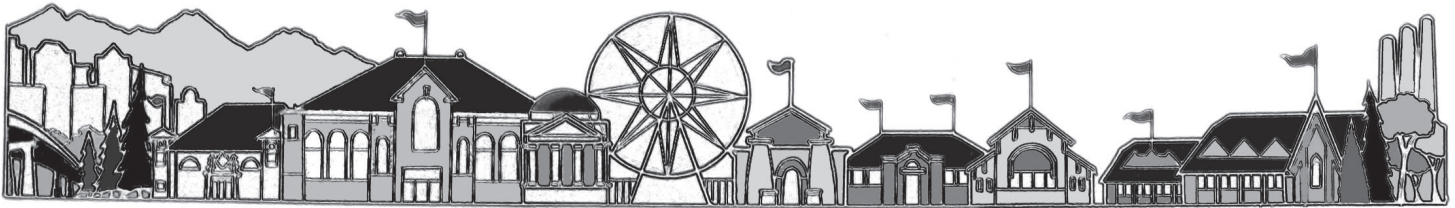


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Community Group Proposes Walking Bridge Over 300 North Railroad Tracks

A pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks at 500 West 300 North, a PATH OF SAFETY, was proposed by the Westside community group, Urban Growth Community Gardens, at the October meeting of the Fairpark Community Council (FCC).

This is not a new idea. Old-timers remember the walking bridge which, in past decades, provided safe passage for pedestrians ... mainly young students ... across the sometimes deadly train tracks. The bridge was attended by a guard in a small building at each entrance. They would greet and assist the pedestrians using the bridge, making sure there was safe passage over the frequent trains.

There are few easy paths that lead East and West in our fair city. How well we know this...! Geographic and economic barriers came into being with the quick growth of the city, much like we are doing, today. Freeways were added to the rails, homes replaced farms and orchards ... Schools were built to teach all the children of those homes; boundaries were established. Too often, though, these boundaries have presented physical barriers to safe walking and biking between the West and East sides of our city.

But things are getting better. The beautiful and thoughtful tile-work and mural "Bridge Over Barriers" Project has transformed the once dark and eerie 300 North Street under the I-15 overpass with new life. We have all benefited from the unique art and involvement of talented youth from Ruby Chacon and the gallery at Mestizos in our community. Gateway transformed a warehouse/industrial area in

moments, it seems. Condos and apartments sprang out of the fields by the rails on 600 West. Our new North Temple overpass/Trax line, Grand Boulevard and all the trimmings are to be completed in mere months!

But, beyond the problem of delaying people from getting from one place to another, the railroad crossing at 300 North remains a potentially dangerous barrier in our community to people

on foot and bicyclists. The frequency of Front Runner racing through the intersection increases the chance of people making a bad to decision to "beat the train". Often, the crossing is blocked by freight-trains that have stopped. People, especially young people, become impatient, and are tempted to crawl between railroad cars that may suddenly move.

To address this situation, Urban Growth Community Gardens is proposing the restoration of the walking bridge. The group sees the project as an extension of "Bridge Over Barriers" that would be part of the group's

long-term plans to encourage the evolution of 300 North into a renamed Calle de Comidas.

Urban Growth Community Gardens is inviting all Community residents to participate in the PATH OF SAFETY Walking Bridge effort. This group also plans to include Union Pacific, UTA, Salt Lake County government, Salt Lake City government, NeighborWorks, the West High Alumni Association, the Fairpark Community Council and local businesses such as Diamond Mattress and Carriage for Hire as partners in the project.

Contact: Urban Growth Community Garden, Gina Zivkovic. urban.growth@yahoo.com



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.

