

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association
March 17, 2022
Minutes
Meeting Held via zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by co chair Alan Alexander.

Minutes of the February meeting will be distributed later.

Sally Cook, co chair, reported that Westminster Presbyterian is working on a policy for community use of their facility. It is a possibility for in person meetings. Bruce Miller will check with Pastor Stephen Andersen at Liberty Christian Church on Skyline Road as another possible in person meeting site.

Officer Edmiston

The city of Salem has a new website that gives information and resources regarding the homeless. Go to the city website, community resources, housing and shelter.
<https://www.cityofsalem.net/housing>

The police strategic plan is on the city website. Go to public safety, police, trust-building with the community.
[/www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-police-strategic-plan.aspx](https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-police-strategic-plan.aspx)

Testing of body worn cameras begins next week with 10 officers trying a particular brand for a week. They are evaluating 3 types . They will evaluate which one will work best for the department. The plan is to purchase and begin using them this summer.

The police department puts out on social media "On Patrol" weekly with highlights of incidents they have been involved in.

Safer Pedestrian Crossings - Julie Warncke City of Salem Program Manager

She shared how to view the safer crossings programs on the city website. In the search bar of the city website type in safer crossings. The first article will get you to the website. <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/safer-pedestrian-crossings-program.aspx> She explained the web page including ways to submit a request, what kinds of things the city can do, how projects are evaluated etc She shared the map on the website, They have had over 200 requests for 139 locations She explained that neighborhood streets will probably not score high for projects. Cunningham Lane, Davis Road and Red Leaf are all collector streets in our area.

She was asked about speed humps to calm traffic. The city does not have money to install. It will impact emergency response time for vehicles and the street cannot be

plowed incase of a snow/ice event. This is a separate issue from the safer pedestrian crossing program.

She explained that the Safer Routes to School is a state funded program and the application process is open now. In our area they have submitted a pre application grant for a paved path on the eastside of Liberty Road from Summit View Drive SE to Davis Road. Schools in high poverty areas score higher in that area. Crossler Middle is not a low income school.

Henry Neuass moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association send a letter of support for this project. Motion carried unanimously. Alan will write the letter and will adapt the letter of support that was written for the project in front of Liberty Elementary. Julie will let Alan know where to send the letter. We will be seeking support letters for the project from the South Gateway Neighborhood Association and the Principal of Crossler Middle School.

Skyline Trail Project - Rob Romanek city of Salem Program Manager

He shared a slide of where the trail is currently located and the proposed relocation of the trail. The trail begins at the parking lot at the entrance to Sprague High School and currently ends at Joseph Street. The new trail will end at a city right of way on Joplin Ct. As part of the plan of the construction at Sprague High, the school is relocating the trail off school property. They have hired a professional trail construction company. He showed the part where the school will construct the new trail in June and eliminate the old trail. The city is in the process of designing the 35 feet of trail on city property that ends on Joplin Ct. The trail will be 36 inches wide with minimum grade. The city will not be ready to begin construction until fall. The new trail may be closed until the city is finished with its part. There are no ADA guidelines for hiking trails which are used for recreation. This does not provide connectivity and is not meant as an additional drop off site for Sprague students. The trail was originally built by volunteers. A neighbor mentioned that it is used for mountain biking and there are obstacles on the trail for mountain bikers. It is also used by joggers.

He was asked when we could expect Phase 2 of Secor Park to be constructed. He said that there were other parks on the list ahead of Secor Park and there are currently no funds available for construction. He suggested the neighborhood association seek grants for items on phase 2 of the plan like establishing a community garden, tree planting(Salem Friends of Trees), an expanded trail system, a picnic shelter (\$45,000) etc. Consensus was that tree planting would be something that could happen in the near future.

He was asked if a gaga ball pit is something that could be put in a city park and he said he did not know and shared where that information could be found.

This is Rob's contact information romanek@cityofsalem.net

City Councilor Jackie Leung

She shared a short powerpoint that included where Grab & Go meals will be available during spring break. The only one in the south end of town is Faye Wright Elementary. She said that the decisions about where meals are offered is based on the numbers of meals picked up in the past. Summer meals maybe offered at different locations She shared that March is Brain Injury month. Brain injuries need to be taken seriously and concerns about concussions should be discussed with a doctor. Seatbelts and helmets and other protective gear help prevent injuries. The rental assistance program is open until March 21st and those who have started applications have until March 28th to complete them. It could help cover back rent from March, 2020. She encouraged neighbors to get the Covid vaccine and get boosted. You can order more Covid at home tests at covidtest.gov She reminded neighbors to be kind to those who still choose to wear a mask!

Annexation/Comprehensive Plan Map & Zone Change - Caleb Remington, JM Ventures NW, LLC & Brittany - land use planner

This is a proposal to annex the property at 5536 Skyline Road into the city and a rezone request to RM 1, This property is 1.95 acres., Under House Bill 2001 duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and cottage clusters can be built on single family lots. His plan, at this point, is to build single level townhomes geared to people 55 years and older. The actual plans for the site will be brought to the neighborhood association once the annexation and rezone has been approved. Neighbors expressed concern that the street should not be constructed as narrow as Joynak which is one way at times. Neighbors urged Britany and Caleb to drive Davis and Joynak at commute times. Sally Cook expressed concerns over the ability to safely cross Skyline in the area.

Land Use

It was mentioned that Hero's Tap House will be moving into the Sunnyslope A Shopping Center so there will be 2 out buildings at the shopping center for lease. A Sherwin Williams paint store will be built at the shopping center where the current USPS boxes are located..

Secor Park

Co chairman Alexander reported that the communications board at Secor Park has been fully funded and will be installed this summer. The Salem Parks Improvement Grant funded \$3,800 of the project and \$200 from the Salem Parks Foundation designated funds for Secor Park will fund the rest.

At our next meeting we will discuss future projects within the master plan for Secor Park. Linda Miller will post a poll on NextDoor to find out what neighbors and park users would like to see.

Neighborhood Concerns

Co-chairs Sally Cook and Alan Alexander will work to get Henry Neugass recognized as a member of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association so he can have control over the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Facebook page which will be another way to promote the neighborhood association.

Our next meeting will be April 21st at 7PM and will be held via zoom.

We will be looking at potential places for in person meetings. Sally Cook will stay in touch with Westminster Presbyterian Church about using their facility and Bruce Miller will check with Liberty Christian Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Miller
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance:
Alan & Judith Alexander
Sally Cook
Bruce & Linda Miller
Henry Neugass
Evan White
Julia Stewart
Karen Delsman
Gary Knighten
Councilor Jackie Leung
Officer Edmiston
Bob Romaneck
Julie Warnecke
Caleb Remington
Britany
Fraser & Francesca
Elena Guevara
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