

THE Capitol Hill Neighborhood Council BULLETIN

Capitol Hill & Avenues Mobile Watch Meeting

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Preliminary Agenda:

- 6:30 Welcome by Peter von Sivers, Chair
- 6:35 Minutes of August and September
- 6:40 Police Report
- 6:50 Updates by Elected Representatives, City Liaison
- 7:10 Nominations for November Ballot (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, One-Third of Trustees)
- 7:30 Condominium Project, 213-215 W 500 N, Vote
- 7:40 Trash Container Initiative, Vote (Robert King)
- 7:50 Proposed New Construction Project, 715 N. West Capitol
- 8:00 Open Forum for Community Matters
- 8:15 Adjourn

NEXT MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2006 - 6:30 p.m.

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District 2 Candidates for State Senate

(Editors' note: This month the Bulletin asked candidates for our State Senate seat in District 2 to comment briefly on their candidacy. We very much appreciate the following comments from Sen. Scott McCoy (Democrat Party), Joe Jarvis (Republican Party), and Ken Bowers (Constitution Party). At press time we had not received a statement from Ken Larsen (Personal Choice Party), who is also a candidate.)

Scott McCoy, Democrat Party

If you agree that the same-old-same-old of the Republican-controlled Utah legislature isn't getting things done to help real Utahns . . .

If you agree that we need leaders that care more about people than politics . . .

If you want someone with proven ability to build relationships, represent your issues, and advocate with fire and intelligence . . .

Well then, Senator Scott McCoy should be your choice for the Utah Senate in District 2.

A Democrat who has served two years in the Utah Senate after replacing long-time advocate Paula Julander, Scott has fought for greater funding for Utah's public schools, proposed innovative environmental and public health legislation, fought ridiculous and unconstitutional proposals, and been an advocate for those who too often don't have a voice in the legislature.

Scott is all about listening to and representing real people. Your agenda is his agenda. He's qualified and informed on a variety of issues, not just one. You can have confidence that when you have a concern, he's on your side, not on the side of the folks that have been messing things up for years up at Utah's Capitol.

Connect with Scott at www.SenatorMccoy.com.

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This Old House

The Skeleton in Grandpa's Attic—131 W 200 North By Herbert Z. Lund

The Utah Historical Quarterly, a publication of the Utah State Historical Society, has printed fascinating Utah history for 72 years. In this story written by Herbert Z. Lund for the winter 1967 Quarterly, the author tells how a human skeleton ended up in the Capitol Hill barn of his grandfather, LDS apostle Anthon H. Lund—and what happened to it. The barn was located on the southeast corner of 200 West and 200 North.

As the people of Salt Lake City continue to obliterate the charm of Temple Square with a growing ring of skyscrapers, it is probably inevitable that an office building will be erected near the corner of West Temple and North Temple streets and a skeleton bedded down in old issues of the Improvement Era [an LDS magazine] will be excavated. Explanations will be asked for this rather irregular disposal of human remains, and they are hereby given.

The man whose skeletal remains lie in the shadow of Temple Square was a murderer executed April 30, 1912, at Utah State Prison. He had concealed his true identity and died under the assumed name of J. J. Morris. The Lund family spoke of the remains only as the "Skeleton in Grandpa's Barn," for it was stored there many years.

Father was not only liked but admired. Shortly after his death, almost 40 years after he had resigned his job [as a doctor] at the prison, a former convict came to see me at my home in Cleveland, Ohio, "Just to shake the hand of the eldest son and namesake of Dr. Herbert Z. Lund." My father had trained this man to be his surgical assistant and anesthetist at the prison and helped him obtain a parole from a life sentence.

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I believe it must have been a similar feeling of friendship and respect that led Morris to will his body to my father to be used for the purpose of anatomical dissection after he was sentenced to death.

According to my father, Morris cynically chose to be hanged rather than shot because it would incur a greater expense to the State of Utah.