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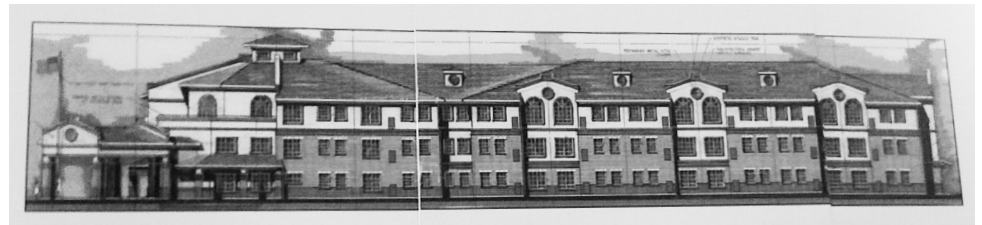
NEIGHBORHOOD SPOTLIGHT:

Rendon Terrace Apartments: future home for seniors; honors memory of long-time community advocate

We are all familiar (too familiar?) with the construction along North Temple. But you may have noticed something else going on in the core of the block between 500 and 600 West, just north of the west side of the new viaduct overpass. Here, the bustle of workers and large equipment is not part of the new Trax line; but, rather, it is the construction of a new housing complex for seniors.

The Rendon Terrace Apartments are being developed by the Salt Lake City Housing Authority in partnership with NeighborWorks,

Utah Issues, Salt Lake City Housing Authority Board, and the former Citizens Congress (a grassroots organizing group working on housing and infrastructure issues in low income neighborhoods on Salt Lake City's Westside). Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1979, Rosemarie was an advocate for people with disabilities, working for the passage of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and being a founding member of the Disabled Rights Action Committee.



the federal Housing and Urban Development Department, and Goldman Sachs. The 70 unit apartment complex will offer an affordable, quality housing option (one and two bedroom units) for seniors who are over 62 years of age and at or below 50% of area median income levels.

The project is the first public housing development for seniors to be built in the Salt Lake City area in 30 years and will meet Green Building Standards, as set by Salt Lake City. It is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2012; pre-leasing will begin this coming summer through the Salt Lake Housing Authority.

The project is named in the memory of Rosemarie Rendon, a long-time community activist who passed away in 1999. Rosemarie grew up in the Guadalupe Neighborhood (the area between 500 and 700 West and North Temple and 600 North) and played an important role in identifying, and addressing, the needs of the neighborhood and surrounding areas. She also was extensively involved in the larger community, being involved in numerous coalitions and organizations, including the Salt Lake City Police Review Board, Neighborhood Housing Services (now NeighborWorks), Crossroads Urban Center,

FAIRPARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL:

Meeting Minutes

Executive committee in attendance: Gordon

- 1 Marialice welcomed everyone.
- 2 Gordon S moved to approve the minutes from last month's meeting, Linda seconded, the motion carried. Students from Northwest Middle School were recognized.
- 3 Gordon Storrs called for nominations for secretary. Gordon S. nominated Bryce Garner for the open secretary position on the executive committee, Wendy R. seconded. Gordon S. moved for a vote of acclimation, Michael B. seconded. Vote carried.
4. Det Gil Arenaz reported on crime statistics. There were 33 incidents--mostly car prowls as a result of the State Fair in September. This month, the vice squad did some work on North Temple. There was a discussion about the Occupy Salt Lake Camp in Pioneer Park.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Come with a side-dish to share and enjoy a holiday Turkey dinner.

Agenda for Upcoming Community Meeting Thursday, December 1st

Northwest Community Center, Party Room,
300 North 1200 West, 6:00 PM

6:00 PM Welcome and Announcements –Gordon Storrs

HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER SERVED

6:30 PM Community Members Input and Suggestions

6:50 PM Special Thanks to Van Turner for his Service –Gordon Storrs

6:55 PM Westview Update –Charlotte Fife-Jespersion

7:05 PM Salt Lake City Mayor's Office Report –Michael Stott

7:20 PM Salt Lake City Police Department Report –Gil Arenaz

7:35 PM Elected Officials Report

7:45 PM North Temple TRAX Progress Report and
Business Report –Gordon Storrs

7:55 PM Board Member Reports

8:00 PM Adjourn



Salt Lake City's Housing division has homes available to purchase for first time homebuyers.

