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Federal Heights neighborhoods
of Salt Lake City, Utah

Chair's Message for December

by Dave Alderman

Normally, our December meeting is more of a social occasion than a normal meeting. This year we haven't really had anything approaching a normal meeting anyway. So in our December meeting, we'll have our usual reports from our area representatives and we'll take care of some GACC business by reviewing and approving a budget for 2022. We'll also spend a little time looking back at some of the issues and highlights for the GACC in 2021.

We'll also hear about two projects that have been submitted to the City through the Constituent Initiated Capital Improvement Project process. This is a process where residents can propose projects, costing up to \$500,000.

There are two submittals for the Avenues this year. One is for some road and irrigation improvements at the Cemetery. The other is a project in Lindsey Gardens that includes 'daylighting' an old spring. See the article on page three to learn more about the project and how it evolved.

Both projects will be looking for support from the GACC. The final decision on approval will be by the City Council during the budget process next summer.

This will be my last Chair message as I hand over the virtual gavel to our incoming Chair, Gwen Springmeyer. Despite having to hold all of our General and Board meetings over Zoom, I am proud that we have maintained a high level of involvement from the community. For several General Meetings, we had to bump up our Zoom participant level to handle over 100 'attendees.' That's a level of participation that most community councils only dream of.

We were able to safely hold in person a couple of our signature events this year. The Memory Grove Clean-Up and the Street Fair were back. Both events were successful, if not quite as large as in previous years. But it was still great to see all the volunteers come together to make them happen.

Two new subcommittees were formed to help address Wildfire Prevention and the health of the Urban Forest in our neighborhood. These are two issues that will continue to take on more importance as our climate changes.

I want to thank the Board for the tremendous support this year. I also want to thank everyone who volunteered at an event, who participated in a meeting, who called or emailed me about speeding, dog parks, trails, zoning, landmarks, elections, or sidewalks.

Finally, I want to thank all the members of the Greater Avenues Community Council for allowing me to again be the Chair of your Community Council in 2021.

Thank you,
Dave Alderman



GACC December 1st Virtual Meeting

- 7:00 to 7:05 Welcome, Announcements.
- 7:05 to 7:45 Reports: Fire, Library, Police, City Council, Mayor's Office, School Board, Legislative, LDS Hospital
- 7:45 to 8:15 Capital Improvement Projects:
-Lindsey Gardens;
-Cemetery.
- 8:15 to 8:25 2022 GACC Budget – Michael Hughes.
- 8:25 to 8:40 GACC Year End Review – Dave Alderman.
- 8:40 to 8:50 Open Forum.
- 8:50 to 9:00 Adjourn.

Details will be posted at the GACC website <https://slc-avenues.org> with the password and Zoom meeting ID at 5 p.m. on December 1st.

Avenues Connection to Pearl Harbor

As we remember the 80th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, it is interesting to note this connection to Utah and the Avenues: **Captain Mervyn S. Bennion**. World War II Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient Mervyn Sharp Bennion was Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. West Virginia



it was hit by the Japanese in their surprise attack on December 7, 1941. His CMOH citation reads: For conspicuous devotion to duty, extraordinary courage, and complete disregard of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty, during the attack on the Fleet in Pearl Harbor, by Japanese forces on 7 December 1941.

As Commanding Officer of the USS

West Virginia, after being mortally wounded, Capt. Bennion evidenced apparent concern only in fighting and saving his ship, and strongly protested against being carried from the bridge.



Captain Bennion was born May 5, 1887, Vernon, Utah. His Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded posthumously, and a destroyer named the U.S.S. Bennion was christened in 1943 by his wife Louise, a long-time Avenues resident. In 1951 the Salt Lake City Navy Mother's Club dedicated a plaque in honor of World War II veterans in Salt Lake City's Memory Grove Park. Captain Bennion is buried in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

by Phil Carroll

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Community Meetings

If you have questions please contact GACC Chair Dave Alderman at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org. All are welcome!

GACC Council Virtual Meeting

GACC Virtual Meeting will be on **December 1st** at 7 p.m. Details will be posted at the GACC website <https://slc-avenues.org/>. The password and meeting ID will be posted at <https://slc-avenues.org/> at 5 p.m. the day of the meeting. **GACC Board Virtual Meeting**

GACC Board Virtual Meeting will be on **December 8th** at 7 p.m. If you wish to participate, send a message to the chair Dave Alderman at gaccchair@slc-avenues.org.