Following the execution, the dissection was carried out...and the body was reduced to a skeleton. However, it was not a respectable skeleton, because my father never got around to cleaning and bleaching the bones. A story is prevalent in the Lund family that the skeleton was taken to the open country near Beck's Hot Springs by my father and William Willis, the druggist, and it was boiled in sulfur water and lime. To make the story more savvy, it is said that a hobo chanced by and fled in terror at the awful sight. I have doubted this story because the bones as I saw them had not been well cleaned and maintained through the years a peculiar rancid odor....

My father intended eventually to make the skeleton into a fine teaching specimen, but with the burden of a steadily increasing medical practice he never got around to finishing the job. In the meantime he nailed the skeleton up in a wooden box and stored it in the unused hayloft of my grandfather's barn on north West Temple Street.

A skeleton in a barn cannot be kept secret, and the grandchildren of Apostle Anthon H. Lund found sinister excitement in opening the box and contemplating the remains. The loft was made "off limits" and barricaded. The trap door to the loft was padlocked, but there were other ways to get into it—up the hay chute or through the boarded windows. The routes required considerable skill in climbing and, frequently,

cautious carpenter work, but this only added to the adventure. My brother Richard and I, and cousins Alton, John, Robert, and Elmo Lund were mostly involved, but we conducted guided tours for outsiders. We had an immense respect for the remains of a murderer, and although the bones were handled they were always replaced.

Typically, on our way to break and enter, we would go through Grandpa's house to the kitchen to help ourselves to gooseberry pie or a bowl of red raspberries. Grandma (Sarah Ann Peterson Lund) kept not only an open house but an open kitchen. It was a large room furnished with chairs and a big square table, and it was stocked with pies, fruits, home-grown berries, cheese, milk, and occasionally (but not officially known by the grandchildren or grandfather) homemade beer.

[Then] we would leave by way of the back door, ostensibly to play in the barnyard. After completing our ulterior mission, we never returned by the same route because the characteristic odor we exuded would let the folks know we had been in the hayloft. It was best to go directly home to the bathroom and wash up. Washing at the faucet out in the barnyard was usually inadequate.

After Grandpa Lund died in 1921, the skeleton remained in the barn another five or six years, but the grandchildren were growing up and moving away, and a certain degree of custodial care was lost. Raids by outsiders were made on the barn, and after a raid by children from the nearby Monroe School in which some of the bones were stolen, Grandma decided to have the skeleton buried. I was the natural choice to do this. "Get Zack. He's going to go to medical school."

At an arranged time I met Grandma, who was to supervise the proceedings, and I sensed a note of anticipation, possibly mischief, but this was her

usual air. I brought the rather depleted remains down from the hayloft, dug a grave in the seclusion of the barnyard, and laid out the bones in approximate anatomical order. Grandma had a large stack of old L.D.S. Church literature on the back porch, mostly issues of the Improvement Era that she wanted to get rid of, and she asked me to carry these out to the grave.

She stood at the head of the grave, opened them, and slowly dropped them in, pausing intermittently to read and comment upon a selected pearl of wisdom or an exhortation to righteousness. She called attention to the benefits the deceased might obtain by perusing the contents of the literature being buried with him—already conveniently opened to some of the best passages—and hoped that by so doing he would improve his chances in the Hereafter. After the Improvement Eras were distributed over the remains, I was instructed to shovel the dirt back. The ceremony was brief and simple.

I have been asked exactly where the grave is, but it is hard to say. It is still an open piece of ground. If I could determine where the old barn stood and find the line of the old plank fence along the south side of the barnyard, I could locate it exactly, but these have been gone for many years. A service station encroaches on the grave site from one side and a row of houses looks out upon it from another. It already has lost the peace and dignity of the old barnyard and in time, I suppose, even this spot of ground will give way to steel and cement.

Editor's note: Multi-family housing, not a skyscraper, now occupies the land once owned by the Lund's. We are not aware whether anyone ever found the bones.

