## Fairpark Community Council Gazette



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The Fairpark Community Council Gazette is a free monthly publication delivered to all residences and businesses of the Fairpark Community to educate and to inform about the issues of the Neighborhood.



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## **Salt Lake City Council** announces a You Tube channel

In an effort to reach out to our constituents, the Salt Lake City Council has a new YouTube channel with several videos by City Council Members. Many of these videos are also shown on SLCTV channel 17. Members of the City Council discuss a variety of topics which include interviewing elected officials, becoming involved with Community Councils, vehicle burglaries, progress on the North Temple viaduct, and others.

To reach our YouTube channel you can find a link on Council Member Carlton Christensen's website at www.slcdistrict1.com. Christensen urges community members to check the YouTube channel frequently as new videos are regularly added.

In addition, the City also has its own TV station, SLCTV Channel 17 (Comcast). And those who prefer to watch online can tune in at www.slctv.com.

This station provides government information to residents and visitors of Salt Lake City. City Council meetings are broadcast live. There are also other meetings and City related information available and official encourage residents to utilize the tools available to stay informed.

"These are just a couple of methods the Council uses to reach residents of our great city," said Christensen. "But as always, you can leave comments for Council Members at council.comments@slcgov.com."

## **New Federal** District Courthouse Breaks ground in Salt Lake City

The U.S. General Services Administration broke ground on a new courthouse located at 351 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, that will accommodate the expanding needs of the state of Utah.

The project will create up to 2,000 new jobs in the construction and clean energy industries, deliver a state-of-the-art green building, and encourage further

redevelopment of the surrounding community.

"GSA is committed to investing in our infrastructure with sustainable design principles that will create jobs now and save taxpayer money in the future," said Susan Damour, GSA Rocky Mountain regional administrator.

"This project will have a tremendous effect on overall construction in the state of Utah and particularly Salt Lake City," said Randy Okland, president of Okland Construction. "As City Creek is nearing completion in the coming 12-18 months, the courthouse will be the single largest project in Salt Lake City."

The edifice will be built to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification from the U.S. Green Building (continued on page 3)

The Fairpark Community Council is your forum for learning about and addressing issues that affect your life. Please join us the 4th Thursday of every month, except July and November, 6:30 PM, at the Northwest Multipurpose Center. We welcome you to attend and participate.

## Community Resources Contact Guide

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Salt Lake City Police	801-799-3000
Salt Lake City Fire	801-799-4103
Poison Control Center	801-581-2151
Drug Hotline	801-799-DRUG
Gang Hotline	801-799-3647
Graffiti Hotline	801-972-7885
Humane Society of Utah	801-261-2919
Public Utilities Emergency	801-483-6700
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fairparkcommunitycouncil@gmail.com

## **New Parking Enforcement System**

## **Smart Boot Program** Aimed at Curbing **Unpaid Tickets**

A new Salt Lake City parking enforcement aimed at curbing unpaid parking tickets was announced this month.

The new Smart Boot Program marks a change in City enforcement policy by deterring the accumulation of outstanding parking tickets while also creating an alternative to vehicle impoundment.

Currently, Salt Lake City is owed over \$1.3 million in unpaid parking citations—money that could otherwise be used to help fund critical City services like fire protection, police and road maintenance.

Under the new program, drivers with two or more parking citations in excess of 30 days overdue could be subject to the installation of an electronic boot that renders a vehicle undrivable until the owner makes restitution on the outstanding fines.

A single, toll-free phone call is all that is necessary to release the device. City contractor, PayLock, operates a 24-hour hotline that allows for vehicle owners to pay outstanding fines and receive an unlock code to disengage the device. Owners then must return the boot to the downtown office of the City's Parking Compliance Division.

Under previous City policy, drivers could accumulate as many as six outstanding tickets before being subject to having their vehicles towed to an impound lot, where they would be held until fines were paid.

"By implementing this new tool, our foremost goal is to discourage drivers from allowing unpaid tickets to languish," said Mayor Ralph Becker. "However, if two or more tickets do go unpaid, and an owner's vehicle is booted, the system allows for a fast and easy resolution—one that should be far preferable to an impound procedure."

In March a public outreach campaign will seek to encourage those with unpaid tickets to pay the fines or make arrangements for a payment plan.

FAIRPARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

## Meeting Minutes for February 24th

Executive committee in attendance: Gordon Storrs, Marialice Jones, and Brad Hart.