Community Life / Resources / Free Stuff!

Sweet Branch Library, 455 F Street, 801-594-8651, www.slclpl.org/branches/view/Corinne+and+Jack+Sweet.

Kids Calendar:

- **Las Posadas activity kits** will be available to pick up Monday Dec 13 - Dec. 23 or until supplies run out.
- **Tween Steam activity kits** will be available to pick up at the beginning of the month. The theme for December is knots: Make a Bracelet! While supplies last.
- **Celebrate New Year's Eve** with a Countdown to Noon activity kit. The kits will be available to pick up on Monday, Dec 20 - Dec 31 or until supplies run out.
- Look for **virtual events** and activities such as storytimes, book reviews, Tinkerlab and more on biblioboard <https://library.biblioboard.com/module/kids--twens>.

Teen Calendar:

- **Teen DIY on Biblioboard and Teen Blog** - any teens or tweens interested in fun crafts curated by Teen Librarians should check out the SLCPL Teens page on our website (<https://services.slclpl.org/teens>). You'll find links to our videos and blog posts as well as some curated book lists and other activities you can do at home.

Adult Calendar:

- **Take and Makes** - Drop by the Sweet Library to pick up a craft kit that you can take home and complete! All of the materials needed for the craft are included, and we will have a new craft at the beginning of each month. The craft for December are Wooden Bead Napkin Rings. While supplies last.

The Agenda

Publisher's Statement

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Neighborhood Avenues Exercise Class.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 9:40 a.m. FREE!
Everyone Welcome! Contact Jan Root for our current location and for any questions at 801-455-2082, janroot@xmission.com.

JCC Virtual Hanukkah Market: Nov 15- Dec 19, 2021

<https://slcjcc.org/community-events/virtual-hanukkah-market> For over 25 years the Hanukkah Market at the JCC has brought together the community, both Jews and non-Jews, in celebration of the winter holidays. This year in an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy, we've transitioned our Hanukkah Market to be virtual. Also Be sure to stop by our lobby Nov 15 - Dec 19 and check out our Hanukkah gift shop.

City Academy, 555 E. 200 S., www.cityacademyslc.org.

We are proud to announce new Computer Science opportunities. City Academy has launched an expanded Computer Science Career Pathway Program to give every student access to the type of robust computer science education needed for their futures in today's world. All of our middle and high school students are able to take courses in coding, programming, and robotics. We are now offering high schoolers certificate programs in two career pathways - Cyber Security and Programming and Software Development. City Academy has also become an active Certipoint Authorized Testing Center, which offers industry recognized certifications in computer science and digital media. We offer certifications for Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) and Adobe Certified Associate (ACA). If you have any questions or would like more information about this program please contact Mr. Pedersen, dennis.pedersen@cityacademyslc.org, or call 801-596-8489.

Tenth East Senior Center, 237 S 1000 E with parking in the rear, (385) 468-3140 <https://slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center/>. Hours Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 4:00pm; Dine-In & Take-Out Lunch: 11:30 AM-12:15 PM.

Contact the Center for information about additional classes, either in-person or remote. Also, the Center will have special meals during the holidays. Please make reservations with the Center for special meals and contact the Center directly for updates on events, hours of operation, and classes during the holidays.

Creative Explorations Art: Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30 PM. The class focus on creativity. No experience or skills are necessary and there's no chance of being under- or over-qualified for the class. Each week we will work on a new project using a wide variety of materials. Projects range from weaving to painting to collaging to bookbinding. Explore using new techniques and find your inner creative spirit.

Announcements:

- Masks are required: Due to increasing COVID cases, anyone entering a senior center operated by Salt Lake County will be required to wear a mask while inside. Please keep each other safe by wearing a mask at all times, unless actively eating or drinking.
- Please come to the Center between 11:30 AM-12:15 PM, Monday-Friday, to enjoy a meal inside or take one to enjoy at home.
- If you want to receive current updates via email, please join our email blast by providing your email address at the front desk.



Lindsey Gardens Deserves to Live Up to Its Name

Lindsey Gardens is a place that we in the Avenues treasure. Personally, I often bring my dog to the off-leash area where I visit with neighbors while our dogs play together. Last spring, I noticed a plaque on one of the flower-pot sculptures off the staircase from 7th. It reads, "The Floral Culture Garden Club, established 1940." I was disappointed when I realized this once flourishing "garden" is now just grass.



