**Annual Year in Review: 2022-2023**

**Highlights**

**Yalecrest Neighborhood Council Chair Report, Jan Hemming**

1. **Planning and Zoning Issues**
2. In June of 2022 the YNC and K.E.E.P. Yalecrest jointly hosted an informative Town Hall meeting at Bonneville Elementary School about the city’s new Affordable Housing Incentive plan. Nearly 300 residents attended. A 5-person panel highlighted concerns and recommended revisions. Some of those recommendations were reflected in the new 2023 version.
3. The YNC appeared at and participated in numerous Planning Commission and City Council meetings, ZOOM forums, as well as public hearings throughout the year. Written comments were also submitted about a number of new citywide regulations:
	* Updates to the ADUs (Auxiliary Dwelling Units) Ordinance
	* Amendments to the Homeless Resource Center code
	* Historic Preservation Overlay Policy Amendments
	* Single Room Occupancy zoning or SROs
	* Landscaping Regulations
	* Affordable Housing Incentive Plan
	* Planned Development for the Innovative Other Side Village Homeless Concept
	* 1300 South traffic calming measures
	* Ballpark Station Area Plan
4. **Miller Park**
5. Volunteers and “The Friends of Miller Park” spread 7.5 cubic yards of gravel on the trails.
6. Planted 76 new trees and shrubs in the park last October and this May thanks to donations from TreeUtah. Regrettably most are in critical condition for lack of watering. The YNC notified PL of the problem and efforts are underway to establish a regular watering routine.
7. The YNC has expressed concern about how Public Lands will use $425,000 in CIP grant money in Miller Park. A Yalecrest resident was awarded the grant in 2017 but his primary goal of restoring the lower Creekside trail was not honored and instead, replaced with 12 maintenance projects, some of which address deterioration in the historic walls. A public survey was conducted by PL in February. The YNC sent written comments and appeared at public hearings before the City Council, which will ultimately fund the grant.
8. The YNC supported the $85 million Parks General Obligation Bond.
9. **University of Utah Baseball Stadium in Sunnyside Park**
10. Since an announcement April 11, 2023, by the University of Utah to build a $35 million baseball stadium on the existing practice field in Sunnyside Park, the community held at least a half dozen meetings with U officials as well as city leaders. Attempts to relocate the site have been unsuccessful. The East Bench Master Plan envisioned the field becoming park property. The U wanted to annex additional Sunnyside Park land to enlarge the stadium in left field, but the city denied the request. Currently a 30-foot wall is proposed in left field. In August, the State Board of Higher Education approved an expenditure of $2.5 million for architectural designs. Discussions are ongoing.
11. **Events: Thanks to several terrific sponsors, we’ve enjoyed these community events in Laird Park:**
12. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt
13. The Fourth of July parade and festivities
14. The Yard Sale, Concert and Movie Night
15. And new this year, a Juneteenth Celebration
16. **Other**
17. Participated in meetings with Transportation about the Neighborhood Byways project that would pass through 1700 East.
18. Started a working relationship with the Bonneville Elementary School’s Road Safety Committee.
19. Attended community “meet and greets” hosted by City Councilman Dan Dugan
20. Worked closely with SLCPD and Det. Sam Fallows on specific crime reports in Yalecrest and hosted “Coffee with a Cop.”
21. Hosted a number of city officials and professional experts at YNC meetings to discuss water issues and public utilities, earthquake protection for our homes, parks, transportation, Tracy Aviary bird counts in Miller Park, a homeless concept called The Other Side Village, UDOT and the Little Cottonwood Canyon gondola, new student housing at the University of Utah on Sunnyside Avenue, the Parley’s Canyon Gravel Pit, Salt Lake City School issues including the Superintendent search and closings, the Foothill Village remodel and new historic signage in Yalecrest.
22. With other eastside councils, hosted a community meeting with Mayor Erin Mendenhall and Councilman Dan Dugan at Uintah Elementary School in February.
23. At the end of the State Legislative session, hosted presentations from our state legislative representatives – Sen. Jen Plumb and Rep. Brian King.
24. Met with newly elected Salt Lake County Commissioner Suzanne Harrison at Steiner Recreation Center to discuss expansion of the center, in fulfillment of the East Bench Master Plan initiative.