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Meeting Minutes April 14, 2022
SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SGNA met via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Board Members

Present

Jake Krishnan Chair
Glenn Baly Vice chair
Dave McKenna Secretary

Absent

Jerry Sachtjen Treasurer

Mike Hughes
Sylvia Machado

John Ledger

Kathleen Lempka

Community members:

Chary Cooke
John Miller
Ian Hunt
JanS
Duerksen
Char Knudson
Christian Lyden
Neil R.
Melanie Stones
Lynelle Blum (OR)
Gladys Blum
Brian Smith
Art W
Elissa OSEA
Robin Stewart
Art W
Bill and Jeanne Dalton
Patrice Aiello
Marla
Sharon Hanson

Guests

Jackie Leung, City Councilor, Ward 4

Officer Mark Jantz, Salem Police
Jeremy Shoenfelder, Mosaic Development Services
Dynee Medlock, Running for Ward 4 Salem City Council
Deana Gwen, Running for Ward 4 Salem City Council

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jake Krishnan. Attendance taken, quorum declared present.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved minutes for March meeting.

3. Police Officer Report

Police Officer Jantz gave report. A team has been developed within the department to homeless camps and issues. Problems can be reported at the web-site:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/report-concerns-about-homelessness.aspx>

The police are in the process of selecting and testing body cameras. Now are testing cameras for comparison and evaluation.

4. City Councilor Report

Jackie Leung gave report. Birch trees in the City have been infested with beetles. To report a City tree that is infested call 503-588-6311 or email to: service@cityofsalem.net.

The City has hired a new City Librarian: Kim Carroll.

There will be a Budget Meetings on Wednesdays April 20, April 27, May 4 and May 11 from 6-8pm. It may run longer.

The City Council will continue virtual meetings until further notice.

5. Jeremy Shoenfelder of Mosaic Development Services

Presented new plan (see attached) with CR (43%), CO (20%), MU-III (30%) with the remainder as open space.

The skilled nursing facility is not shown in the plan, but can be incorporated into the CR zone. Separate restaurants and hotels are not permitted in the CO (Office) designation. Medical space will allow for pharmacy, dialysis, dental offices, etc.

Doug S. Is the owner of the property and lives on Battle Creek. Developer said they will enhance the open space wetland area. It is currently overrun with blackberries which they will be removing and installing native species.

They said they will be submitting the latest zone change to the City Planning Dept.

6. Judge Erious Johnson, Jr., Marion County Circuit Judge

Introduced himself to SGNA.

Medlock (DM) and Deanna Gwen (DG) introduced themselves. Dynee is a 14 year resident of Salem. She was on the SGNA board. She wants to be a voice for the people. Deanna is a 40 year resident of Salem. She is a real estate broker. She discussed homeless issue and need for more housing.

Each of the candidates were asked to respond to the following questions:

- 1) How will you increase affordable housing?
DM: Develop incentives for affordable housing.
DG: Through incentives and subsidies.
- 2) How will you address flooding from the Salem Hills in the Battle Creek area?
DM: Need to plan and address with details.
DG: Mitigate on property.
- 3) If elected will you work to expand the requirement to keep trees on a property from the current 30% to 40%?
DM: With the recent loss of canopy from the ice storm will need to increase the amount of canopy in Salem.
DG: As a realtor want to protect property owner rights.
- 4) What do you see as appropriate and effective ways to assure that City staff are consistent with the City's adopted goals. E.g global warming:
DM: Work for compromise among city and staff. Hold City and staff accountable for their actions.
DG: Teamwork.
- 5) What do you see as ways to mitigate traffic from the proposed development on Robins Lane (adding 180 homes to approximately 500 existing homes)?
DM: Will drive area.
DG: Know area. Would like to see safety issues addressed.

8. Mark Lowen, Project Manager for Robins Lane Development (Williamette Valley View Estates)

Not much has changed on the plan for development. 2.8 acre park. Misty Morning and Robins Lane are the points for entering and exiting the site.

Willing to consider adding speed bumps and traffic quieting devices.

Brentwood will not connect to Battle Creek.

Asked how they will mitigate construction traffic on Robins Lane during development said they would control hours of access and will be widening Robins Lane by the site.

What are the phases for the work. Phase 1 will connect development to Misty Morning and Genesis. Robins Lane will be the main construction route. Neighbors would like to see all of Robins Lane widened as part of the development.

ODOT not interested in developing Brentwood access to Battle Creek.

Asked whether roads on the north side will eventually connect to Landau. That will depend on the plans for that plot(s) north of development.

9. Adjournment.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 6:45 PM.