

**Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**  
**April 21, 2022**  
**Minutes**  
**Meeting held via zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by co chairman, Alan Alexander.

He welcomed guests and neighbors.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as circulated. Secretary Linda Miller will work at editing the February minutes and will distribute those along with the minutes of this meeting.

Co Chairman Alexander mentioned that the neighborhood association does not endorse candidates for political office. They do offer the candidates the opportunity to appear at our meetings, introduce themselves and answer questions. Those running for the same office are invited to attend.

**Officer Edmiston**

He was on patrol and was reporting in from his patrol car.

The city council has authorized the use of funds from a state sheltering grant to form a homeless camp clean up crew to deal with illegal homeless campsites. It will be a partnership with a non profit and will include 2 police officers being assigned to the crew. Co Chairman Alexander, who serves on the Salem Parks Foundation board, indicated the foundation is hoping this unit will free up park staff who have been pulled to clean up homeless camps to stay working in the parks.

The police have a community engagement plan. The community action unit will be working on livability issues across the community, not just in the downtown area.

He shared that porch pirates, ID theft, and scams seeking money continue to be issues. Verify information before paying out money. Asking for gift cards and/or cashiers checks are warning signs of fraud.

In the last 2 weeks, the Polk County jail has opened up to taking people accused of all types of crimes. The Marion County jail is still only taking persons accused of person to person crimes. He is hopeful they will open up to those accused of all types of crimes soon.

**Judge Erious Johnson** Marion County

He was appointed to the bench by Gov. Brown and was sworn in on February 14th. He is attending neighborhood association meetings to get acquainted with neighbors. He shared his background and that he relocated to Salem in 2013 because his wife grew up here. He invited neighbors to come watch him in the courtroom

**Councilor Jackie Leung**

She had a powerpoint that included some of the following items.

She shared that this is her last year as a city councilor

Micki Varney has been appointed to fill the term of Jim Lewis Ward 8 who resigned.

Ballots for the May primary will be sent out soon and are due by May 17th

She reported about a birch tree infestation. There is information on the front page of the city website. Watering is important. If there is any question if a tree belongs to you or the city please contact the city.

She shared information about our new Librarian, Kim Carroll. She would like to have some library outdoor activities and advocates for a fine free library.

The city budget process has begun. The agendas and dates are on the city website. They meet on Wednesdays. Information is available on how to testify before the committee and citizens will have the opportunity to testify towards the beginning of the meeting instead of waiting until the end.

The city council will continue to meet virtually until further notice. The goal is to have hybrid meetings

### **Spencer Todd Candidate for Marion County District Attorney**

He introduced himself. Answered questions and shared changes he would make in the district attorney's office. You can find information about him at [spencertodd4DA.com](http://spencertodd4DA.com)

### **Irma Dowd City of Salem Neighborhood Services**

Salem has 18 neighborhood associations

She shared that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association has about \$2000 in communications funds to use. She shared how the city awards neighborhood associations communications funds for participating in city meetings and other involvement including representing neighborhood associations at schools back to school nights which Sunnyslope has done pre pandemic. She also shared some ideas on how the money can be spent.

She reported that as she has time she posts about neighborhood associations on Facebook under Salem Neighborhood Services and on the app NextDoor

She is willing to represent neighborhood associations whenever needed at events.

She developed the 3 potential new logos for the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association. Choosing a logo will be on our May agenda.

Co Chairman Alan Alexander shared the following information about a fair housing webinar from 5:30 - 7:30 on May 31st Linda Miller will post it on NextDoor



Co Chairman Alan Alexander reported that he has been contacted by city staff that an Eagle Scout project for tree planting at Secor Park has been approved. The scout will be working with the urban forester to determine the types of trees and where they will be planted. The neighborhood association will be kept informed about the project and if neighbors can be involved in the project.

#### **Dyneer Medlock - running for city councilor Ward 4**

She shared information about herself and why she is running. You can find information about her medlockforegon.com as well as on Facebook.

Bruce Miller will fill out the paperwork to potentially meet at Liberty Christian Church on Skyline Blvd when we are ready to meet in person. Bruce handles maintenance for the church and will take care of opening and closing the building.

Our next meeting will be held via zoom on May 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted

Linda Miller  
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those attending;  
Alan & Judith Alexander  
Bruce & Linda Miller  
Evan White  
Henry Neugass  
Gary Knighten  
Officer Edmiston  
Irma Dowd  
Trevor Smith  
Deanna Garcia  
Judge Erious Johnson  
City Councilor Jackie Leung  
Antoinette  
Dynee Medlock  
Spencer Todd