FYI: If you ever find human bones, call the police. If the bones are old, law enforcement officials will inform the State Archaeologist's office at the Division of State History.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE & DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Search the internet for opportunities to serve (No computer? Visit the Salt Lake Library):

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- **Crossroads Urban Center**, 364-7765 or www.crossroads-u-c.org.
- **IHC Hospice**, www.ihc.com They provide care for the terminally ill and their families. You'll help provide companionship, help finish projects, give respite care and much more.
- **Kiwanis Club (Capitol Hill)** Join us at the State Capitol Cafeteria, Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. Call 328-1325 for more information.
- **Operation Kids** www.operationkids.org You'll serve Utah's children in various ways.
- **People Helping People Garden Tour** is considering the Capitol Hill Neighborhood. They're looking for 12 beautiful gardens now, before the snow sets in. Nominate your neighbor's yard (or your own)! For more information, contact Kim at 355-5538 or kim@phputah.org. The event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2007.
- **Primary Children's Medical Center**, call 588-2446 or intermountainhealthcare.org/xp/public/primary/.
- **Salt Lake County Aging Services—Volunteer!** Apply online on their website: www.slcoagingservices.org.
- **Utah Food Bank**, 1025 S. 700 W., call 908-8660, www.csc-ut.org/foodbank.htm . Donate or volunteer!
- **Utah Foster Care**, 994-5205 or www.utahfostercare.org.
- **Volunteer Utah** is Utah's resource for finding volunteer opportunities in your community. Their website (www.volunteerutah.com) features information on volunteering with a wide variety of organizations.

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Do you know what used to occupy this space? (See *This Old House* on page 1)

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Joe Jarvis, Republican Party

During the 2006 legislative session, I joined the small business community and others in proposing a modest change in state health policy. Most uninsured Utahns are small business employees or their dependents. Health premiums have been rising five times faster than wages. Though more than 80% of small business owners would commit to paying at least 50% of a reasonable health premium, only about half are able to afford benefits for their employees. Commercial health insurers have on average four times more overhead costs than necessary. This administrative cost is a significant factor driving health benefit prices out of reach for small businesses. The Public Employees Health Plan (PEHP), in contrast, has virtually no administrative waste. The modest proposal was simple: allow PEHP to offer a small business health plan. Unfortunately, the Utah Health Insurance Association arranged to kill the bill. Rather than give in to frustration, I decided to run for the State Senate.

I have twenty years of experience as a physician. With expertise in family practice, public health, and environmental medicine, I have extensive knowledge about a broad range of health policy and medical issues. I have worked within state and federal public health agencies, directed a state health department, cared for the uninsured in community clinics, investigated cases of environmental lung disease caused by coal dust, asbestos, radiation, and mold, studied outbreaks of cancer, and taught at schools of medicine. I am ready to apply my clinical skills and judgment to the broad array of problems presented to the legislature.

Ken Bowers, Constitution Party

Thanks for letting me express my views. I am a strict constitutionalist in the tradition of the founding fathers. I believe the Constitution was given by inspiration from God, and therefore it is our duty to hold fast to the original intent thereof, for it is that interpretation that comes closest to the best form of government that man can have. The original Constitution is not outmoded at all, but is timeless for it checks the foibles and vanity of men, which is always the same from generation to generation.

The founders wanted a government that was limited so as to give the individual the greatest possible amount of freedom. And it is true that with freedom comes responsibility. Therefore, I will, if elected, help give the most freedom and responsibility to the individual by voting against all social service programs that take away individual responsibilities and therefore freedom.

I will try to help the United States by resisting, in my limited State capacity, the United Nations, NAFTA, CAFTA, the WTO, and all other sovereignty-destroying organizations. I will try my best to help round up all illegal immigrants, erect a good fence along our southern border, try my best to outlaw abortion and pornography in Utah, defend the second amendment, and get the federal government out of education.

There are good constitutional reasons for each of these positions. I invite all who think that the government has become too large and powerful to vote for me.

Alert from UDOT

Due to the bottleneck during peak hours, the I-15 northbound (NB) Beck Street on-ramp to the I-215 interchange in North Salt Lake is being widened from three to four lanes. From now through late November, from 8 a.m. to 6 a.m. nightly, Sunday through Friday, various lane closures on NB I-15 will occur.

Some daytime closures will be necessary when paving operations begin. Motorists are urged to slow down in the construction area. UDOT crews will alert motorists of restrictions and suggest alternate routes. For more information, contact Marty at 971-0302 or marty@frontlinepublic.com, or visit www.udot.utah.gov.