

EAST BENCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 7pm

Zoom

1. Welcome, Introduce Board Members in Attendance
 - a. David Leta, Evelyn Lee, Joan Ogden, Kristy Martin, Jason Cowan
2. Business Items
 - a. Treasurer report from Jason Cowan
 - i. reviewed profit/loss, fees, beginning bank balance and ending bank balance - all documents are available upon request.
 - ii. Recommended council to transition from current bank to an online bank
 - b. Nominating Committee presentation and appointments
 - i. Diane from Nominating Committee introduced and approval for appointing Meg Roberts as Treasurer, Polly Dacus and Jen Solomon for at large positions.
 - ii. Verbal vote to approve new members
 1. Meg Roberts as Treasurer, Polly Dacus and Jen Solomon for at large positions
 2. Reappoint Anthony Wright as Chair and Mark Overdevest as Chair, Kristy Martin as secretary, David Leta, Joan Ogden and Evelyn Lee members at large
 3. All attendees were in favor of appointing new members and reappointment of current members.
 4. Plan to provide introduction of new members onto next newsletter and website
3. SLC Fire Department Report - not in attendance
4. SLC Police Department Report - Det. Sam Fallows, SLCPD, Liberty Division Community Liaison, (385) 261-3368 | Samuel.Fallows@slcgov.com
 - a. Website has been updated and now managed by a SLCPD employee. The, biggest update will be how the crimes reported on site are against property. You'll now be able to trend crimes as year to date and up to 7 year averages.
 - b. Crime update for the East Bench - During March there were 3 total crimes reported and all were property crimes. Overall there's been a steady decline of both violent and property crime. Attributes this decline throughout the city to the stratified policing model where officers are in high violent crime areas with lights activated.
 - c. Reminded how for our neighborhood the biggest risk we have is for property crime. Encouraged citizens to report suspicious activity, have exterior lights on at night, use speed watch to report areas where you want speed enforcement.
5. Director of SLC Public Library Presentation - Noah Baskett - not present
6. SLC Mayor's Report - Hannah Barton, Community Liaison - 801-535-7110 | Hannah.Barton@slcgov.com

- a. Slc engineering division are working on several local street projects- resurfacing/repaving, repaving, sidewalk improvements, and drainage improvements. In our area, Kensington Ave and Oquirrh Drive, a portion of Devonshire Drive
- b. SLC has a backlog of deferred maintenance for our streets beginning in 2008 and maintenance began 2018. Last week over 6,000 potholes were filled. The most efficient means to report potholes is through the use of slcmobile app - Hannah offered to personally educate anyone on its use.
- c. Earth day is 4/20 - hosting many projects around Jordan River
 - i. Sign-up for Earth Day volunteer events: www.slc.gov/stewardship
- d. Update on Affordable housing - Investing to house a seemingly significant amount of homes with family units.
 - i. More information on RDA investment in affordable housing: www.slc.gov/housingstability/
 - ii. eric.daems@slcgov.com
- e. Upcoming office hours at Tulie bakery on 1500 E and 1500 S- June 10th from
- f. Local streets reconstruction project page: www.slc.gov/mystreet/2023/03/29/reconstructions/.
 - i. For any questions or concerns, please contact Delfia Valenzuela at 801-535-6666 or email Delfia.Valenzuela@slcgov.com.
- g. Marathon closures: <https://saltlakecitymarathon.com/street-closures/>
7. Salt Lake City Council Report - Dan Dugan, District 6 801-535-7784 | dan.dugan@slcgov.com - not present
8. Items from membership and general discussion
 - a. Plan to have special meeting to discuss development for apartments on 1300 S up Emigration Canyon. May 15th 7pm on zoom.
 - i. Requires a zoning change, it'll consist of a change to the entire creek, canyon access
 - b. Democratic convention for primary race is April 27th
9. Update on East Bench Preserve - Tyler Fonarow (Public Lands, recreational trail manager), Eric Daems (SLC planning) , Mr. Turville (property owner)
 - a. <https://www.slc.gov/planning/2023/12/12/openhouse-00890/>
 - b. Description of the East Bench boundaries: <https://www.slc.gov/parks/parks-division/east-bench-preserve/>
 - c. Plan for small 3 lot subdivision on Lakeline Drive homes and then to sell as much of the land as possible to SLC Public Lands.
 - d. Goal to shift the current trail 10-15ft to the North of the proposed Road, trail will meet current standards for public trails
 - e. Owners feel they have bent over backwards to ensure the trails will still be accessible

Upcoming meetings:

May 15th

July 17th

October 16th