- 1. Marialice welcomed everyone.
- 2. John R. and Wendy R. moved to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, the minutes were approved.
- 3. Shane Moser, from Fire Station 7 spoke about the site prep for the new public safety building. The Fire Department had the opportunity to do some important training exercises in a couple of the buildings on the site before they were demolished. He presented home safety tips and Fire Department response statistics as well.
- 4. Detective Gil Arenaz, SLPD, presented crime stats for the city and neighborhoods. He said things are pretty much status quo. He talked about some specific things that happened in the area including a narcotics bust, catching some squatters who were running a chop shop, and ongoing patrols of the Jordan River Parkway. He was available to listen

- to concerns from the public.
- 5. Chuck Call, from the SLC Public Utilities, informed us of upcoming work that will be taking place along Starcrest Dr. (approx.. 1800 W) from North Temple to 1100 N, and also at 1800 N Beck St. Sewer mains in these areas will be undergoing critical repairs. There will be inconveniences associated with the work along these routes. Work will begin in May and continue for nearly a year. He also spoke of another project that is currently underway, involving the storm drain underneath North Temple. He explained how City Creek is diverted to the Jordan River through this storm drain. In the event of a flood, such as in 1984, the storm drain cannot handle the amount of water, so the city is working on diverting it to another complimentary storm drain along Folsom Ave. (approx. 50 S). He mentioned the

# Agenda for Upcoming Community Meeting Thursday, March 24th

Northwest Multipurpose Center, Party Room, 300 North 1200 West, 6:30 PM

6:30 PM Welcome and Announcements -Gordon Storrs

6:35 PM Review and Approval of Minutes -Gordon Storrs

**6:40 PM** Business Spotlight, Viva Market –Joe Reyna, Founder, President

**6:50 PM** Election of a 3 member Nominating Committee

for Officer Elections -Gordon Storrs

7:00 PM Parole Violators Detention Facility Update -Gordon Storrs

7:15 PM Salt Lake City Mayor's Office Update -Michael Stott

7:30 PM Salt Lake City Police Department Report -Gil Arenaz

7:40 PM Board Member Reports

7:50 PM Issues, Ideas, and Suggestions –Residents

8:00 PM Adjourn

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Council, and surpass industry standards by using 34 percent less energy than comparable buildings. GSA will achieve this by diverting 75 percent of the project's waste from landfills, conserving water with low-flow plumbing fixtures, and using 20 percent recycled content and at least 20 percent local building materials.

The building will also use new innovative energy-saving technologies such as advanced mechanical systems, high-performance exterior building enclosure, and natural daylight harvesting. The daylight harvesting alone is projected to save an additional 4 percent of energy on top of the current 34 percent savings. Almost half of the site for the new courthouse will consist of green and pedestrian-friendly open space with walkable access to more than 400 bus or train trips per day.

The courthouse will entail close to 410,000 gross square feet, including seven district and three magistrate courtrooms, along with 14 chambers and office support spaces on 10 floors above grade. There will be two floors below grade that will contain parking and building support space. Construction is expected to be complete by the spring of 2014.

city's vision for a linear park that would run along Folsom Ave. someday, along with the 'daylighting' of City Creek. He said that those are separate projects with complications of their own, and may happen in the future as funding becomes available.

6. Michael Stott, Mayor's office liaison, addressed the issue of the proposed Parole Violator's Facility that the state Department of Corrections has proposed be located on North Temple and about 1100 W, across from the Fairgrounds. He said he had spoken with Helen Langdon, Senior Advisor to Mayor Becker about it. Many people were upset that they had heard nothing about it before now from the city. He explained that the negotiations with the city about this are rather delicate, and that despite new zoning recently approved for the North Temple Grand Boulevard, the state has ultimate authority to put such a facility wherever they wish. He assured us that the city is opposed to that location, and has asked the state to remove it from their list but it is still being considered. There is a preferred, yet undisclosed,

alternative location as well. He explained that the facility would house nonviolent offenders, and that no sex offenders would be housed there. It would house about 350 people, have security and fences, and that the tenants would be allowed to go to work only. Carlton Christensen, City Council district one, also spoke at this time about this topic. He said there is ongoing discussion between the city and state. He reiterated the point that the state is exempt from local zoning. He explained the state's reasoning for that location, including access to jobs and public transportation as major needs for a facility such as this. Also, the state is required to remodel an existing building rather than build a new one, for some reason. Michael encouraged all who are concerned to write the Governor on this matter. Michael also touched on some other topics. He encouraged everyone to review the city's Sustainability Initiative, found on the city's website, and give feedback. He mentioned that the Mayor's office has recruited a VISTA volunteer to be a Refugee Liaison for the city. He said the city will paint "SLOW DOWN" on the

- street at the railroad crossing at 800 W and South Temple and if that doesn't do the trick they will install stop signs. He said that past street lighting requests are being reviewed.
- 7. Gordon Storrs presented an idea to the council about spotlighting a different local business at each community council meeting. He said that he thinks that doing so could help strengthen the business and the council. He asked for feedback from those in attendance. There was quite a bit of feedback and support for his idea.
- 8. Marialice asked for input and ideas for ways to use the email list we have been compiling from the sign-in sheets at our meetings. Some things that were mentioned were: sending out an electronic copy of the Fairpark Gazette, and letting people know about events and things that may come up between publication times.
- Mike B motioned to adjourn, Ann P seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

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