Originally, I intended to plant a humble garden in the name of "The Floral Culture Garden Club," but to my surprise (& delight), the project has the opportunity to grow exponentially. The Floral Culture Garden Club was founded by a group of women who started "civic beautification projects" around the city. Originally, there was a garden planted by the Lindsey family that included traditional flower beds in line with the era: grapes, red currants, vegetables; and mulberries and box elders for shade. The Garden Club updated the original garden to include Hoover roses, delphiniums and Madonna lilies. Then, they kept going - incorporating a large iris garden into the original bed. From 1940-1984, these women planted new trees annually and continued to expand these "civic beautification projects" across the city.

I wanted to honor these women and their mission to continue to beautify our community spaces - so I contacted the city with hopes that they'd approve of my plan. With monarchs in decline due to habitat loss, I wanted the garden to include native plant species and milkweed to attract butterflies and other pollinators. After meeting with the city, I received permission to plant an official Monarch Waystation, or a place where traveling Monarch butterflies can stop to eat and lay eggs, near the pavilion.

During the city meeting, I mentioned that my daughters used to play in the old spring just below the playground. The spring has been diverted underground since then. The spring at one time fed a bathhouse and icehouse owned by the Lindsey family. "In 1865 [the Lindseys] homesteaded 160 acres, first building their simple home, garden, playground, and eventually developing the territory's first amusement park complete with views of the Great Salt

Lake."

You may have noticed the water that runs down the gutter and into the storm drain on M Street between 8th and 9th Avenue. Turns out a lot of us have seen it...The city receives complaints about it all the time (especially when we're in the midst of a drought!).

When I mentioned the spring to Rachel Taylor of Utah Friends of Monarchs, she got excited. She helped daylight an old spring at Fairmont Park to attract monarchs there. Soon I was in touch with experts who worked on that project, and they discovered the source of the old spring just above the pavilion up toward 11th Avenue.

Currently, we're working with a group of teenagers involved with service learning to prepare the small garden bed near the pavilion for planting, but a much larger project behind the pavilion is in the works. We are applying for Salt Lake City CIP (Capital Improvement Program) funding to daylight the natural spring right here in the Avenues with the intention to create a native species corridor. We hope, once established, that the area can be used as a teaching tool for the community, particularly Ensign Elementary School and other nearby schools, and as an area that we can enjoy and be proud of. We currently have support from the Utah Native Plant Society, Tracy Aviary, Utah Friends of Monarchs and the Seven Canyons Trust. Hopefully, we can count on Avenue resident support as well.

If funded, this part of Lindsey Gardens will be restored to a more natural state for all to enjoy...and the Flora Culture Garden Club will live on.

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/monarchsofthewasatch/>

<https://www.monarchwatch.org/waystations/>

<https://www.slc.gov/parks/parks-division/lindsey-gardens/>

by Tina Bagley

Why Water Trees in Winter?

In winter, a dormant tree may look still and lifeless but inside and below ground it's active, maintaining the chemical changes that control dormancy. Because both tree roots and a tree's internal functions are still working during dormancy, a tree in winter needs regular water and oxygen.

The period from late fall to early spring, October to March, is when you should give your trees extra water. Of course, if it's been raining instead of freezing and snowing, watering isn't required.

Water your trees when the temperature goes above 40° Fahrenheit and there's no snow covering the ground.

Always irrigate in the daytime, around noon, as this is when the soil is the warmest and can most easily absorb water.

Low and slow is how you should water. You want to give the water time to infiltrate your soil, not just sit on the surface.

If your soil has already dried out on its surface, allow plenty of time for water absorption. Dry soil tends to resist water at first, and you want water to go down a foot or more into your soil.

You should be watering away from a tree's trunk, where surface roots have developed. Established trees have a dripline you can use as a measurement, but for young or newly planted trees you'll want to use the edges of their rootballs as a measurement.

If you mulched around your young trees when you planted them—and we know you did—use that as a guide for where to water.

For more information about winter tree care and services provided, please visit <https://www.slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/urban-forestry-services/>

by Merrilee Morgan

Third Annual Warm Sock Drive Continues

Last year we collected 2,065 pairs of warm socks to donate to The Road Home.



