compact, mixed-use development patterns that reduce the need to drive to work thereby shrinking greenhouse gas emissions;
- Removing barriers to solar and other alternative energy sources that decrease our reliance on foreign oil and also help cut greenhouse gas emissions;
- Promoting alternative means of transportation like bicycling and walking that can improve community health while helping reduce air pollution;
- Protecting trees that absorb greenhouse gases and reduce storm water runoff and pollutants, and
- Encouraging water-conserving landscaping and protecting water resources.

There are three phases to the project:

Phase 1: Identify and summarize current City sustainability goals, policies, and initiatives in key areas such as alternative energy, transportation/mobility, food supply, and community health.

Phase 2: Compare the City's sustainability goals and policies with the current zoning and subdivision ordinances

to identify gaps, weaknesses, and opportunities.

Phase 3: Draft targeted zoning and subdivision ordinance revisions to insert sustainability concepts and provisions. The first two phases of the project have been completed. The Sustainability Division will be working on the third phase of the project throughout the next year.

Internal Energy Efficiency Efforts and Resulting Air Quality Improvements

In 2008, the Mayor and City Council passed a joint resolution, committing to reduce the City's carbon emissions by 20% below 2005 levels by the year 2020. The City also committed to achieving a 50% reduction by 2030, and an 80% reduction in CO2 emissions by 2050. Subsequently, each City department began preparing department-specific Climate Action Plan to address how the department will reduce its emissions by 20% by 2020.

Some of the specific accomplishments by City departments with the greatest impact so far can be seen in the table below.

Current City-Sponsored Campaigns to Improve Air Quality

Salt Lake City also encourages the public to do their part to minimize pollution. Two campaigns the City is actively promoting include the *Clear the Air Challenge* and *Idle Free Utah*.

Clear the Air Challenge

The *Clear the Air Challenge* is all about driving less and making smarter travel choices to help improve air quality, reduce traffic congestion and conserve energy in Utah, while giving people the chance to compete for prizes and statewide recognition. To take the challenge visit www.ClearTheAirChallenge.org. The competition takes place June 1 through July 10, 2009.

Idle Free Campaign

Idle Free Utah is an educational campaign aimed at encouraging drivers to turn off their vehicle engines while parked and waiting in their cars. By reducing engine idling, drivers will save money, protect health, and preserve air quality. For information visit www.idlefree.utah.gov. Mayor Becker signed an executive order in 2008 that prohibits parked City vehicles from idling for more than 10 seconds, except when the engine is powering essential equipment. To learn more about the City's sustainable efforts and programs, visit www.slcgreen.com.

Improvement	Year Implemented	Energy Saved Annually	CO2 emissions avoided annually	Dollars Saved Annually
City and County Building lighting – system upgrades	2002-2008	0.6 million kwh	278 tons	\$48,000
Traffic Signals – switched to LED's	2001 – 2008	1.7 million kwh	789 tons	\$144,500
Blue Sky purchases and Pax Natura offsets			1,511 tons (offsets)	(-\$31,100) offset cost
Installation of Co-Generation at Waste Water Treatment Plant	2005	5.8 million kwh	1,346 tons	\$153,400