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Chair's Message for October

by Merrilee Morgan



Hello Friends,

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the annual Avenues Street Fair. What a beautiful day for an outstanding community event! A special thanks to all who volunteered, the families who participated in the Children's Parade, the patrons who supported our vendors, our generous sponsors and our 7th Avenue residents. It was a huge success!

This month at our Community meeting we will be welcoming U.S. Congressman Blake Moore's Legislative Director, Paul Johnson, who will speak on Congressman Moore's bill to preserve the Great Salt Lake (see article Page 4).

We'll also be hearing from a City planner working on a small section of 18 houses around LDS Hospital, asking to remove restrictions which were put in place when LDS Hospital expanded in 1981. The Planner will present the information about the restriction followed by a discussion. Then at the November 1st GACC Community meeting, we will vote on the issue. For more information, please see our website and the article on page 6.

The community vote on the development at 675 North F Street was held on September 6th, with 220 total votes cast, of which 213 were opposed and 7 were in favor of the Planned Development. A letter was sent with the results to Aaron Barlow, the City planner assigned to this project. He will include my letter and the vote results in the file he submits to the Planning Commission. The review date for this file is TBD.

Lastly, I'd like to invite you to join me and Alicia DeLeon, Mayor Mendenhall's Liaison to our community, to my monthly "Taking the Board to the People" campaign on Friday, October 6th. We invite you to join us at the Ellerbeck Bed & Breakfast on 140 B Street from 10:00 am -12:00 pm. Our gracious hosts, Kara and Tyler Alden will be offering cookies and punch. And of course, I look forward to seeing my neighbors on Halloween or at one of the Trunk-or-Treats sponsored by our LDS friends.

Member Spotlight: Craig Provost



My wife (Dale) and I moved to the Avenues about nine years ago and enjoy the charming atmosphere of the Lower Avenues and the nice views in the Upper Avenues. We met in Graduate school in Texas, and were psychologists before retiring a decade ago. We enjoy going "birding" while on hikes or biking through the Avenues and nearby parks and trails. We like traveling, especially trips with our family. We

are blessed to have our son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughters in the Avenues. Our daughter and her family live in Manhattan, but come here for skiing. I volunteer with the Sierra Club, at church, and at IMC cuddling babies in the NICU. I have served on the GACC Board for several years, and learn so much about the neighborhood through our Council meetings.

GACC in Person and Virtual Meeting October 4th from 6:00 pm to 7:50 pm

Agenda

- 6:00-6:01 **Merrilee Morgan**, GACC Chair - Welcome
- 6:01-6:30 **Paul Johnson**, Legislative Director for Rep. Moore on The Great Salt Lake
- 6:31-6:34 **Marie Stewart**, SL Police Dept.
- 6:35-6:40 **Brandy Lee**, LDS Hospital Liaison
- 6:41-7:00 **City Planner** on Restrictive Covenant
- 7:01-7:10 **Gwen Springmeyer**, Nominating Comm.
- 7:11-7:15 **David Berg**, Ranked Choice Voting
- 7:16-7:40 Community Reports; Legislative, City Council, Schools, Mayor's Office, Fire, Library
- 7:40-7:50 Open Forum

The October 4th Community Meeting will be a hybrid. Meet in person at the Sweet Library, 455 F Street, at 6:00 pm, or join with Zoom. We will post the Zoom Meeting Link and Password at <http://slc-avenues.org/> at 5:00 pm on October 4th

Mayoral Candidate Event at November 1st Meeting by David Berg

Odd numbered years in Utah means municipal elections and the GACC typically hosts candidate debates during our October meeting. This year the general election in Utah was pushed back to Nov 21st, and with that later date, the GACC will host our Mayoral Event featuring all three candidates during our November 1st meeting, with an informal candidate meet & greet before the meeting, starting at 5:00.

Typically the general election is on Tuesday, after the first Monday in November. This year the general election in Utah was moved to accommodate the special election needed after the resignation of 2nd Congressional Representative Chris Stewart. (Stewart previously represented the Greater Avenues but the latest redistricting moved the Greater Avenues from Congressional District 2 into Congressional District 1, a seat currently held by Representative Blake Moore).

