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Meeting Minutes June 9, 2022
SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SGNA met via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Board Members

Present

Jake Krishnan Chair

Dave McKenna Secretary
Jerry Sachtjen Treasurer
Mike Hughes
Sylvia Machado
John Ledger
Kathleen Lempka

Absent

Glenn Baly Vice chair

Community members:

John Miller
Jan S
Deana Gwen
Elissa Edge
John's iPhone
Wildwood|Mahonia John Miller
Charey Cooke
Jacob
Nehemiah's iPhone
Becky
Julie
Boone Ridge Retirement

Guests

Vanessa Nordyke, City Councilor, Ward 7
Officer Mark Jantz, Salem Police
Deb Romano, City of Salem Code Enforcement Officer
Todd Tallan, Morningstar Community Church
John Jaskilka, Pastor Morningstar Community Church
Anthony Gamallo, City of Salem Sr. Transportation Planner

1. Call to Order

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

2. City Councilor Report

Vanessa Nordyke gave report. With the changing of the Ward boundaries SGNA now includes areas for both Ward 4 and 7.

“Our Salem” Comprehensive Plan Update is receiving final review and comments at the June 13th Council meeting. June 11th is the Pride March and downtown festivities. Apartments are being built in the old Nordstroms building. Citizen Budget Committee meetings have been completed. There has been increased spending on the City Council primary races. There was a Humanity of Homelessness Storytelling event hosted by Church in the Park and Willamette University on June 2nd. It is being rebroadcast on KMUZ.

There will be a Zoom meeting on the recruitment of City Manager on June 15th at 6:30 PM. Three finalist candidates are being considered.

Question from neighborhood on how we can address homelessness and affordable housing with inflation spiraling; are they looking into using empty buildings around city. Yes, but they have run into problems e.g. K-mart now owned by Salem Health has refused to allow use of the building for the homeless. Are also trying to work with developers to make 10% of property for affordable housing. Also seeking funding from various resources such as urban renewal to get more affordable housing. They are currently working to get the old union Gospel Mission and the block around it redeveloped as a mixed use urban renewal project.

Can now text 911 for help although they prefer that you call them for help.

3. Police Officer Report

Police Officer Jantz gave report.

They are still in the process of evaluating body cameras for use by police officers. Still several months until fully utilized.

The National Night Out is coming up on August 2nd and taking reservations. Can call to have a police officer visit your party. To find out more and register for a party see web page:

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

They are running a “Car Care Program.” Officers will give redeemable vouchers for minor equipment safety issues such as tail lightbulbs. Can stop by station to get vouchers. May not cover entire cost. They are redeemable at local auto retailers.

There will be some crime prevention meetings on Robins Lane at Terrace Lake.

4. Deb Romano, City of Salem Code Enforcement Officer

There have been changes in the tree removal ordinance. Now requires about \$300 permit.

Reminder to cut grass and weeds. Has been difficult with so much rain, but call if a neighbor is over 2-3 feet high.

If homeless or abandoned vehicles on block call to get them removed.

5. City Councilor Report

Jake gave report from notes from Jackie Leung.

She is on Library committee. Send her any feedback on recommendations for library.

Slow down schools will be getting out soon.

6. Anthony Gamallo, City of Salem Sr. Transportation Planner

Want to install sidewalk for school children walking to Crossler Middle School on Davis. Eventually there will also be a traffic signal installed at Davis and at Mildred also. He is applying for approval of the sidewalk to the Council. Would like to get letter of support from SGNA for sidewalk.

7. Morningstar Community Church Development

They are planning on residential apartments for the north side of the property. Planning on MU-3 zoning for south corner by 27th and Kuebler. Is currently zoned as residential/agricultural. The Our Salem Map shows the area as MU-1. Want to change zoning on north side of property to MU-1. Want to change zoning on southeast corner to MU-3 so that they can have two drive-thru businesses. They will be extending Marietta Street in the area of the apartments. They will also be putting in a new street just north of the proposed MU-3 zone for access to this development. SGNA said they do not want to see drive-thrus in this area (see attached map). Asked what the SGNA would like to see there a nice restaurant was mentioned. A stormwater retention basin would take up a section of the property along Kuebler. They do not have a timeline yet for submittal for approval to the City.

8. Deb Patterson and Raquel Moore Green did not make it to meeting

9. Other business

SGNA member said they would like to expand board and draw in more people to meetings.

Member said they would like to connect Robins Lane to Brentwood and Battle Creek to handle traffic from expanded development.

Board approved motion to send letter of support for sidewalk along Liberty to Davis by middle school.

10. Adjournment.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 14th at 6:45 PM.

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