Meeting Minutes - Fairpark Community Council

June 25, 2015

*Approximately 33 persons were in attendance, including 20 Fairpark residents*

**Welcome** – Bryce welcomed everyone

**Mayor’s office report**

Chelsea Eddy stood in for Michael Stott. She is a refugee liason for the mayor’s office.

* Salt Lake has a channel on youtube called ‘SLCtv’

***Open City Hall*** is an online public engagement platform. Citizens can visit to comment on expanded recycling, homeless services, fiber optic networks, and Sugarhouse Streetcar, among other topics – **ACTION: To provide input on these issues -** visit http://www.slcgov.com/opencityhall

* ***Open Space*** – The city is still collecting comment on public lands and a potential bond referendum. Several outreach opportunities have been held. Open City hall is a good method for providing public input.

**ACTION: To provide input online on open space and recreational uses in our community -** visit http://www.slcgov.com/opencityhall

* ***HIVE Pass 2.0*** - The HIVE transit pass for residents of Salt Lake City has been renewed. The pass can now be purchased on a monthly basis at $42 per month, a 50% discount on the regular UTA monthly pass. The HIVE Pass is good on bus, TRAX and includes a discount on FrontRunner.

**ACTION: To get a HIVE Pass, visit the following website:** <http://www.ridewithhive.com/how/>

* ***Volunteers needed for assisting refugees*** – Earlier this year, the City launched a Refugee Family Mentorship Program. The city us asking for volunteers assisting refugees. Three ways you can volunteer:1) serve on a board 2) Mentor a family 3) one-time skills sharing

**ACTION: To learn more about how you can volunteer to help refugees in SLC, contact Chelsea Eddy at** chelsea.eddy@slcgov.com

* Residents inquired on where **homeless persons** are able to stay during the daytime hours and how long they are allowed to stay in parks. They are allowed to be in the park until 10 pm.
* Residents inquired on the **water barrel program** in SLC. The program for discounted water collection systems was through Salt Lake County earlier this year. The barrels can be purchased by residents of Salt Lake County for $74 each at the following website: <http://www.rainbarrelprogram.org/urc>

**Firefighters report**

Chief Brian Dale was hired in June 2015 as SLC’s 21st Fire Chief. A letter from the Chief was shared during the council meeting. The chief plans on attending each Community Council in the city at least once in the upcoming year. If you have questions for the chief, a phone number to his office is 801-799-4181.

**Mayoral candidate forum**

The primary election of the SLC Mayor’s race will be held August 11, 2915. The general election will be held November 3, 2015.

All candidates for mayor were present at the June 2015 Fairpark Community Council meeting except Jacki Biskupski, who was at a previously scheduled event and was unable to make it. She sent a representative. Each candidate was given 5 minutes to introduce themselves and their platform.

* Mayor Ralph Becker – Ralph Becker has served as mayor for 8 years beginning during the recession. At the time, main street had been struggling. Improvements have been made to the Jordan River and equal rights, among other things. SLC is doing well in terms of sustainability, livability, and job growth. Improvements have been made in the transportation, especially on North Temple TRAX. It will take 15 years to see the buildout along the system. Momentum in the city, but there needs to be more focus on improving disparities in housing affordability (5,000 doors response). This will be achieved through work with the private sector. The other area for improvement will be air quality, though fleet improvements have been made, there are other ways we can take it to the next level.
  + Visit Mayor Becker’s website at: www.ralphbecker.com
* Jackie Biskupski – Jackie was unable to attend the Fairpark forum, as she had a previously-scheduled campaign event. She will visit with the Fairpark Board at their June meeting. A house party for Jackie will be held on July 21 from 6 – 8 pm, which residents are invited to attend. She would love to hear from you. The representative she sent is from the west side. Voter turnout and income has been a reason the west side has sometimes been neglected. Jackie wants to be a resource for cleaning up the Jordan River, or improving street lights, more protected bike lanes, crosswalks, economic development. North Temple and Redwood Road has high potential for economic development.
  + Visit Jackie’s website at: [www.jackieformayor.com](http://www.jackieformayor.com)
  + Email at: [Jackie@jackieformayor.com](mailto:Jackie@jackieformayor.com)
  + Phone her at: 801-484-8369
* George Chapman – George rides TRAX to the Airport often. TRAX is not what it is supposed to be. Becker has ignored homelessness and drug dealing. Chapman claims Becker is not interested in expanding the police force. Chapman recognized that the homelessness issue needs to be resolved. Homeless people on the sidewalk is reflective of an administrative problem. Chapman is against higher density around transit stops.

