

Faye Wright Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
Zoom
3/10/21

Attendees:

Bev Ecklund- Board Member, Secretary
Susan Hecox - Board Member, Land Use Chair
Blake Shelide- Board Member, Chair
Sgt. Wiedemann- Salem Police
Irma Dowd- City of Salem
Annie Batee- Community Member
Kyle Cochran- City of Salem
Dr. Trevor Phillips- City Councilor
Vanessa Nordyke- City Councilor
Terry Hsu- Community Member
John Echeverri- City of Salem

Board Members Absent:

Sally Cook- Board Member
Shawn Range- Board Member, Vice-Chair
Mike Slater- Board Member

Call to Order

7:02pm

Accept Agenda

Accepted

Roll Call/Introductions

Approval of Previous Minutes

No quorum

City and County Reports

1. Salem Police Report

Sgt. Wiedemann- New homeless resources website. Public is encouraged to use it.

SPD also has the strategic plan website where the community can see where the department is in the process.

SPD Transparency Portal is a way for the community to get to know the SPD better and know of upcoming events. There are many 'buckets' of information for the public to view.

The body-worn camera program is the stage of selecting the manufacturer of the cameras. The step after selection will be testing where the officers will test the equipment and evaluate the cameras and data. There is no firm timeline on when the body-worn camera project will be finished.

2. City Councilor Reports

Vanessa Nordyke- Vanessa shared a slideshow with the group. She recently toured NW Human Services.

The City is in the process of hiring a new City Manager. Vanessa was a member of a work session on what they want to see in the new City Manager. She would like to see someone experience working with people experiencing homelessness.

There are many board vacancies that community members can choose to serve on. There is a need for new voices. Contact Vanessa for more information. [View Current Board and Commission Openings \(cityofsalem.net\)](http://cityofsalem.net)

Salem Capitals- Salem now has a professional basketball league. Their home court is the Salem Armory.

Tourism events are coming in 2022. Iron Man is coming back for the 2nd year.

Yaquina Hall has broken ground. This will provide housing for mentally ill and homeless community members.

Voted to expand self-sufficiency program. Designed to help families achieve economic self-sufficiency.

City Council voted to approve an improved bike lane upgrade on Commercial St SE. Also voted to expand the strategic plan grant program. Voted to direct staff to investigate what it would take to reduce the speed from 25 down to 20 in residential neighborhoods.

Trevor Phillips- Gracemont Park Walk was a great event.

Presented to a local girl scout troop on first aid.

Meeting with city staff to go over how to use funds to address the impacts of homelessness on the community. This may include funding a rapid response team to respond to public health issues in the community.

The goal is to encourage people to take advantage of existing housing options. There was a clean-out of a homeless encampment today in Cascade Gateway.

Trevor testified for the Oregon Transportation Committee. He advocated for funds for McGhilgrist bike lanes, pedestrian safety, and traffic improvements.

Costco opened today. Trevor discussed the recent issue with cutting down significant trees.

Toured the managed micro shelter site managed by Catholic Community Services. This site is designed for families. Many success stories are coming out of this shelter.

Blake- Our neighborhood association has written a letter supporting the 25 to 20 speed limit initiative. Trevor said Blake could email it to either he or Vanessa showing our support.

The Iron Man event last year was a great event and he was able to volunteer last year and encourages others to do so for this upcoming event.

Vanessa- working with others on making Salem a destination for sports events like Iron Man, a pickleball tournament, etc. Rotary club is saying that they expect the Salem Amphitheater to be very popular. Public Works has hired a coordinator to make Amphitheater reservations.

3. John Echeverri, P.E, City of Salem, Woodmansee Park Phase I Improvements

Starting in 2020 the city started the project at Woodmansee. John shared a slideshow on the project and the current status of the work. Updates include ADA accessible paths, upgraded tennis courts (with pickleball lines too), new parking, new shelter, volleyball court. 1.3 million dollar cost estimate.

Annie- asked if new restrooms would be built in this space. Answer- no.

Irma- asked if the current shelter near Sunnyview will remain- Answer- yes.

4. Kyle Cochran – City of Salem Public Works, streetlight installation projects in Faye Wright

New streetlights coming to the area. Requests come in through the community. The city is able to fund a handful of those each year. Project will include all new lights as well as upgrading existing ones to make them look more consistent. Friendship Ave and Hillview Dr will get some new installations.

Contact Tony Martin at the City of Salem for streetlight improvement requests. 503-588-6211.

New Business

1. **Terry Hsu-** presented on potential lot division. The plan is to divide the existing lot into two lots with two new houses. Lot is on Carla Ct. It's a flag lot. Susan asked a question surrounding the water drainage. She also asked about the placement of the homes on the lots.
2. **Neighborhood Association Communications Funds Update**
Blake- shared information about existing funds available to the Board. We have about \$1500 in the account.
3. **Park Walks**
Balke- walk went well. The survey forms seemed useful. The turnout was good.
4. We were awarded the grant to improve the Hillview Park path.

Adjournment

8:12pm