

**Faye Wright Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
Zoom Minutes January 13, 2022**

I. Welcome

A. Acceptance of the Agenda

B. Introductions

- Courtney Knox Busch – city of salem
- Seargent Wiedemann – Salem Police
- Jeanette Stoudemire – Sunnyside mobile home park
- Shawn Range
- Trevor Phillips
- Sue Hecox
- BJ and Cassy McCartney
- Whitney Frederickson
- Sally Cook
- Jane
- Annie Battee

C. Approval of the Minutes (November and December 2021)

Minutes Approved, Motion Passes

II. City/County Reports

A. Police

Sgt. Wiedemann

- Seeing catalytic converter thefts. As of 1/1/22 there are stricter regulations on junk yards that no longer allow cash sale of catalytic converters. Must be attached to car, ID required.
- Annual toy drive – served 136 families in the 2021 toy drive
- Thank you from neighborhood to Salem PD for the flashing speed sign on Browning

B. City Councilors

Trevor Phillips

- City council meeting last Monday was very long, ~6 hours
- Nearly 1 in 60 Oregonians have gotten covid in the last 30 days
- City Manager Steve Powers is retiring at the end of February. Approved motion to accept Kristen Rutherford as interim City Manager, started process to recruit a new city manager.
- Discussion of civilian led mobile crisis response unit, also expansion of officer led mobile crisis response unit
- Navigation center has been funded, but some unexpected costs and will be looking to get more funding from state in 2022 short session. Hoping for this resource to come online shortly.

- Worksession on microshelters coming up (2 microshelters in Salem, one at Portland Road and one at Catholic Community Services). Some positive results and successful numbers coming out of these centers. Challenge with operational funds, but will be discussing these at future meetings. Continuing 2 sites they have will be doable, but expanding to other sites could be difficult without raising revenue some other way. Won't be easy, but he will continue to advocate for it.
- Still 1000 community members without a shelter in Salem. Hoping to get to 400-500 microshelters in total in Salem to meet the need
- Question on Meyer Family Farms land use case that was on the City Council agenda. But Trevor is limited on how much he can discuss with this project, since it's "ex parte" communication.
- Comments From Jeanette S. around permitting. She's had to go back and correct items the city has missed, proving that tasks are complete, proving documentation, etc. Seeing issues with contractors not following through with permits. Other issues with contractors not pulling necessary permits, taking advantage of tenants at her mobile home park

III. Courtney Knox Busch, City of Salem, Salem Bond Presentation

- City Managers Office. Does legislative work, communications, strategic planning
- 17 years with the city
- Community Improvement Bond
- Mainly in the listening and asking phase at this point. Will know more in March (size, shape, scope of bond).
- Bond is likely to be "big", general obligation bond, up to \$300 million for 10 years – firetrucks, sidewalks, roads, etc.
- City has done a lot over the past years, and the city is now at the point where some of these prior bond measures are starting to drop off tax rolls. Think they can hold tax rates constant for the next 10 years with this bond. Hope is to not increase bonds, but maintain them at current level
- Right now streets and sidewalks is \$150M of budget. But this is all subject to change.
- \$26M for fire engines and equipment
- Other categories for funding: park upgrades, civic center earthquake safety, future fire stations, technology and cyber security, sites for affordable housing and shelter (buying sites and building, but not operational)
- Some discussion around funding for parks (both existing and creating new parks that have been identified as opportunities), cycling infrastructure, walkability, downtown river access
- Will certainly be more opportunities for input
- Bond will come up for a vote in November 2022
- <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-infrastructure-bond.aspx>
- <https://www.cityofsalem.net/citydocuments/2021-annual-community-report.pdf>

IV. New Business

- A. Park Walk Planning (annual goal to walk all the parks in our neighborhood)
 - No discussion, carried over to next meeting

- B. Neighborhood issues/concerns/questions
 - Faye Wright will celebrate 50th anniversary at the end of April 2022
 - February 28 City Council will recognize neighborhood program. FWNA can work with city (Irma) to try to get a special recognition for FWNA, as one of the first two pilot neighborhood association programs in the city.
 - Neighbor concerns: neighbor who lives on Pembroke and Liberty spoke.
 - Lives in apartment near upcoming multifamily project on Liberty. Will impact their home, views, etc. New apartments will impact their neighborhood.
 - Concerns around businesses on Liberty/Skyline area (Walgreens, Dental, etc.). Lots of trash in the parking lots, issues with landscaping. Suggestions to contact business owners and management. Also suggestion to contact the Community Services Officer with the city. If it's about health and safety, it could be a code compliance issue.
 - Concerns around traffic on Liberty and pedestrian safety

V. Adjourn, 8:39

Next meeting: February 10, 2022

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