I'm hoping that with your generous help we can get to 2,500 pairs this year! I'll be collecting

new, warm socks for men, women, and children Nov 15- Dec 3. Some suggested places to find good quality socks—Costco, Smith's Marketplace, and Amazon (especially for children). You can drop your donation off on my porch, 373 5th Ave, order on Amazon and have them delivered to me, or text me and I'll come pick them up, Ali Barnes 801-631-8084. Text me with any questions. Get your neighbors involved!

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Zoning Amendments Proposed to Facilitate Homeless Centers

The City is proposing zoning text amendments related to homeless resource centers and homeless shelters. Citywide; the CG, D2, and D3 zoning districts are in Council Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5. Adding temporary/emergency overflow shelters may impact multiple zoning districts found throughout the city.

In early October Mayor Mendenhall initiated a zoning amendment that would:

1. Prohibit any new homeless resource centers and homeless shelters from being in the city by making them prohibited uses in the land use tables found in the zoning code;
2. Update the conditional use standards and regulations that are specific to homeless resource centers and homeless shelters; and
3. Consider creating a different definition for a temporary overflow homeless shelter in the zoning code and allowing the use in some zoning districts, such as a new "Homeless Resource Center Overlay District".

We recognize that this is a challenging time for the community input. The key piece of the proposal is to remove permanent homeless resource centers and homeless shelters from the land use tables until such time that the city creates a new process for approving future homeless resource centers and homeless shelters.

We encourage everyone to visit the project website: <https://www.slc.gov/planning/hrczoning/> which will include an option for people to submit comments directly from the website.

Public comments will be taken until January 1, 2022 on this proposal.

If you have a question, please contact David Gellner, david.gellner@slcgov.com, (801) 535-6107 or Nick Norris, Director, Salt Lake City Planning Division, nick.norris@slcgov.com, 801-535-6173.



University of Utah Community Forum held on October 28, 2021

The meeting focused on providing status updates for the various design and construction projects currently underway on the University of Utah campus. Robin Burr, chief facilities officer for the University of Utah, provided details for 22 projects. A recap of the meeting can be seen at <https://attheu.utah.edu/community-forum-newsletter/october-2021-community-forum-recap/> where there are video and powerpoint links to the presentations made at the meeting.

To sign-up for the University of Utah Community Forum newsletter and email updates, visit <https://signup.e2ma.net/signup/1859071/1805466/>

The next Community Forum is scheduled for January 26, 2022 and will present transportation initiatives including mobility and transit hubs on campus that would improve ease of use for public transit.

Is there a topic of discussion or question you would like answered? Please email Shawn Wood at shawn.wood@utah.edu.

Cemetery Improvements CIP Application (from Chair's article, Page 1)

The City Cemetery is a site with a rich cultural and historical narrative of the state, open for all to use as a recently accredited Arboretum and green parkland environment in the heart of the City, as well as for ongoing burials and memorials.

In support of the 2020 Salt Lake City Cemetery Master Plan, we are requesting \$500,000 for infrastructure improvements, specifically Phase 1a roads. The Master Plan identified \$12.5 Million in required road repair costs, of which Phase 1a itemizes 1.3 miles of road repairs broken into 8 individual segments.

See the Cemetery Master Plan at <https://slc-cemetery-master-plan-slcgov.hub.arcgis.com/>.

See more about the Salt Lake City CIP program at <https://www.slc.gov/can/cares/capital-improvement-program/>.

See all online City Planning Open Houses at <https://www.slc.gov/planning/category/online-open-house/>

Capitol Park Cottages at 675 North F Street

The Planning Division has received new Planning petitions from Ivory Development for the property at 675 N F Street. The applicant is seeking to develop a 19-lot single-family dwelling development titled “Capitol Park Cottages.” Each home is proposed to include an accessory dwelling unit. The property is currently vacant and is approximately 3.2 acres in size. Under the current FR-3/12,000 zoning, the property could be developed for 11 single-family detached homes, each of which may include an accessory dwelling unit.

In order to build their proposed homes, Ivory Development has submitted four applications: a Zoning Map Amendment, Master Plan Amendment, Planned Development, and Preliminary Subdivision application.

Zoning Map Amendment (Rezone): The applicant is requesting to change the zoning of the property from the FR-3/12,000 “Foothills Residential District” to the SR-1 “Special Development Pattern” zoning district. Both zones primarily only allow for low-scale residential development but have differing regulations for such development, including regulations on allowed dwelling types, lot sizes, and setbacks. The final decision maker on this petition is the City Council.