The only issue Greater Avenues residents will have on their ballot this year is the Mayoral race, and it will be conducted using Ranked Choice Voting, meaning you will be able to rank candidates in order of preference, from 1st to 3rd choice. Ballots will be mailed to active registered voters starting the first week of November, in person, early voting begins on the 7th of November.

To learn more about Ranked Choice Voting and for profiles of the three candidates for SLC Mayor visit <https://www.slc.gov/attorney/recorder/ranked-choice-voting/>. To check your voter registration status, register to vote, or update your voter registration visit vote.utah.gov. Get involved, have your voice heard, & VOTE!

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GACC Board Meeting - Hybrid

October 11th, 2023 at 6:00 pm, Sweet Library. All are welcome. If you wish to participate or for special accommodations, contact GACC Chair Merrilee Morgan at Gaccchair@slc-avenues.org

Community Resources

Sweet Library Events www.slclpl.org/801-594-8651

Kids Calendar

Book Baby Storytime. Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am. A fun storytime that encourages playful interactions between little ones and their caregivers. Ages 0-3

Preschool Storytime. Thursday mornings at 10:30 am. Stories, rhymes, and fun to help kids get ready to read! Ages 3-5

Playtime. Friday mornings from 10 am - noon. Playtime is an unstructured time for little ones to play with toys and make new friends! Drop in anytime between 10am-12pm.

Puppet Show - Wot's Under the Bed with Puppets in the City. Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11:00am. Wot is a monster who doesn't like scaring people. When he is given the assignment of living under Sammy's bed and scaring her, he has real reservations.

Firefighter Storytime: Thursday, Oct 19th at 10:30 am. Kids will enjoy a story read by a local firefighter, learn fire safety skills, and take home a fire helmet of their very own.

Teen Calendar

Dungeons & Dragons for Beginners (10 years old and up) A friendly introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for first-timers, led by an experienced player. Held on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

Adult Calendar

Book Club: For October, Sweet Reads will be discussing The Ghost and Mrs. Muir by R.A. Dick. Please join us on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:00pm in the Sweet Branch Meeting Room. Copies of next month's book will be given out at the end of the meeting.

Painted Pumpkins Craft Night:

Wednesday, October 18 | 6:00-7:30pm
Relax at the end of the day with a fun and easy craft for all ages! Learn how to use acrylic paint and other supplies to create a unique pumpkin. All supplies will be provided, while they last. Supplies include pumpkins, paint, brushes, and examples.

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The Ensign Stake invites all neighbors to join us in a neighborhood **Trunk or Treat** on October 28th from 4:30 to 6pm at 135 A Street.

We will have carnival games for the kids and hot dogs for everyone, with the Trunk or Treat beginning at 5:30.

If you'd like to set up your car for the Trunk or Treat, please plan on being parked in the parking lot by 4:45pm.

We look forward to seeing you!

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.

Enviromental Tips

Can you believe that Fall is already upon us? Kids are back in school and outdoor BBQs will soon be over. It's time to put a new quality filter in your furnace. While you're at it, you can save even more energy costs by taping up any leaky vents and remove any blockage.

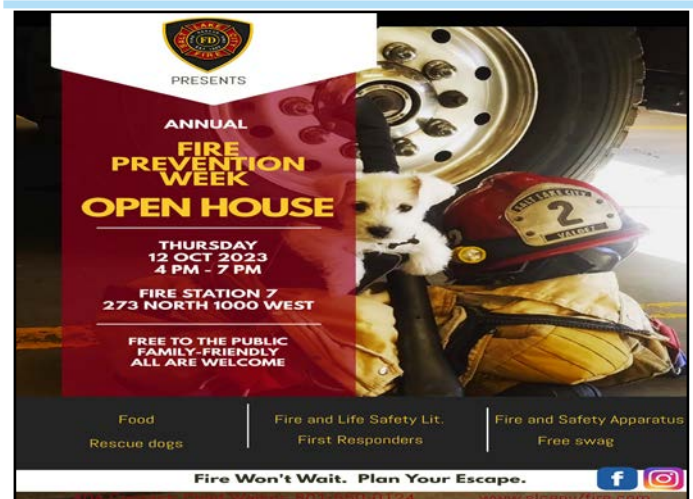
Questions or ideas: Tom Brooks Cooper.brooks@gmail.com

Free Yoga Class Open to All

The free community yoga class that meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 AM at the LDS Chapel at 135 A Street.

