



EAST BENCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

General Meeting Draft Minutes
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 7pm
Virtual Meeting by Zoom
Total Participants: 21

- 1. Welcome, Introduce Board Members in Attendance** Mark Overdevest, Aimee Burrows, Dianne Rivera, David Leta, Catherine Bullock, Jason Cowan, Katie Moore

- 2. Business Items**

- NO MEETING IN JULY. Next meetings are August 18, September 15
- No Fireworks allowed in EBCC. See attached map for reference

- 3. SLC Police Department Report**

Det. Nathan Meinzer, SLCPD
Liberty Division Community Liaison

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- Homicide took place at a home listed as a VRBO where a group rented the home for a party. Investigation is still underway for the perpetrator. Please reach out to Detective Meinzer with any insight you may have.
 - Owner of the property is owner of Lamplighter, though the current contract allows the previous owners to rent out the property as VRBO/AirBnB
 - No short term rentals (<30 days) in our area. Need to have a business license to rent your property, regardless of length of rental. Not being monitored by police, enforcement is counting on neighbors to report infringements to code enforcement. State doesn't allow the law to go through to enforce. Dan Dugan: Lamplighter owners have cut the lease with the previous owners. They are looking for a long-term lease.
- Uptick in domestic violence. Very difficult to deter as a police dept, so please take care of your neighbors and help you know who may be experiencing domestic violence.
- Burglaries went up from 3 to 4. Only 1 in May 2020.
 - 1 residence, 2 garages/sheds
 - Be looking for people in the neighborhood trying doors on homes or cars or hanging around a garage
- Report any suspicious behavior. Lock your cars and don't leave any valuables in your car.
- Question: What do you think is causing the increase in traffic accidents: Detective Meinzer – More traffic than normal as people are returning to work. Supports the "20 is Plenty" campaign. Studies show there is more time for reaction with decreased speeds
- Rotary Glen Park – increased patrolling to curb drug deals
- Foothill Drive speeds and traffic. 220 accidents per year on Foothill Drive alone. UDOT data shows much less data than the dept shows, so Udot will not put up a sign as requested by Det Meinzer. Enforcement: motor officers are currently used up on calls for service rather than traffic patrolling. Hoping to bolster officer numbers.
- Car crashed into a cyclist on 1300 South and Wasatch. Driver admitted fault. Driver had been reported as speeding regularly through the neighborhood. Cyclist is okay. Report vehicles that are regularly speeding through the neighborhood.
- SLCPD is down 22% of officers. Doing everything they can to hire. Increasing pay to make them more competitive. It's a national trend.
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- 4. SLC Mayor's Report**

Jamie Stokes, Community Liaison

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- a. Covid 19: zip code 84108 – 61.8% fully vaccinated; county wide – 52%
- b. Fireworks + Fire Safety
 - i. No fireworks permitted East of 900 East. Flyers to distribute and/or print and place in our windows to promote fire safety attached.
 - 1. 2 big public firework shows provided by the city/county
 - 2. No public parks for private fireworks
 - 3. Call police Non Emergency Dispatch line 801-799-3000 to report any firework displays in public areas **or** walk to your neighbor and let me know about the dangers and restrictions of fireworks
 - ii. Don't park on grass, follow safety guidelines for grills, keep smoke detectors up
- c. Homelessness Updates: learning more every day about why people are homeless and why they might refuse services to better understand how to help the homeless population
 - i. Vaccination efforts
 - ii. Lot of people camping on the Jordan River - Working with the courts to go on kayaks to help resolve warrants, which is 1 reason why people turn to homelessness
- d. Foothill traffic control measures: signage, trees to feel more like a boulevard (working with Urban Forestry group)
 - i. Take the livable streets survey! Your responses will help our transportation team formulate traffic calming programs: <https://www.sl.gov/transportation/plans-studies/livable-streets/>
- e. Questions
 - i. Concern regarding “masks recommended” message. Request to for the city to have their own health officers and laws. Jamie: understands the frustration and commiserates. City is following CDC guidelines. Up to businesses to set their own rules.
 - ii. \$11million approved for homeless housing
 - iii. Can sidewalks be leveled around Foothill? Jaime: looking into where city right of way starts/ends
 - iv. What water restrictions is the city enforcing for the drought? Jamie: city and county is cutting back water. Currently in a voluntary stage meaning actions are voluntary by private citizens. Free water checks to see how efficiently your property is using water. Jamie thinks it is a matter of changing behavior and our understanding of environment. Grass isn't necessarily the problem — it's the expectation that grass needs to be green and lush for aesthetic purposes. Stephanie + Utah State have a model where they can easily determine who is over-watering. This should help us target our messaging.
 - 1. Water Conservation ideas and information: <https://www.sl.gov/utilities/conservation/>

5. Salt Lake City Council Report

Dan Dugan, District 6

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- a. Drought – city has cut back on parks and golf courses. No answer on the University's actions to curb water usage as of yet. Encouraged to cut water usage on lawns.
- b. Foothill – also in favor of trees or some sort of desert landscape to signal to drivers that Foothill is a neighborhood street
- c. Police Dept – expect 1/3 of recruits to make it through to the end of training
- d. Passed Budget at last meeting
- e. Tiny Homes initiative to help homelessness population. Land currently being scouted out for this use.
- f. Traffic calming initiatives – working with John Larsen, latest idea is concrete planters to help calm high speed areas (ie: 1300 S, 2100 S). Looking for easy, inexpensive ideas.
- g. Lamp Lighter – developers are moving forward with the liquor store and are saying they have different plans than originally developed. 6-10 months to develop the liquor store before they move forward on other plans. No plans on developing any higher than what is currently zoned.
- h. Foothill Village – developer has purchased and no confirmed plans on development or timeline
- i. Emigration Overlook – Dan has asked questions with no responses yet
- j. Question: pedestrian bridge over Foothill to connect East Foothill neighborhoods to West. Dan is pressing that request to new developers.

East Bench Community Council
 Monthly Offense Summary
 May 2021

Offense	May-20	Apr-21	May-21
Homicide			1
Aggravated Assault		2	1
Simple Assault		4	1
Burglary		3	4
Damaged Property		3	3
Family Offenses		4	3
Fraud + Forgery + Extortion		3	4
Larceny		3	
Larceny Car Prowls		2	3
Public Ordinance		4	2
Public Peace		4	5
Warrants			2
Traffic Incident		2	2
Obscene Conduct / Lewdness			1
Stolen Vehicle			
Trespassing		1	1

*Aggravated Assaults were domestic violence crimes.

Those who are experiencing intimate partner violence, or know someone who is, are urged to call Utah Domestic Violence Link Line, 1-800-897-LINK (5465), or the Utah Rape and Sexual Assault Crisis Line, 1-888-421-1100. For emergencies, call 911.

Salt Lake City Council District 6

Description	May-20	Apr-21	May-21
Homicide			1
Sexual Assault			1
Robbery			
Aggravated Assault		2	1
Burglary	7	8	6
Larceny/Theft	38	36	29
Motor Vehicle Theft	3	1	5
Suspicious Activity	4	10	4
Traffic Accidents	12	10	18
Stolen Property	2	3	
Drunkenness/DUI /Liquor laws/Drug Abuse	2	6	2
Arson	2		
Other Assaults	5	5	10
Vandalism	11	8	12
Reports Generated	119	135	149
Street Checks	16	15	13
Traffic Citations	4	68	80
Misdemeanor Citations			1
Jail Bookings	1	8	5

Prepared by A Burrows 6/11/21. Data from SLCPD.