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Meeting Minutes May 12, 2022
SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SGNA met via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Board Members

Present

Absent

Jake Krishnan Chair

Glenn Baly Vice chair

Dave McKenna Secretary

Jerry Sachtjen Treasurer

Mike Hughes

Sylvia Machado

John Ledger

Kathleen Lempka

Community members:

John Miller

JanS

Bonnie

Dynee Medlock

Deana Gwen

Elissa Edge

Patrice Aiello

John's iPhone

Wildwood|Mahonia John Miller

Elise McGovern

Guests

Jackie Leung, City Councilor, Ward 4

Officer Mark Jantz, Salem Police

Andrew Walker, ODOT

Andrew Cohn, City of Salem for Budget

Gretchen Bennett, City of Salem for Homelessness

Dr. Kathleen Harder, Candidate for Oregon's 6th Congressional District

1. Call to Order

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

2. Police Officer Report

Police Officer Jantz gave report. Have City of Salem Homeless Clean-up Team.

Held “Coffee with a Cop” at Starbucks on Lancaster.

The National Night Out is coming up on August 2nd. To find out more and register for a party see web page:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/nno>

Are running the “Ride Along” program. Citizen Police Academy also coming up. Can contact at 503-588-6123.

Will be doing local radio presentation on KBCY Tuesday mornings at 6:45am.

Recommend documenting your valuables with photos and serial numbers to help police with identifying stolen items.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approved minutes for April meeting.

4. City Councilor Report

Jackie Leung gave report. The budget meetings have been completed and they will be voting on it at the next city council meeting. The Bond measure for this will be on the November ballot.

Primary ballots are due in by May 17th.

Salem Friends of the Library will be having a book sale May 13-15 and 20-22.

Volunteer for cleaning up the Pioneer Cemetery on May 14th. Register first to take part by contacting Amanda Sitter at either 503-589-2197 or asitter@cityofsalem.net.

5. Gretchen Bennett, City of Salem Homeless Liaison Updates

Have a new resource City of Salem Homeless Clean-up Team that will consist of two officers, sanitation and a garbage clean-up team. Mosaic Hotel shelter for the homeless. Information on homelessness can be found at the websites:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/housing>

<https://www.church-at-the-park.org/>

Microshelters have been approved for two locations.

6. Dr. Kathleen Harder, Candidate for Oregon’s 6th Congressional District

SGNA said that having a candidate as a guest is in no way an endorsement. Dr. Kathleen Harder introduced herself to SGNA. She is a doctor at Sale Hospital. Wants to help with health issues including

behavioral health. Supports education. Wants to address climate issue. Supports single payer system. Wants to control pricing on medicare and pharmaceuticals.

7. Andrew Walker, ODOT Project Engineer I-5 Widening

Will be doing widening of I-5 from Kuebler to Delaney. It will include two sound walls and upgrading of the bridge over Commercial and the Battle Creek bridge. Battle Creek Bridge will be a new bridge that will be perpendicular to I-5. The sound walls will be along Commercial and Robins Lane. Trees will be cut down for the installation. They surveyed the people in the neighborhood and it was unanimous to install the sound walls. Battle Creek will be connecting with Wiltsey in the future.

8. Andrew Cohn, City of Salem Budget Committee Rep

There are three types of budgets: 1) Cut's Budget; 2)Spend Budget; and Current Service Level Budget. The \$300M Bond going for voter approval in November will be of the Current Service Level type. There will be no increase in taxes with this budget since it will be replacing the existing 10 year bond that has just come to an end.

The police and fire department would like to add 100 new positions as part of the funding. There will also be two new branch libraries added. One in south Salem and one in west Salem.

9. Future meetings for SGNA

SGNA has been researching the possibility of future in-person meetings. The requirements for use of the Battle Creek School location has changed. It would now require a rental fee and liability insurance. They have also checked with the Baxter Community Center. This would also require a fee and liability insurance.

The board voted to continue to have Zoom meetings for our monthly meetings with one in-person meeting outside during the summer.

10. Adjournment.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 9th at 6:45 PM.