Tenth East Senior Center, 237 S 1000 E, M-F 7:00-4:00 with lunch 11:30-12:15. Enter on the north side for plenty of parking in the rear, 385-468-3140 or slco.org/tenth-east-senior-center. In addition to fitness classes such as yoga, the Center is adding new activities in October:

Vaccine Clinic (flu and Covid boosters): Monday, 10/ 2, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; Salt Lake Co. Health w/ info about aging resources: Thursday, 10/12, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm; Halloween Party w/ Live Jazz Music: Tuesday, 10/31, 11:30 am. Lunch and ice cream social; AARP Smart Driver Course: Monthly on the first Friday, 10:00 am-3:30 pm with a lunch break. Payment goes to the AARP instructor.



Join the GACC Leadership Team

Now is the time to step up and become part of the leadership of your Greater Avenues Community Council. We need officers, board members, and people willing to serve on committees.

Go to <https://www.slc-avenues.org/about-the-council/board-of-directors> to learn who currently serves as an officer or board member. Many board members will remain for 2024, but we need more. Board members should plan to attend two meetings per month—the general community meeting and the board meeting. The board focuses on creating content for the newsletter and setting the community meeting agenda.

You are eligible to serve if you live on the Avenues, own property, or have a business on the Avenues.

Don't waste any time thinking about this! Contact Gwen Springmeyer at gwenspring@gmail.com or 801-673-1944 about the opportunities. The Nominating Committee will finalize the new officers and board members slate at the October 4th GACC Community Meeting. The committee will take nominations before and during the meeting. Nominations during the meeting are only allowed if the individual nominated is present, agrees to the nomination, and meets eligibility requirements. You may nominate yourself. At the end of the October 4 meeting, the slate is final and will go to a vote at the November 1 GACC Community Meeting. The 2024 Board terms begin on December 13. All Meetings are hybrid, with both in-person and Zoom options.

GACC Committees

The GACC has 17 committees with fun work like the Street Fair and managing Social Media to serious stuff like Land Use Planning and Wildfire Preparedness. There is a place for you! Committee positions are open all year round, but getting started with the new board elections is a great way to get involved.

Wildfire Preparedness Tip

by Shane Carlson

After years of elevated wildfire risk, we were concerned the summer of 2023 would be a wildfire season of severe risk. We entered this summer with abundant fuels that could have quickly dried out and created a significant threat if our drought conditions had persisted. Instead, we enjoyed the fourteenth wettest summer on record. Brett Ostler, fire program manager for the Utah Division of Forestry, describes this summer as a 'normal' fire season. Mr. Ostler credits the moisture the state has seen lately with creating conditions where the state can drop its wildfire "preparedness level." He also attributes an increase in public awareness, due in part to the state's Fire Sense program, <https://utahfiresense.org/>, with having a significant impact on lessening human-caused fires.

Let's keep up the excellent work on the aspects of wildfire risk that we control directly. Be careful with anything that might generate a spark when working near "fuels," AND prioritize reducing wildfire risk when making changes to your "built environment."

This fall, as we work in our gardens and make landscaping decisions, plant wildfire-resistant plants and keep flammable foliage/materials away from all structures. Additionally, those of us who are preparing to work on our homes should "harden" them against wildfire wherever possible.

For details on how to reduce wildfire risks, see links on the GACC Wildfire page: <https://www.slc-avenues.org/our-neighborhood/wildfire-preparedness>.

Lastly, don't forget the residents of West Maui, as they are just beginning to get a sense of how large a challenge they face as they start rebuilding their community.



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Gifts that Keep Giving from the Urban Wilderness

by Jon Seger

When the LDS Pioneers reached the Salt Lake Valley in July of 1847, many saw the valley floor as an “interminable waste of sagebrush ... blistering in the burning rays of the mid-summer sun.” But President Young seems to have had his eyes on the future. On August 7th he is quoted as lavishly praising the “beauty and convenience” of the site where a vigorous creek emerged from the foothills – where houses and gardens could be “abundantly supplied with cold water from the mountains” – and where our city would rise.

