

Fairpark Community Council Minutes January 26, 2023

FCC General Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm Welcome and Announcements:

Development Committee, Homeless Committee- point count will happen this month. Chairs of both committees do not have updates.

6:35 Public Safety Report - North Temple issues:

Det. Oliver- increase in issues, homelessness and issue with cold weather, dangerous for homeless but also increase in break-ins to structures. Data indicate a decrease in most crimes, exception domestic violence.

We saw a shuffle in crime with the closing of the Gateway Hotel. Discussion of police camera placement. Mention of more drug dealing in neighborhoods as they migrate from North Temple. Discussion of alleyway and what we can do to keep them safe, signs have been posted, etc.

Keiko introduced Det. Steward. She covers district 3 and 4. Chase asked about high crime areas, Det. Steward has downtown.

6:45 City Council:

Council member Petro-Eschler district 1 representative. Discussed state of the city, drought surcharge, winter usage become baseline, will also apply to businesses. Discussed point count, etc. SLC spend about \$22 million a year responding to homelessness. We get a fraction of that even though we are on the front line of issue. Former Sen. Nederhauser pushing to have more cities pay in, etc. pushing other counties to have congregate shelters options.

Councilmember Wharton checked in online.

6:55 Mayor's offices:

Josh Robello mentioned video of state of the city speech is online, Josh discussed some of the highlights. Talked about the moving of the Bees baseball team to South Jordan. There will be a sign competition, etc. Feb. 8th bike to work day. Discussed Love your Block grants, will be another funding in the Spring. Nigel commented on Mayor speech.

7:05 Community Discussion

UTA Bus Routes- representative (Community engagement specialist) joined on Zoom from Utah county. Discussed 5-year service plan, just ended, talked about best times to comment. Question about elimination of bus route and replaced with UTA on-demand (public ride share) and how it has changed ridership response to bus driver shortage. Asked about cost per user, representative did not know but will find out that information. Jo asked about when decision was made to eliminate the current routes. 519 and 520 was eliminated last year but decision was made 2 or 3 years ago. Suggested that this should be commented on in next round (2 years) if UTA on-demand is not working.

Transportation Safety - Jon Larsen (Director of transportation department for the city) in attendance to discuss I-15 Expansion- Community council has written a letter and is advocating to bury the freeway. JL mentioned I-15 'owned' by state and we have to use soft power to try to influence decisions, deeply concerned about widening of freeway. Odds of the state burying the freeway are low, odds that project does not proceed is likely 0%. We will have to stay engaged. Nigel mentioned that there seems to be truck driving school using neighborhood to train truck drivers. 600 North Project will bring in team to envision rebuild in 2025, discussion on what generally should happen and there will be a lot of opportunities for community input this spring and summer. More marked crosswalks and stop signs are needed in our neighborhood. Councilmember Wharton mentioned more stop signs have not reduced speeds in the Avenues. Stop signs are generally not good forms of traffic calming devices.

Jordan Meadows merger and boundary changes- no Jordan Meadows community member present but there has been discussion of merging. We will start sharing meetings with them, though complication would occur with complete merge. Location of FCC meetings will not change.

West High School reconstruction-proposals to rebuild and restore it. The cheapest one is \$300 million. Anyone that wants to save WHS as is there will be opportunity to oppose.

Northpointe rezone support- 2200 West and about 2200 North rezoning request from agriculture and single-family homes to manufacturing. We are generally opposed to spot rezoning. Rocky Mountain property will also be rezoning.

8:00 Adjourn

Next FCC Meeting – Thursday, February 23, 6:30

Next FCC Board Meeting – Monday, February 13, 6:30

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZURc-yhqTwrGNxII6MXinCizWiZi6as1vcV>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This is a hybrid meeting. We meet in person at the Northwest Community Center party room. For best results, attend in person.