Master Plan Amendment: The applicant is requesting to amend the master plan designation for the property. The current Avenues Community Master Plan’s Future Land Use map matches the current zoning designation of FR-3/12,000. The applicant is requesting that the Future Land Use map be amended to a designation that aligns with the proposed SR-1 zoning. The final decision maker on this petition is the City Council.

Planned Development: The applicant is seeking Planned Development approval of a single-family housing development under their requested proposed SR-1 zoning designation. The proposal includes 19 single-family detached dwelling lots. Each single-family home accessed from the internal private street (Lots 6 to 19) is proposed to include an internal accessory dwelling unit when built. The lots along F Street (Lots 1 to 5) are proposed to be custom homes and so may or may not ultimately include an accessory dwelling unit. Two additional parcels are proposed to be reserved for a private park and small guest parking area. Through the Planned Development process the applicant is seeking to modify zoning lot and structure dimensional standards, including requirements for public street frontage for lots (lots will be accessed from a private drive), lot size, width, and setbacks. Density cannot be modified through the Planned Development process and modifications to that are not being requested. The final decision maker on the Planned Development is the Planning Commission.

Preliminary Subdivision Plat: The Planned Development request includes a preliminary subdivision plat that will divide the ~3.21-acre property into 19 single-family home lots and two parcels to be used for a private park and guest parking area. A decision by the Planning Commission on the Planned Development and Subdivision requests would be conditional and not effective until a decision is made by the City Council on the Zoning and Master Plan Amendment requests.

The application materials, including the applicant’s proposal narratives, site plan, subdivision plan, elevations, and landscape plan can be downloaded from the City’s Open House webpage for this proposal. The webpage can be accessed at <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2021/11/29/capitol-park-cottages/>. The materials are located in the “Additional Information” section, including downloadable documents and plans. That document list also includes a City produced zoning map of the area and a City produced information sheet that summarizes the regulations of the current FR-3 zone and the proposed SR-1 zone.

Public Comments on this petition are being accepted by the Planning Department from November 29, 2021 through January 13, 2022. During and following the comment period, the Planning Division will evaluate the proposal against the applicable zoning standards, taking into consideration public comments as they relate to the standards, and develop a recommendation for the Planning Commission.

Please direct your comments to Daniel Echeverria, Senior Planner, daniel.echeverria@slcgov.com. Daniel may be reached at 801-535-7165 or by email with any questions.

The GACC will have a presentation on this project at its January 5th general community meeting.

Salt Lake City Fire Department Community Newsletter - December 2021

by SLC Fire Chief Karl Lieb

It's December in Salt Lake City. Typically by now, we've already received some snow. Though we haven't yet seen a heavy snowfall this year, we would all be well-served to keep in mind a few tips to keep safe in the snow.

Did you know that snow accumulation can quickly obstruct fire hydrants and block fire department vehicle access? This happens more frequently than you might imagine and it delays our firefighters' response. Here are a few things you can do to help your Fire Department better help you this winter.

- * Shoveling your driveway should provide a clear path of access up to and including the approach to your home from the roadway

- * Clear a minimum of 36" space around fire hydrants

- * Salting sidewalks and paths will help to prevent falls

Snow isn't the only thing that restricts access to fire hydrants or obstructs fire department vehicle response. If you see other items blocking the way, we would appreciate your assistance to keep hydrants and other access available all year round!

SLC FIRE IS HIRING!

SLC Fire is hiring entry-level firefighters. To learn more about becoming a firefighter and to start your application today, visit www.slc.gov/fire/careers

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

The winter holidays are cause for celebration. We look forward to spending time with family and friends, exchanging gifts, and generally making merry. But the holidays also bring with them an increased potential for dangerous situations in and around your home. Visit our website for holiday safety tips at

<https://www.slc.gov/em/2019/11/25/holiday-season/>.