Young’s inspired vision gave the new community easy access to several distinct geologies and ecologies, and to the many different resources offered by each. Astounding success and growth soon followed. One result is that the “interminable waste of sagebrush” has been replaced all across the Salt Lake Valley by non-native grasses, shrubs and trees. Yet in the foothills that ring the valley, there remain large tracts of the original wild ecosystem that includes thousands of species of plants, animals and microbes, still living there much as they have for thousands of years. Does any other major urban center, anywhere in the world, have so much intimate and accessible contact between fully 21st-century city life and nearly intact ancient wilderness?

If we can keep our remaining “wild city” more or less as it was, then it will continue to provide many irreplaceable opportunities to enhance individual physical and mental health, as well as collective awareness of our history. It will also provide many ecosystem services including pollination and carbon sequestration (the native perennial grasses are good at that), and it will demonstrate many consequences of climate change. As we strive to conserve water by landscaping with plants that need little irrigation, it’s likely that we’ll want to invite many components of the “waste of sagebrush” to reoccupy their former haunts, where they’ll again do well if we make them feel welcome. Having pieces of the original ecology still intact and visible from many city streets will make this process easier and much more interesting.

Preserve The Great Salt Lake

by U.S. Rep. Blake Moore

The Great Salt Lake is one of Utah’s many natural wonders, and it is encouraging to see so many Utahns unite in our shared efforts to save this critical water source. The Great Salt Lake is not only an iconic landmark, but it is also an essential ecosystem that supports diverse wildlife and contributes to our state's economy.

The risk of a drying Great Salt Lake has immense environmental and economic impacts. A shrinking lake could result in increased dust storms, affecting air quality and public health. It would also lead to the loss of vital habitats for migratory birds and devastate industries that rely on the lake.

In Congress, I have been hard at work on efforts to save the Great Salt Lake. Last year, I introduced legislation that was signed into law with overwhelming support to authorize critical funding for a monitoring and assessment program that will provide detailed data to inform the next steps in preserving the lake. In addition, I have cosponsored legislation alongside Utah’s congressional delegation to allow flexibility in existing programs to supercharge the impact of existing conservation programs.

While our work is well underway, there is still more to do. We are fortunate to have great partners at all levels and will continue to work in a bipartisan manner to advocate for the Great Salt Lake.

Contact Paul Johnson, Legislative Director for Congressman Blake Moore, 1131 Longworth House Office Building, or call (202) 226-4330.



Memorable Street Fair!!

by Daniel Sowards

After seven months of planning, and over 200 volunteers gathering



together, I’m happy to say we had another memorable Avenues Street Fair! 7th Avenue provided a beautiful venue for a sunny Saturday, with Capitol views to the West, and foothills to the East. The slightly narrow roadway (compared to 3rd Ave or 11th Ave) proved to make this event feel intimate and nostalgic to how street fairs used to feel.

Many of our neighbors leaned into the community spirit and volunteered their power and water to help vendors, which we greatly appreciate. Our many sponsors really went above and beyond this year, generously contributing funds to help with the expenses of stages, traffic control, water stations, police presence, etc.; thank you again to all of them!

This year proved to be one of our largest, both in terms of length (H-N streets), and also in attendance. This resulted in numerous vendors selling out completely, or experiencing record sales. This is not only meaningful to all of us who helped plan and execute the fair, but also to the small business owners who dedicated a hot and sunny Saturday to our event, and were rewarded for their efforts with abundant sales. So thank you again to everyone who not only attended the fair, but chose to buy items from these small businesses instead of ordering online from a digital behemoth.

In looking ahead to next year, we have many lessons learned which we’re very excited to incorporate. We can’t wait for September 14, 2024, so be sure to mark your calendars! The location won’t be decided until early next year, so be on the lookout for that announcement in March or April. Until then, thank you!

Daniel Sowards, 2023 Avenues Street Fair Chair 801-602-6562



2023 People’s Art Gallery Winners

by Kathryn Wright

The People’s Art Gallery displays and celebrates Avenues artists’ work.

The artwork is professionally judged. This year’s judges were Jim Glenn and Lisa Sewell. The winners are:

Youth ages 0-9

First Place - CC C.

