

City Council listens to those who support justice for dog shot by officer

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Geist was shot and killed by a Salt Lake City police officer during the search for a missing 3-year-old boy.

Police officer Brett Olsen was cleared of any wrong doing in the shooting death of a dog while he was looking for a missing child. But the dog's owner has vowed to continue to advocate for change in the police department.

Tuesday the supporters of 'Justice for Geist' plan to make their opinions heard to the Salt Lake City Council and Mayor Ralph Becker.

Addressing the lack of action by our elected officials to resolve the issue of Officer Olsen killing my dog," said Sean Kendall.

"Always love hearing from our residents. It doesn't matter if it's a difficult topic or not, that's what we're here for, we work for the residents of this city," said Art Raymond the Deputy Director of Communications for Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker.

The Salt Lake City Council and mayor Ralph Becker are prepared to listen tonight to the concerns of citizens and are preparing for the potential of a large crowd.

"We've had plenty of experience and issues that bring crowds so we have a fairly efficient system in place to accommodate big groups of people," said Art Raymond.

I asked Raymond if the public can expect their opinions to be heard and taken seriously.

"We take public opinion and public commentary very seriously and those opinions and views always impact and are apart of our decision making process."

Raymond says that if you want change you need to get involved.

"One of the best of course is to participate in the formal city council meetings, there will be one at seven o'clock."

And although a decision has been made concerning the use of deadly force in this situation, citizen discussion with policy makers can lead to future changes.

"I don't think anybody who attends this evening and offers comment should feel like all opportunities for change has passed," said Raymond.