COVID-19 UPDATE

SLC Fire's daily operations continue to be impacted by COVID-19 and related concerns. We have modified several department policies and protocols in response to these concerns and feel confident that the actions taken serve to protect both our workforce and the greater SLC community. A few precautionary measures currently in place are:

- Over 80% of SLC Fire employees have been fully vaccinated.
- SLC Fire employees wear surgical or cloth masks when in public for non-medical response reasons, such as trips to the grocery store.
- All calls for medical assistance are treated as potential COVID-19 exposures and our firefighters wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) when responding.
- Patients requesting emergency medical assistance may be asked to meet first responders outdoors or in a large room whenever possible.
- First responders may ask family members, friends, and bystanders to provide a safe distance (6 ft. or greater) from the responding crew members on any emergency scene.
- In response to the most recent upward trend of COVID infection numbers, SLC Fire has suspended participation in public and in-person activities, such as station tours, school visits, etc. Please visit our website to find educational videos that can replace these types of activities until we can resume them safely!
- Firefighters who are ill or have sick family at home are requested to stay home to recuperate, waiting to return to work until they are medically cleared to do so.

SLC Fire would like to express our gratitude to the community for all that you are doing to keep yourselves and your family safe. We're in this together and look forward to welcoming the public back to our facilities in the hopefully not-too-distant future.

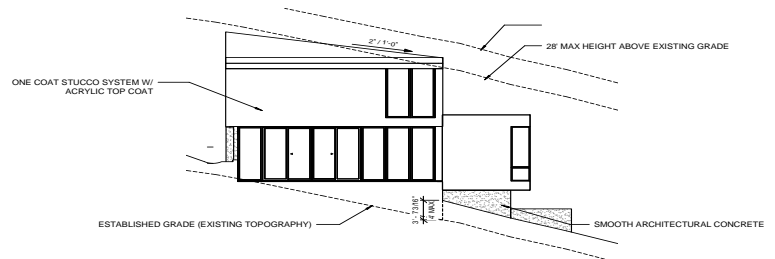
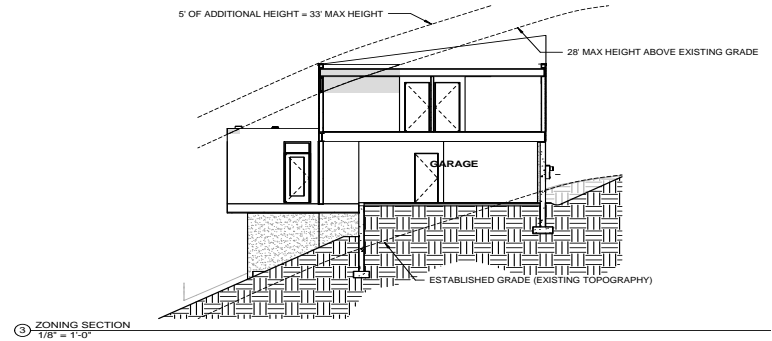
**SALT LAKE CITY PLANNING DIVISION
APPEALS HEARING AGENDA
December 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**

An appeal of Special Exception Approvals at 1484 East Tomahawk Drive is on the agenda.

Jeff Black is appealing the previous approval by the Planning Commission which was Petition **PLNPCM2021-00372**, a Special Exception application requesting approval to construct a new single-family dwelling that exceeds the maximum permitted building height and maximum allowable grade changes.

This meeting will be held virtually. To attend the Appeals Hearing meeting link to WebEx at: <https://bit.ly/slc-appeals-12092021>.

The subject property is located within the FR-3/12,000 Foothill Residential District and City Council District 3, represented by Chris Wharton. Staff contact: Joel Paterson at 801-535-6141 or joel.paterson@slcgov.com, case number **PLNAPP2021-01026**.



**SALT LAKE CITY PLANNING DIVISION
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA
December 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**

Stealth Towers Text Amendment - Pete Simmons, representing Verizon Wireless, is requesting to amend section(s) of title 21A.32.070 PL Public Lands District and 21A.40.090.E Wireless Telecommunication Facilities to increase the allowed height of stealth wireless telecommunication facilities to 75 feet in the PL Public Lands Zoning District.

The taller towers would coordinate signals between smaller macro towers and in-building systems, and would reduce interference and improve system performance and capacity. Wireless demand is growing exponentially. Emergency Services—all emergency service responders use wireless services to respond to 911 calls, to locate residences through GPS systems, utilize medical equipment, and provide other critical emergency responses. Many citizens have only cellular service and no home land line services. Increases in Telemedicine has started to replace in-office patient visits to assist with reducing the spread of COVID-19. Wireless services allow both citizens and medical professionals to use telemedicine apps. Online Schooling and Remote Work Environments have begun to use substantially more wireless services.