CC’s Cats

Second Place - Althea Hedges

Lady Bug of Love

Third Place - Cece Rose Barker

A Sunny Day



Youth ages 10-14

First Place - Keturah P.

Tiger

Second Place - Scarlet Hedges

Being Bison

Third Place - Bryce Barker

A September Afternoon in the Alps



Youth ages 15-18

First Place - Sophia Adams

Mocha

Adult Amateur

First Place - Helen Hodgdon

Yelapo, Mexico

Second Place - Amy Crandall

Collared Lizards

Third Place - Maria Bernardo Zalinde

Genealogy



Adult Professional

First Place - Kirk Henrichsen

Big Cottonwood Creek Winter

Second Place - Gunter Radinger

Next Adventure

Third Place - Annette Campbell

Buffalo Soldier



People’s Choice Award

6th North Overpass quilt by Annetta Mower

Special thanks to Mary Schaub for her donation of the People’s Choice Award gift certificate!

See all the People's Art Gallery art at www.avenuesstreetfair.org

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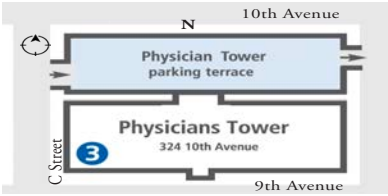

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Spooky Happenings at the Avenues Library!



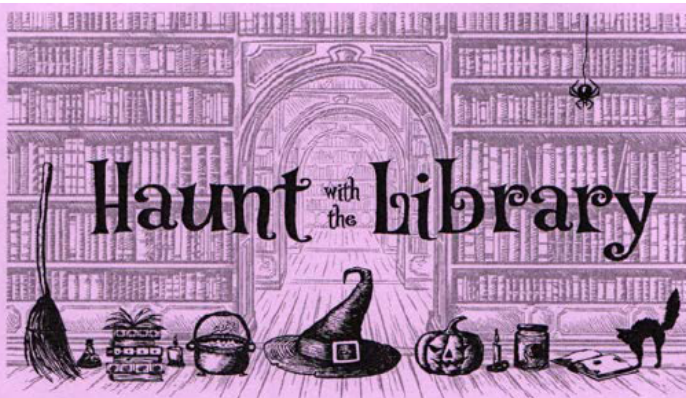
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No registration required. While supplies last.



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This Halloween, have a ghostly good time at The City Library! Throughout the system, the Library will be hosting hair-raising hangouts and eerie events for all ages. Find the schedule at slcpl.org/halloween.



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Warm Springs Park Public Survey

Remember Wasatch Plunge on Beck Street? How about the old Utah Children's Museum?

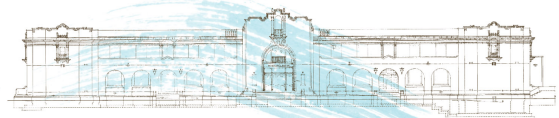
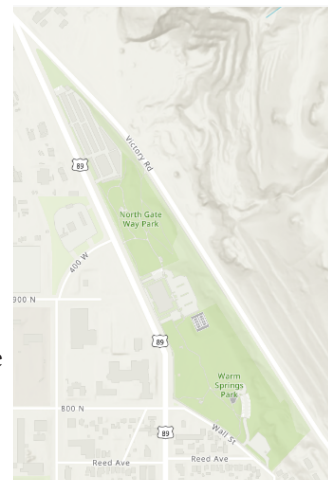
Join us in redesigning the park and reactivating our hot spring right in the city, bringing the historic building back to life and creating a community gathering place where people of all walks of life come together—to soak, learn, heal, connect, and collaborate in new ways!

\$1.5 million in bond money has been allocated for improvements to Warm Springs Park. The bond money for repairs is a great start, but there is still a lot of work to do to protect and preserve Warm Springs, revitalize the hot springs and restore the building as a public gathering place again.

Join us and be a part of this community movement by taking the public survey at the link or QR code below.
<https://www.slc.gov/parks/warm-springs-park-reimagine-neighborhood-park/>

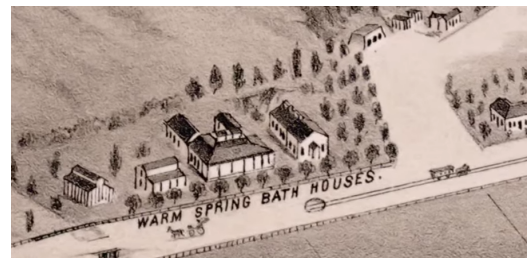


And if you believe the hot spring is an important part of the big picture, be sure to say so in the survey comments, because the survey doesn't mention plans for the hot spring at all.



