

# THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN



## Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council Meeting

When: 19 April 2006, 6:30 p.m.

Where: State Capitol Cafeteria

Preliminary Agenda:

- 6:30 Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair Minutes
- 6:35 Police Report
- 6:45 Reports by our Representatives in the Utah Legislature and City Council
- 7:00 Report by Gwen Springmeyer, Liaison with the Mayor's Office
- 7:10 Discussion and Vote, Community Park, South End of Cortez St.
- 7:15 Discussion and Vote, Capital Place Planned Unit Development, 690 N West Capital St.
- 7:35 Request by Mr. Frank Bernard, 415-417 N. Center St.: Add Basement Garage to Residence
- 7:50 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING  
MAY 17, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

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## Unity in CommUNITY by Mike Hussey

It is great to live on Capitol Hill where more and more we recognize friends and family among our neighbors. Our diverse backgrounds cause us to view the world differently. That is a strength that brings new perspectives as we live and work together to create a progressive and vital neighborhood. Achieving this goal requires that we become better acquainted with each other and overcome barriers that prevent us from working together effectively. Appreciating each other's differences and building strong resident involvement will help us in further achieving our neighborhood goals.

Take for example the installation of the traffic light at 300 North. The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) had a unique experience with this project as they witnessed the involvement of community residents in ways they had not experienced before. UDOT received local input on every aspect of the project. The engineers developed a plan based on their collective contribution. Most problems can be solved by caring enough to share our voice and working together for a common cause. We need to develop a sense of concern and responsibility to make the Capitol Hill community a better place to live.

So how do we get there? We can strengthen our network of relationships through our unique contributions whether through serving or providing input at the Community Council, volunteering in our schools, serving in leadership roles, or it can be as simple as taking a different route while walking your dog around the neighborhood. Take advantage of these opportunities to share your ideas, express your opinions and listen to those of your neighbors then naturally these ideas can coalesce for the common goal of our community.

The current state of our neighborhood shows there is a lot yet to accomplish but it is moving in the right direction. The "Live at Marmalade" project by Howa Construction at 500 North and 300 West will beautify that area of our community and showcases our area as the "fashionable place to live". Let's continue to make it so.

## This Old House by Nelson Knight William A. & Louisa Mary Byers House 256 North Vine Street

The distinctive roof of this house derives its name from 17<sup>th</sup> Century French architect Francois Mansart. He devised the mansard roof to circumvent Parisian zoning laws, which limited the height of buildings. Using such a roof, Mansart could squeeze another story of living space into the roof structure. The mansard roof became ubiquitous, not only in Paris, but in such far away environs as Capitol Hill. The roof was a signature feature of the Second



Empire style of architecture, named for the French Second Empire of Napoleon III. The Second Empire ended in France in 1870, but the style didn't really take off in Utah until that year, according to Tom Carter and Peter Goss, in their Utah's Historic Architecture, 1847-1940. It remained popular in the state until around 1890.

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That makes the Byers house a late example of the style. Though no record of a building permit exists, the house appears to have been constructed around January 30, 1891, the date Josiah L. Perkes placed a mechanic's lien for building materials on the property. The owners, William A. Byers and his wife, Louisa Mary, soon resolved this issue, but they apparently did not move into their home and lived outside of Salt Lake City until 1897. William was an attorney and the president of the W.A. Byers Company, a mining firm. Louisa was a Chicago native and a former student at the University of Michigan, graduating in the same class as William Jennings Bryan. They were married in 1891 (the same year they built their house). Listings for the Byers begin to appear in city directories in 1897, and they continued to live in their house until 1926 (with a two year gap from 1914-1916, during which they may have rented the house to someone else). The Byers had no children of their own. However, Capitol Hill historian

Hermoine Jex notes that the eight children in the Frederick & Sylvia Margetts family, who lived down the street at 270 Vine, must have kept the neighborhood lively. Perhaps this explains a cryptic note in the house's file at the Utah State Historical Society, stating, "Mrs. Byers could not stand children."