Chapman is against reducing auto travel lanes. Chapman has not yet been to Fairpark Community Council but will attend in the future.

* Email at: [gechapman2@gmail.com](mailto:gechapman2@gmail.com)
* Phone at: 801-867-7071
* Luke Garrott – Luke is a teacher by trade and is qualified to change things, as he recently got a degree in public management. One of the outcomes of his classes was the Rose Park Community Council. He is running for mayor because there needs to be progress in public transit, in increased solar panel use, and housing affordability,. He is interested in increasing transit provided by the city. He talked about the need for the City budgets to be controlled to some degree by the neighborhoods (participatory budgets). Garrott teaches political theory and believes we can get control over city bureaucracy.
  + Visit Luke’s website at: www.lukeformayor.com
  + Email at: [luke@lukeformayor.com](mailto:luke@lukeformayor.com)
  + Phone him at: 385-325-2015
* Dave Robinson – Robinson has never thought of running for political office. He owns a development company and a consultant. He loves living in Salt Lake. Through his development company he has developed an appreciation for the unique aspects of the neighborhood. He has done extensive work in the canyons to increase access to amenities. Wants to make a change in the city to protect private land owners. Learn more about this candidate:
  + Visit Dave’s website at: www.Daveformayor.com

***Questions***

1. Bryce asked about how the candidates they would handle the costs of the printing and distribution of the Community newsletters.

* Chapman wants to see that and would fund them
* Garrott said supporting community based organizations would be a centerpiece of his administrations
* Becker identifies that the budget has included funds to community organizations. The funds were reorganized from solely funding the newsletters to distributing funds to the neighborhood groups to use as they feel needed.
* Robinson enjoys community councils and believes that the gap between private and public funding gaps

1. A resident asked a question about solar panel surcharges on rooftops.

* Chapman will fight the legislature on the matter
* Garrott wants to see more emphasis on the city assisting with closing the gap between funding solar panels, making up the difference so that it is affordable to solar
* Becker has set a goal of net zero during his administration. First and largest net zero building, Airport is being deisgned as Net Zero building, art center will be as well. Residential solar lending program has received an award and is a loan program which finances the up front costs of solar. Also focused on making other opportunities for making choices which will help clear the air.
* Robinson brought up our natural georgraphy which contributes to our bad air quality. He said solar has been evaluated and the price point.

**Public Safety Report**

Detective Dustin Marshallhas been working hardto curb the homelessness problem through the posting of non-loitering signs. The signage will allow the police force can enforce against illegal activity. A citizen asked where people can go to relax. Gina expressed her experience in the difficulty of her offering people an opportunity to volunteer.

**Elected Officials Report**

Councilman Kyle Lamalfa

* ***The Mayor’s Budget*** has been adopted. Will hire one new police officer; 8 bike patrol members to police the parks and parkway, 8 social workers employed by police departments, did not adopt a Capital Improvements Projects budget.
* Study for ***bridge over 3rd north*** is underway.
* Councilman Lamalfa expressed the ***importance of voting in the mayoral race***, as the mayor wields a lot of influence on the direction of the city.
* ***‘In Between’*** is a non profit that is looking to provide hospice care. They are looking to locate behind the St. Catholic church on 400 south. Concerns with the facility, accessibility, proximity to school. They have negotiated a 16 bed facility who have a serious medical condition (instead of those whom are terminally ill).
* Citizen expressed concern about the parking for the Downtown Farmers Market.
* Lamalfa pointed out **Andrew Johnston**, a candidate for District 2 City Council was in attendance.

Councilman James Rogers

* The ***City Budget*** is $2B – more than half was for airport reconstruction.
* Councilman Rogers discussed the ***dynamic in the legistature*** because of SLC elected officials being predominantly democrat when the rest of the state is Republican. Has been frustrated with the ***prison relocation process***.
* He has encouraged people to check out the ***soccer complex***, which will open in August.
* Has had discussions with interim police ***Chief Brown*** and they will be doing some ride-alongs.
* The mayor race is 100% ***Vote By Mail***! The ballot will be distributed on July 14; primary election is August 11. There will be several opportunities for in-person voting.
* ***Open Space Bond*** – ACTION: voice your opinion on the Bond for open and recreational spaces at: Ouroutdoorsslc.com

**Backman Development Subcommitte Report**

The subcommittee met and did a tour of the development site. The group drafted a letter to express Fair park community council’s recommendation to not approve rezoning. Residents in favor of the letter = 21. Those opposed = 3.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:04 pm.