



## YNC March 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Welcome by Toby Larson, YNC Chair

**Alert: Salt Lake Mayor Erin Mendenhall will appear via ZOOM and speak at the YNC's April 6 meeting for 30 minutes.**

**1. History and Origins of Yalecrest.** Virginia Hylton, second vice president of KEEP Yalecrest, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history and origins of Yalecrest showing rare photos of its early settlement in the 1870s as well as pictures of the first four homes built near the turn of the century. All four homes remain today and are a viable part of Yalecrest's housing stock. The advent of electric street cars in 1889 brought more travelers to the eastside and a few decades later, the land known as Douglas Park, was purchased for \$200,000 by William Hubbard for development. By the mid-1930s, all 22 subdivisions that currently define Yalecrest, were completed. Hylton's presentation also delved into the lives of the original homeowners who migrated from the East Coast, as well as those with ties to LDS Church leaders and local retail businesses. More information about KEEP Yalecrest's preservation and community work can be found at [keepyalecrest.org](http://keepyalecrest.org)

**2. SLCPD report.** Lt. Gary Trost of the SLCPD directs the Liberty Patrol Division and was once assigned as our district's community intelligence officer. Over the past decade, Lt. Trost said crime statistics have remained consistent in our district – primarily property crimes and auto burglaries, larcenies and thefts. During the month of February, there were nine car prowls and one auto theft reported in our area as well as a trespassing. Because of a surge in 2020 statistics, patrol officers have been recently instructed to pay special attention to these crimes. Lt. Trost said even though these car criminals “are very hard to catch” because of the speed and time of night the crime is committed, the police do keep a list of “frequent-flyers” and make regular checks to see if they are in jail or on probation. Most property crime offenders are associated with drug addiction. Lt. Trost strongly urged all to report crimes to police so trends and “hotspots” can be tracked.

**3. Miller Bird Refuge and Nature Park.** Lewis Kogan, Division Director of Salt Lake Trails and Public Lands, discussed the citizen Capital Improvement Project (CIP) being reviewed by the city. The project was approved in 2018 and has two primary goals: preserve the historic structures (stone walls, foot bridge and stairways) constructed during the 1930s and improve accessibility including ADA accessibility, of the trail system. The public has until March 17 to make comments and help the city prioritize the improvement proposals. To take the public survey please go to <https://millerpark.altaplanning.cloud/#/Kogan> said about 100 people have taken the survey so far.

**4. Report on HB82.** Residents Jan Hemming and Lynn Pershing gave updates about the status of HB82, a bill in the State Legislature, that would permit ADU's and basement rentals in residential districts throughout the state. Yalecrest could be adversely affected because of the influx of cars on

our narrow streets, and our geographic location near two universities. Both thanked State Sen. Jani Iwamoto for listening to constituent concerns and seeking revisions to the bill – including requirements that cities provide parking for ADUs and a 25% threshold for ADUs or basement rentals in a city. Pershing personally spoke to the bill’s sponsor, Rep. Ray Ward, and sensed he was willing to make compromises. The bill passed the House, got approval in a Senate Committee, and is being reconciled between the House and Senate. **Update: The bill passed March 4.**

**5. Report from the Salt Lake City Mayor’s Office.** Jamie Stokes, Community Liaison officer for District 6.

- Stokes is keenly aware of the interest District 6 residents have in the **Affordable Housing Overlay** regulations which are being worked on by the city. She said once those regulations are drafted, she would arrange for someone from the Planning Division to speak to the YNC. The AHO regulations along with the Housing Mitigation rules, probably won’t be ready for another six-eight months.
- **Members in underserved communities**, who did not receive COVID stimulus checks from the federal government, are eligible for \$500 debit cards from Salt Lake City through the Community Foundation of Utah. So far about \$200,000 has been distributed. Stokes encouraged residents to spread the word to those in need. The money will be available until June.
- **COVID-19 vaccines** are now available for those 65 and older and people 16+ with qualifying medical conditions. Vaccines are being coordinated through Salt Lake County Health Department. To make an appointment call 385-468-7468 (there may be long hold times) or go online to

<https://slco.org/health/COVID-19/vaccine/seniors/>. Vaccines can also be scheduled through Dan’s Fresh market, Harmon’s, Macey’s, Smith’s, Walgreens and Walmart.

**6. Report from Councilman Dan Dugan, District 6.**

- The City Council had a good discussion during its March 2 meeting about amendments to **RMF-30 (low density multi-family residential) zoning**. The purpose is to remove barriers to multi-family housing developments which would impact about 1,000 properties in the city. Dugan said concerns were expressed about protecting Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing or NOAH’s. The City Council will hold a public hearing on the new regulations, March 16.
- The Council was briefed about the **2020 Salt Lake City Lighting Master Plan**. The goals are to be less intrusive and more “dark sky” friendly.” Dugan said city representatives would be coming to neighborhoods like Yalecrest to discuss the new standards. The plan will be reviewed by the Planning Commission before a formal presentation to the Council.
- During a work session March 2, the Council was briefed by the city attorney’s office about what steps it can take to slow down or regulate the construction of **5G wireless poles** through the city. Since the laws were approved at the federal and state level, cities have little recourse, but Dugan raised the possibility of Salt Lake filing an amicus brief to join other cities in lawsuits now pending in the Ninth Circuit Court. The City Engineer has also been tasked with looking into requirements relating to design and co-location that might have a positive

impact their placement. Because of the low radio frequency, about 10 5G poles need to be placed within a one-mile area. A newspaper article indicated that 300+ had already been approved in Salt Lake and those were primarily owned by one carrier. As many as five carriers are seeking 5G pole placement approval in Salt Lake.

- The **Racial Equity in Policing Commission** issued its first three recommendations that emphasized more active recruitment of diversity candidates among the field training officers. Additional information be learned at the Commission's website:

<https://www.slcrepcommission.com/?fbclid=IwAR2mkFyRe-82Kp3me2e0HR40rN2jxssIEUGWwEJKI0cRxoZabSzYMAFp4Q>

- March 1 Mayor Erin Mendenhall and the City Council held a memorial service for victims and families of the COVID-19 disease in Salt Lake.

7. Resident Robin Carbaugh expressed concerns that the YNC bylaws don't reflect the language of racial inclusion and diversity. Resident Scott Hagen, who wrote the most current edition of the bylaws, volunteered to work with Carbaugh to re-write them so the council's support for equality, equity, and inclusion are emphasized. Toby Larson approved the task.

8. Toby Larson encouraged all to use Salt Lake City's mobile app -- SLC Mobile -- which can be downloaded to a phone or computer. He has reported burnt out streetlights and graffiti and noted that all the problems were fixed in a timely manner. The app is designed as a civic engagement platform for non-emergency issues.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 p.m.**