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or join their email list here
<https://www.warmspringsalliance.org/sign-up/>





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The Greater Avenues Community Council recognizes the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes, whose ancestral homelands we occupy today. The Council honors the enduring relationship that exists between these peoples and their traditional lands, and we thank them for their longstanding land stewardship.

Public Comment requested on the Salt Lake City Citywide Transportation Plan

In 2022, the Avenues community was given a presentation by the Salt City Transportation Division that highlighted work underway to update the 1996 Transportation Master Plan.

The Citywide Transportation Plan is now available in draft form for public comment. This document was shaped in part by a Community Advisory Committee composed of Salt Lake City residents. Now it's your turn to provide feedback.

The Citywide Transportation Plan is a high-level document that does not focus on individual projects, but instead on values identified by the community and how to instill those in future roadway projects.

The resulting goals in the Plan are Equity, Health and Safety, Reliable Options, Affordability, and Sustainability.

The Citywide Transportation Plan is about more than just moving cars through the City. It helps tie together other city-wide transportation-focused plans that have been developed in recent years, including the 2017 Transit Master Plan and the 2015 Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan.

This plan update is required to go before the Planning Commission for a recommendation and the City Council for a final decision. Both bodies will hold public hearings. The public comment period ends on October 23, 2023 and no formal hearings will occur before then.

To review the plan and make comments, please visit <https://www.slc.gov/transportation/plans-studies/tmp/> or scan the QR code shown below. Contact Us at transportation@slcgov.com.



Message from Chris Wharton

Hello, District 3!

As fall settles in and temperatures cool, the season for Halloween activities takes flight! Remember to practice good safety tips, plan trick-or-treating routes, never let children trick-or-treat alone, and check your child's candy afterwards.

Though it's a spooky season with lots of excitement, the time is always right to be good neighbors. Together, we can make our community safer and stronger.

Take time to go outside, admire all the wonderful leaves changing, and connect with the people in your neighborhood.

SLCPD is hosting its annual Halloween fun fest on October 27 from 1 pm - 4 pm at 475 S 300 E there will be activities, candy, and much more! Make sure you check it out.

I'm here to address your questions and concerns. Most importantly, I'm here to listen. Please feel free to contact me or my constituent liaison, Dustin Parks at city.council.liaisons@slcgov.com or 801-535-7600, at any time to let me know if there's anything I can help you with.

Additionally, be sure to sign up for District 3 email updates at this link <https://mailchi.mp/slcgov/council> to find out what's going on in our neighborhood.



Photo by Busath Photography

Restrictive Covenant on Properties Surrounding LDS Hospital

The Greater Avenues Community Council is being asked by the Salt Lake City Planning Division to consider the removal of a restrictive covenant that impacts 18 properties in the vicinity of LDS Hospital.

The covenant dates back to 1981 when the closure of 8th Avenue, situated between C and D Streets, was necessary for the expansion of LDS Hospital. In return for not opposing this street vacation, the Greater Avenues Community Council entered into an agreement that ensured the perpetual residential use of those properties owned by LDS Hospital, aligning with the zoning regulations of that era (R-2 zoning district).

Presently, the properties are zoned SR-1A, but the restrictive covenant imposes additional restrictions on these properties. These properties are primarily restricted from specific uses within the SR-1A zone, namely, the construction of a detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), an Urban Farm, as well as operating an In-home Daycare or Daycare Facility. However, it's important to note that removing the restrictive covenant doesn't automatically grant these properties rights to those uses; they must still adhere to specific zoning requirements.

Given that LDS Hospital no longer holds ownership of these properties, Salt Lake City Planning Staff is recommending that the Greater Avenues Community Council conduct a vote regarding the removal of the restriction from the properties. Subsequently, the Salt Lake City Council will also be briefed on the matter and will take a vote. Please note that the dates for the City Council meetings have yet to be scheduled.