Specifically, this request would allow stealth wireless telecommunication facilities taller than 35 feet in the Public Lands district as a conditional use.

The Public Lands district is located city-wide, so this request would affect all Council Districts. Staff contact: Aaron Barlow at 385-386-2764 or aaron.barlow@slcgov.com. Planning Division Case number **PLNPCM2020-00284**.

The Planning Commission meetings are available on www.youtube.com/slclivemeetings, at SLCTv Channel 17 Live at www.slctv.com/livestream/SLCtv-Live/2, or via Webex at <https://bit.ly/slc-pc-1208202.1>

Register in advance to comment during the Public Hearing portion of the meeting or provide general comments via email in advance to planning.comments@slcgov.com.

Air Quality -- What is a Cold Start?

Answer: Starting your car in the winter? Nope, it is anytime you start your car after the engine has been off 12 hours or longer in winter or summer.

So why should you care about a cold start? Joe Thomas, director of Weber State University's National Center for Automotive Science & Technology said that in their studies "75 percent of a vehicle's combined emissions occur within the first three minutes of being started after it has sat for 12 hours or more. If drivers want to help clean up Utah's dirty air, they should avoid cold starts, if possible. Cold starts are a big issue for air quality. That is one of the reasons we say, 'If you don't have to start the car that day, avoid it and use another alternative.'"

Without really good public transit for all the Avenues, it is hard to leave the car at home and get where you need to be. So what can we do instead that can help? A car parked in the garage overnight — as opposed to the one that sits outside — helps to reduce emissions because it takes less time to get the engine to that optimal temperature, but most homes on the Avenues do not have garages.

*"We found there is no need to warm up your car," Thomas said. "You can get up in the morning, start the car and just drive. **The best thing you can do for emissions is to not idle your car. You start the vehicle and then run it.** That driving event actually helps the catalytic converter — our last defense for air quality in your car — to warm up faster and do what it is designed to do: reduce emissions."*

It's commonly believed that in cold weather you need to warm up your car for several minutes before driving. Cars used to have carburetors to mix gas and air so the gas would ignite. Cold air would make it harder for the carburetors to get the right mix until the engine was warm. But that was then. Car manufacturers phased out carburetors during the 1980s. Today's modern vehicles use electronic fuel injectors that detect cold weather and release slightly extra gasoline into the gas-air mix to compensate for the evaporation problem. That means the engine should be ready to go as soon as it begins running.

So by idling your car, you are just releasing extra gas into your engine without getting any use out of it. Four consequences of this are (1) wasted fuel and (2) increased pollution. Perhaps even more surprisingly, (3) you'll actually increase damage to your engine by doing this. That's because the extra unevaporated gas in the mix will strip the oils from the inside of your engine, decreasing lubrication and increasing the wear and tear on its parts. Read about possible (4) in Det. Norgaard's article "... Christmas Presents for Thieves."

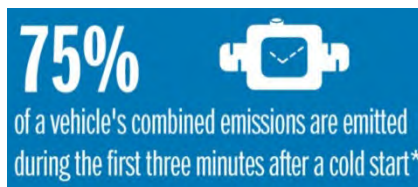
How long should you wait before putting the car in gear after starting the engine in cold temperatures? 30 seconds. In a car that's well maintained and operating properly, 30 seconds is plenty of time. The most important tip is not to accelerate too aggressively until the engine's indicator shows the car engine temperature has moved off "cold." This same start protocol works in summer. Driving a car (even if doing so moderately) warms the engine and the car's occupants much faster than letting it idle.

Is there any way to get your windows to defog any faster? The key is to warm up the air rapidly so it can hold more moisture to replace the air in your car with cold air from outside, since that air will be holding less moisture than the air that's already in your car. In short, you should:

- Begin by scraping the snow and ice from all the windows and be sure the wipers are free so you can see.
- Start your engine.
- Turn on your defogger to begin clearing the windows.
- Turn the car's heater up all the way to warm up the air in your car.
- Turn on the air conditioner temporarily in order to draw extra water out of the air.
- Turn off air circulation within the car to bring in fresh air from outside.
- Open your windows slightly, if possible, to bring in more fresh air.
- You could consider keeping a sock filled with kitty litter near your windshield which will absorb extra moisture in the car.
- Wait 30 seconds for the windshield to clear and drive the car.