The current housing market throughout the nation has taken severe hits, and home ownership has become a distant dream for low-income households. As loan programs dwindle, many first time homebuyers are having a difficulty qualifying for a home loan.

Many of these first time homebuyers are unaware of programs aimed to create home ownership for first time buyers. Municipalities such as Salt Lake City are able to help low and moderate income households achieve the dream of home ownership through First Time Homebuyer Programs.

Salt Lake City's Housing & Neighborhood Development division offers First Time Homebuyers the opportunity to get into a home with as little as 3% interest rates.

The program is aimed to assist households with income at 80% or lower of median income (\$56,000 for a family of four).

In order to participate in the SLC First Time Homebuyer program, the applicant must have not owned a home within the last three years, must have \$500 to put towards closing costs, and must have acceptable credit.

To apply or get information please call Salt Lake City Housing & Neighborhood Development at (801) 535-7228 or visit www.slcgov.com/hand

for October 27th

h Storrs, Marialice Jones, Steve Johnson, Bryce Garner, and Michael Barnes.

- 5 Doug from Salt Lake Housing and Community Development spoke about two programs available to Salt Lake residents. The rehab program--which offers free inspections to identify elements that need upgrading, then residents can get low interest loans to do the work. The other program is the first -time homebuyers program--new homes are built or old homes are refurbished by the city and sold to residents with a small down payment and a 3% fixed loan.
- 6 The floor was opened for input. Gordon S. discussed some theft on the 200 N block of 800 W. The white house north of Swenson Printing has been covered by graffiti. The house is in the process of being demolished.
- 7 Michael Stott, Mayor's office liaison,

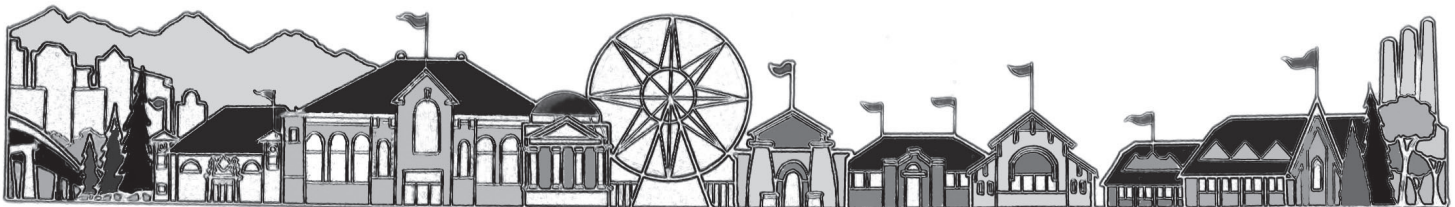
said lights that are out on North Temple between West Temple and 300 West are being worked on. A senior housing development is going to be built on 200 North between 5th and 6th West, it will be called Rendon Court. Guadalupe Park remodel is complete. One on one meeting with the mayor are available by calling the mayor's office. Garbage cans/ recycle bins can be downgraded in size and you can also ask for extra brown waste cans for those fall leaves by calling 535-6999. The river district will have an opening celebration Nov. 5th.

- 8 The floor was opened for election candidates. J Allen Kimball discussed his candidacy for mayor. Van turner and Kyle LaMalfa discussed their candidacies. The floor was opened to ask the candidates questions.

- 9 Steve J. discussed the articles of incorporation and bylaws. Steve moved to accept the revised articles of incorporation, Michael B. seconded--carried unanimously. Steve J. then moved to accept the revised bylaws, Michael B seconded--carried unanimously.
- 10 Board reports: Gina Z: The mayor came to the garden, she is working on calle de comida, and a walkway over the railroad tracks on 300 north. Michale B. reported on finances--we have \$875 in the bank.
- 11 Gina Z motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wendy R., and the meeting was adjourned.

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