William's business no longer appears in city directories after 1919; he may have retired or the business may have been sold or folded. In 1926, William and Louisa moved from 256 Vine to 462 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. William died soon after, though we found no obituary or death certificate. Louisa moved to an apartment in the Hillcrest Apartments on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and tutored 'select' Ph.D. students in natural philosophy. She died of stomach cancer on May 4, 1931.

The Byers sold the house to Richard and Nova Bodkin. They lived in the house from 1926 until their deaths (Nova in 1937, and Richard in 1957). Richard was a foreman at the American Smelting & Refining Company in

Garfield, and a member of the Elks and Knights of Columbus. Nova was a member of the Women's Benefit Association. They had two children, Edward and Catherine, who lived with them in the house into their adult years. Edward (who followed his father into work at the smelter) and his wife, Ann (a waitress at the Rotisserie Inn and the Aviation Club) remained in the house after their parents' deaths and sister's marriage.

In 1973 the house was listed on the Century Register, Utah's precursor to the State and National Registers. Though the Century Register is no longer active, the house is located in the Capitol Hill Historic District.



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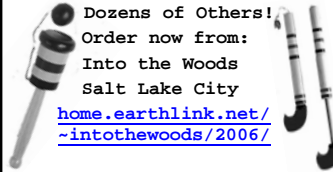


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**FEATURED NEIGHBOR**

*Marlinda Thompson and the light at 300 North*

At our Neighborhood Council meeting on March 15, Council Chair Peter Von Sivers announced that, in the months since a traffic light was installed at Main Street and 300 North, traffic accidents at the intersection have dropped by 80%. Peter paid tribute to concerned neighbors and Council members whose years of effort finally paid off in heightened public safety.

One of our neighbors helped in a dramatic way to underscore the urgent need for the light B but very much wishes she hadn't. "I was a dedicated jogger," she says ruefully. "Not any more."



Marlinda Thompson is the jogger who was hit by an automobile while crossing Main Street at 300 North in the early morning hours of February 22, 2005.

Marlinda has lived on Capitol Hill for about six years, in Salt Lake City for 20. She was born in Rexburg, Idaho, and raised in Pocatello; after attending Ricks College and receiving a bachelor's degree in psychology from BYU, "I came to think, what do I really want to do?" This led to an associate's degree from Salt Lake Community College in graphic arts and a successful career in that field. She currently works as a graphic designer for Associated Food Stores. (Marlinda's identical twin sister Marsha lives about a block away from her on Capitol Hill and also works as a graphic

designer, for Mall Media Marketing in Layton.)

"I really don't have much memory of the accident," Marlinda states; indeed, she doesn't recall that Tuesday morning at all. It appears that it was "a regular, normal day" and that she was following her usual exercise routine, jogging east across Main Street in the crosswalk at the 300 North intersection when she was struck by a southbound car. "I just don't think he saw me."

She was taken first to LDS Hospital and transferred to University Hospital on March 7. Her first recollection

is of waking up in her hospital room a couple of days later. "I didn't know where I was or why, but somehow I knew that everything was being taken care of."

Her recovery "has gone exceptionally well," Marlinda states. She suffered a badly broken leg and head injuries. Now her left leg is weaker than her right, and she acknowledges that her recuperation is still on-going. "It's hard to get everything working again — I'm still tired in the mornings." Her Capitol Hill neighbors are thankful that her recovery will be complete, and that there is cause for hope now that fewer will be injured at one of the high-hazard intersections on Capitol Hill.

**The future of LDS Hospital**

LDS Hospital is continuing to plan its new role after Intermountain Healthcare's new flagship hospital opens in Murray at the end of 2007. Numerous community members are involved in the planning process — and a new summary of the planning process offers details on how LDS Hospital will be changing (see chart on right).

If you'd like a summary of LDS Hospital's current plans for the future, please call Administration at 408-1838. The summary includes a list of services the hospital will offer in the future and details about who we'll serve. Please call to have a copy mailed (or e-mailed) to you.

Services	2005	2008	Change
Annual Admissions	22,015	16,674	24%
Births	4,166	3,208	23%
Emergency visits	38,772	28,897	25%
Number of beds	467	275	41%
Number of employees	4,480	3,000	33%
Helicopter transports per year	700	84	88%