

Faye Wright Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
Zoom
5/12/22

Attendees:

Blake Shelide- Board Member
Bev Ecklund- Board Member
Sally Cook- Board Member
Susan Hecox- Board Member
Senator Deb Patterson
Dr. Trevor Phillips- City Council
Vanessa Nordyke- City Council
Sgt. Jeremy Wiedmann- Salem Police
Dr. Kathleen Harder
Deb Romano- City of Salem Code Enforcement
Elise McGovern
Emily Mooney
Melissa Lang-Bacho

Board Members Absent:

Mike Slater

Call to Order

7:00pm

Roll Call/Introductions

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved

City and County Reports

1. Dr. Kathleen Harder- Oregon House Candidate

Gave us her background. She is a physician specializing in internal medicine and works at Salem Health. The homeless issue is not just an affordable housing issue, it is a mental health and addiction issue as well. Climate is also a priority in her campaign.

2. Salem Police Report- Sgt. Wiedmann

Homeless camp clean up team has been approved by the council and has funding for one year. The team is composed of two police officers with special training and two public works employees. Salem Housing Authority and the SPD will meet weekly to prioritize what areas need to be worked on.

Fun Fridays are starting up in July in the Highland and Northgate neighborhoods.

August 2 is National Night Out.

Police Ride Alongs are open again to the public. Sign up online.

3. Code Compliance- Officer Deb Romano

Division is very busy. Wallace Marine Park clean up happened. 67 RVs and over 20 other vehicles were tagged. Approximately 12 vehicles were towed. Tow lots are full and refuse to tow RVs.

Haggers Grove is also an area of concern.

More safe parking sites are desperately needed.

Trees- New tree codes implemented in March 2022. Best to contact the city before trimming or cutting down trees.

Melissa asked about the code on garbage cans and recycling cans on the sidewalk. Concern is that it blocks access for those with visual impairments. Melissa also asked about construction obstructions. Officer Romano will check and get back to Melissa. Email for Officer Romano is dromano@cityofsalem.net.

Blake- recent noise issue between neighbors regarding a large fan and noise

Sally Cook reminded us about the Neighbor to Neighbor mediation service.

4. City Council Presentation

Vanessa- New city clean up team approved for one year.

Affordable housing remains an issue.

Body cameras for police are coming this summer.

If folks want to know who is funding political campaigns they can look on the Secretary of State website and search for contributors.

Trevor- West Salem Library is looking to expand hours. They need more staffing.

Funding approved for 6 FT police officers and a new micro shelter site.

Recent audit shows that the city is down 60+ police officers and over 300 other employees in the city government.

The Capital Bond Measure will be on the ballot.

Melissa asked about funding for upgraded sidewalks and bike paths on Cordon. Trevor responded that that is in the works.

A motion was made that FWNA supports walking biking connectivity. Motion passed. Blake will write a letter.

5. Spencer Todd- Candidate for Marion County District Attorney

Spencer has been a public defender for 8 years. He wants to do things to keep the community safe. His focus would be on treating lower level offenders to shift them towards services so they can become healthy members of society.

Sally asked a question about how long police body camera footage would be kept/archived. Keeping this footage is expensive. Spencer said this is an issue that will require more discussion. SPD is hiring two new Digital Evidence Technicians.

Contact info: 503-910-5882, info@spencertodd4da.com

6. Deb Patterson- State Senator

Senator Patterson recapped what was funded in the last session.

Navigation Center

Arches

Center for Hope & Safety

Veterans Housing

13 Million for housing

700 million statewide for housing

430 million statewide for mental health

Tour of Salem Hospital. The ER and other beds were 100% full. There are no beds for children/teens in need of psychiatric care.

Senate bill 703 passed- transparency in long term care

Encourage all to vote!

Open Forum

Hillview Park path project is underway. The original funding of \$5,000 won't cover the project, however we are able to use funds from other associations that didn't submit a project idea.

Next park walk is June 2 at Woodmansee

Adjournment

8:38pm