There is an exception to not warming up your car before driving — electric cars. They rely on electricity for heat and heating takes a lot of power. Follow your car's manual to maximize power and range in cold weather.

Our goal is to drive as safely and as environmentally conscious as possible. Idling is NOT environmentally conscious. Joe Thomas had a quote we should write on a sticky note and place on the dash, "If you put the vehicle in park, you are making a conscious decision that you are going to be there awhile. Turn it off."



by Jill Van Langeveld

Idling Cars Make Great Christmas Presents for Criminals

The Salt Lake City Police Department reminds everyone to avoid leaving their vehicles unattended while warming up.

Each year the Department takes over 300 stolen vehicle reports where either the vehicle was left running or the keys were left inside. During the cold season many people leave their vehicles running and unattended to warm up and defrost. Not only is this bad for the environment, but it is a perfect opportunity for car thieves to take your car. *A car that's been left unattended while it's warming can be stolen in less than 60 seconds. Do not leave your car unlocked and running, ever!*

The Mark Smith Memorial Arboretum

An arboretum is a collection of a variety of woody plants, primarily trees, grown and maintained for educational, scientific, and ornamental purposes. Three years ago, the Salt Lake City Cemetery applied for recognition as an International Arboretum. During the hurricane force winds of the storm on September 9, 2020, the cemetery lost 265 trees.



Mark Smith Memorial Arboretum opened on November 6.



Because this urban forest contains 2400 trees we were still eligible and achieved full status on November 6. This status recognized that the Cemetery has 80 different species of trees. Go to <http://www.arbnet.org/morton-register-arboreta> for an interactive map to show arboreta from all over the world. Go to <https://www.slc.gov/parks/urban-forestry/mark-smith-memorial-arboretum/> to learn more about our arboretum and enjoy an interactive map showing the location of the various trees. Our arboretum is named for Mark Smith, a gentle man who passed way while he was the sexton for the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

To prepare for the opening, the Friends of the Salt Lake

Cemetery partnered with Tree Utah and the Salt Lake City Garden Club for a very successful Tree Planting event on October 29. Forty one trees were planted to add to the list of Cemetery trees.

Mark Smith was a remarkable man who inspired others to do their best. There is a memorial to Mark near the Sexton's house that bears a great Mark Smith quote. It reads:

Pick Up the Stick!

Don't ask who put it there.

Don't ask who it belongs to.

Don't ask if everyone else has picked up as many sticks as you have.

Don't ask if it is your job to pick it up.

Just Pick Up the Stick!

If you pick up the stick you will find that the next person will pick up the stick and so on and so on.

Pretty soon there will be no sticks to pick up.

Even if you are the only person picking the sticks up some day there will be no more sticks to pick up...and the world will be a better place for it.

*So in your day to day activities take the time to bend down and just **Pick Up the Stick!***

by Gwen Springmeyer - [Friends of the Salt Lake City Cemetery](#)



HOW TO *NOT* EAT YOUR FEELINGS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Ali Spencer, RD

For most people, emotional eating is a learned behavior used to deal with uncomfortable feelings or emotions. Emotional eating is very common because food tastes good, is always there, can help numb negative feelings, and can be exciting. Unfortunately, there are typically negative consequences with emotional eating and any "solutions" it provides are only temporary.

Ask yourself these three questions:

1. **Am I hungry?** If you're hungry, please eat! But many people have a difficult time discerning between physical and "mental" hunger. Mental hunger can be prompted by a plate of cookies in the office break room, a holiday tradition or an ad on TV. Learn to recognize what actual hunger feels like.
2. **What am I feeling?** If you find you're having a difficult time deciding if you are

physically hungry, or if you know you are not hungry, this is an opportunity to find out what's prompting you to eat. Are you upset or tired? Did you receive great news? Are you bored or anxious?

3. **What do I really need?** Based on your emotions, think about what will really solve the issue. For example, if you're stressed, what you really need is a way to blow off steam, not a cookie. Think of ways to relieve stress, maybe call a friend, or get out of the office. Maybe, you need to take a bubble bath or write in your journal.

Tackling emotional eating is no easy task, so be patient with yourself. These strategies may not always eliminate the emotional eating, but they will likely help reduce and control it.

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GACC General Meeting December 1st Virtual Meeting on Zoom!

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