



## EAST BENCH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

General Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 16, 2021 7pm  
Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Board Members in Attendance: Anthony Wright, David Leta, Mark Overdevest, Catherine Bullock, Jason Cowan, Dianne Rivera, Katie Moore

Total Participants: 17, including Det Samuel Fallows, Jamie Stokes from the Mayor's office and Sara Javoronok from the city

### 1. Welcome, Introduce Board Members in Attendance

### 2. Business Items

Next meeting is April 20th.

EBCC board member elections are in April! Please reach out if you are interested in serving your community and joining the board!

Email [ebcc.chair@gmail.com](mailto:ebcc.chair@gmail.com) to add your name to our email list or any general questions or concerns.

### 3. SLC Police Department Report

Det. Samuel Fallows, SLCPD  
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- A. Overall, crime rates are down
- B. Car theft on Mohawk, stolen credit cards led to identity theft

### 4. Sara Javoronok Affordable Housing Overlay

Senior Planner  
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- A. Visit the website for more information and to leave comments:  
<https://www.slc.gov/planning/2022/01/26/affordable-housing/#:~:text=The%20affordable%20housing%20overlay%20or,popping%20up%20in%20those%20neighborhoods>
- B. Planning Commission will review the plan later this spring and give their recommendation and then the City Council will vote on whether to approve
- C. Community Concerns:
  - i. Concern of view obstruction
  - ii. Concern of obstruction of solar panels
  - iii. Concerns of design and style compliance
  - iv. Casual monitoring of compliance
  - v. Email sara with any questions

### 5. SLC Mayor's Report

Jamie Stokes, Community Liaison  
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- A. Thriving in place:  
<https://www.thrivinginplaceslc.org/>
- B. Join the Master Recyclers Class here: <https://slcmasterrecycler.com/>
- C. Volunteer with Public Lands: <https://www.slc.gov/parks/trails-natural-lands/volunteer/>
- D. After receiving questions from the community on safety and Pioneer Park, Jamie Stokes sent out the following links for the community to refer to:
  - a. Council's discussion of Pioneer Park:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSx2ahwnDWA&t=6282s> (Pioneer Park discussion begins at 52 mins, discussion of whether the plan should be funded starts at 1:29:00.)
- b. Update on Project SAFE Neighborhoods:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WCcerARPDQ&t=218s> (Plan involving Federal and State partners).
  - c. December's general crime data update:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m\\_lgj1nL\\_YM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_lgj1nL_YM).
- E. Other questions from the community:
- a. Request of popular desire to have facilities on trails. There is money available that the city is researching how to spend (parking lots), Jamie will add the idea of porta potties. Permanent biodegradable toilets.
  - b. Concerns over garbage at the trailheads. Jamie said this comes up quite a bit and it seems that it falls through the cracks as far as whose responsibility it is to clean them up, so she will look into it, will ask Parks and Rec. Jamie said these have been more informal trails up until recently.
  - c. Working on building the police force back up. Have another graduation class coming up this summer. Jamie will send more information.
  - d. Inquiries over more trail development in the foothills. Development is currently on pause. There is a Foothill trails master plan, it has 3 areas – 1 part was trails in the avenues, there are others scheduled to be developed based on the plan. The pause is after the development they have done so far and pausing to collect comments from communities before moving ahead. On pause until June. 1 trail continuing forward that had started development before/outside of the master plan: [www.trailsutah.org](http://www.trailsutah.org)
  - e. A question on the new bill on homeless shelters that recently passed, Jamie gave more insight into the bill. The bill offers 55 million dollars for deeply affordable housing. Our shelters are at high capacity. Moved from 1 big shelter to 3 smaller shelters – easier to monitor and keep clean. Once people are in shelter, it is hard for them to find places to go to transition out of shelters. Finding units for people who are experiencing homelessness, the new funds will help. There is a task force tasked with finding overflow shelters for the cold months. The coalition submits plan in September, and if nothing is submitted, the state could allow for higher capacity at our facilities, overriding the city zoning standards. A community member expressed concern that it seems like it's pushing the bill onto cities that already have resource centers. Jamie explained that if SLC volunteered to have a temp shelter, we'd be excluded for the next 3 years, this gives cities incentives to host temporary shelters. Mayor's thoughts on the state of legislature is that she hasn't seem so much cooperation from other cities, the mayor's office is hopeful that things will be more cooperative. Jamie explained that the city wants to do all we can to combat homelessness and assist those in need, but the city is aware that hosting shelters impacts surrounding communities.

## 6. Salt Lake City Council Report

Dan Dugan, District 6 – Not In Attendance  
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## 7. Items from the Membership and General Discussion

- A. Trails and garbage: it was suggested that the EBCC host a community service day in an attempt to combat garbage on our trails. It could be a good opportunity for the community to get to know each other. Jamie will give us the contact for a person who coordinates trail clean up.
- B. Gravel Pit in Parley's Mine Updates, presented by David Leta
  - a. Updates from Janelle Bauer – lawyer representing Save Our Canyons, actively involved
  - b. Many parties have written letters to oppose
  - c. 2 major obstacles – if they can be stopped at either of these, the development can't move forward
    - i. Zoning – Tree Farm is claiming "Grandfather rights", which they claim existed when they purchased the property. They claim that mining has historically been performed on the site. SLCO vehemently denies this claim. You need to have active mining on the property to be entitled to the "Grandfather Rights". If they have "Grandfather Rights", they do not need approval for zoning from any entities. This is likely to go all the way to the Utah Supreme Court. The moment the developers try to dig, SLCO will sue the developers, taking the issue to the court to determine if the developers have "Grandfather Rights".
      - 1. SLCO is working to change the zoning ordinances to prohibit gravel and mining operations in Parley's Canyon. Hearings are coming up soon, 2 public hearings required before taking a vote. David encourages us to show up to the hearings.
    - ii. Permitting – need a permit from DOGM, need the State Engineer to approve water

diversion, approval from division of air quality, one other I didn't note in time.  
Need to prove they have adequate water to do the mining work, once in operation.

1. Small mine permit, less than 20 acres
  2. Large mine permit, greater than 600 acres
  3. They have applied for both a small and large mining permit. Small mine permit is easier to get approved. DOGM saw through the strategy and denied the Small Mine permit. Denial is being appealed. Opposing briefs due Thursday, 3/10. David feels opposition is strong.
  4. SLC believes the developers do not have enough water...SLC has not given them access to municipal water.
  5. Janelle thinks all of the permitting issues will get sorted out and resolved. She thinks the developers will probably get permit approval, after time and amendments.
- d. OUR MISSION: do what we can to oppose permitting and support the county in its efforts to change the conditional use permits
- e. WHAT DO WE WANT TO DO ABOUT THIS OPPOSITION:
- i. EBCC executive board has submitted letters in opposition to the development and David Leta is committed to informing the community on any developments