

MOTION

MOTION: At the regular Liberty Wells Community Council meeting held on June 8, 2011, a motion was made that Liberty Wells Community Council request Salt Lake City allows the Liberty Wells Community Council use of the property located at 260 Herbert for use as a Neighborhood Park under the following terms and conditions at the earliest time possible.

1. That Salt Lake City backfill, level and scrape off the property.
2. That Salt Lake City assures that the utilities are on the property.
3. That Salt Lake City allows the Liberty Wells Community council to determine the best use of the property as it relates to a Neighborhood Park.
4. That Salt Lake City allows the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that was set aside for streetlights for the Liberty Wells Community Council for the development and improvement of the park.
5. That the Open Space funds approved for the Ron Heaps Memorial Park be used for a memorial monument for Officer Ron Heaps to recognize his sacrifice to our neighborhood and Salt Lake City and the naming of the park the Ron Heaps Memorial Park.
6. That some of the funds from the LWCC CDBG funds be set aside in a trust or other appropriate means that satisfy the CDBG funding requirement for the future costs of the park in the way of utilities, future capital improvements and other costs.

HISTORY: The Liberty Wells Community Council (LWCC) have over the past 6 years have been trying to establish a park that was to be located on the South East corner at 1300 South and 300 East as a memorial park to honor the sacrifice of Officer Ron Heaps, who was murdered at that site. LWCC obtained Open Space approval and was awarded funding from that program to purchase the property. LWCC also rose its required matching funding with Open Space for the purchase of the property. LWCC also raised funds for the parks necessary improvements. The property owner, Reagan Signs entered into negotiations with Salt Lake City, only to try and use the LWCC desire to honor Officer Heaps to further the company's ambitions to have more and different signs placed throughout the city. From the outset of negotiations between Reagan Sign and LWCC, LWCC recognized that Reagan Signs was not negotiation in good faith.

Because of this, LWCC was willing to find another suitable site for the Ron Heaps Memorial Park and has conveyed that to Salt Lake City throughout the negotiations. This last year, the property under discussion was purchased by Salt Lake City and, as LWCC understands, is part of SLC's surplus property. While this property is not at the site where Officer Heaps was murdered, the Salt Lake City Police Department has indicated support for this site as an alternative site to honor Officer Heaps.

Currently, the property is overgrown with weeds and has a "hole" in it. It is in violation of SLC's own code for keeping the property clear of weeds. This proposal would fulfill several objectives. First, to honor Officer Heaps, second, to provide a small neighborhood

park in which the neighborhood members can participate and share with and third, provide a partnership with Lincoln Elementary School so the children there can have gardening experiences.

If it is determined that the Salt Lake City Council and/or Salt Lake City Mayors approval is not required to have the property placed under the direction and use of the Liberty Wells Community Council, then such action may be substituted for the above action, properly authorized.