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Meeting Agenda
June 7th, 2022. 6:30pm

Location: Zoom
Meeting ID: 846 9964

Meeting Notes

Welcome –Ted Burney, SWAN Chair Introductions of Board members.

Ted Burney –Chair P

Allison Houck -Co-Chair P

John Lattimer- Land Use Chair

Leonard Nelson, Board Member

Pat Norman, Parks Committee Chair P

Carol Grimwood -Board Member, Watershed & Land Use Team

Darren Howard-Board Member, Land Use Team P

Becky Miner-Board Member, Past Chair P

Ken Freeman-Secretary/Treasurer P

Announcements:

Sleep Safe going well and may extend to June 15th.

Police Report, Salem Police Department. Sgt. Demmer, SPD

1) We are looking for old Cell phones that can be used as part of our efforts to reach out to our community of people in need. Old cell phones can be used to call 911. Please send your cell phone donations to Salem Police.

2) Community activities: Gilbert House on June 27th.

3) Fun Fridays in July

4) National Night Out on August Second.

5) Police Ride-Along's are starting back up.

6) Coffee with a cop.

7) Daily Patrols

General homeless camp questions; If these are on public property, the request goes to the city. If on private property, then those come to SPD.

Q: If we see a crime in a retail store: What do we do?

A: Be a good witness. Do not endanger yourself over petty crime. Report what you see and tell the retailer what you saw. If the business files a report, we can put these together. Many retail establishments have instructed their staff not to engage in these situations.

Q: Hazard parked in the road? What should we do?

A: If it is parked illegally, code enforcement can cite and tow in five days. If the hazard presents a danger, we can tow it immediately.

Q: Is Salem PD prepared for what has been happening around the country regarding gun violence?

A: Yes. We understand the directive and the responsibility that comes with the badge. The goal is to eliminate the threat and we will fulfill that.

Q: School Resource Officers: How do you feel about the Salem Keizer School District not renewing the Salem Police Contract?

A: We should have someone from SKPS speak to that question. Personally, I know a number of the officers who worked in those schools and they miss it.

Q: Parks damage: what should we do?

A: If it is active, call the police. If this is damage from a prior time, contact the parks department.

Q: What about the ability for the Salem Police Department to do Threat Assessment:

A: You need to contact Lt. Debra Aguilar for that information.

Q: Any improvements on the staffing at SPD?

A: Yes, however we are working through a staffing shortage throughout the city as well as in the department.

City Council Update - Councilor Nordyke (vnordyke@cityofsalem.net)

Hello, I will be out of town for the July and August SWAN meetings. Here is a rundown from our recent activities as your councilor.

1) Our Salem Comprehensive Plan. June 13th meeting at 6 PM. The project includes a proposed update to the Salem Area Comprehensive plan, zoning map and zoning code. City Staff has been talking to neighborhood groups, businesses and other stakeholders for a long time. Eunice Kim owns this. Let her know what you think.

2) June 11th: Pride March and downtown festivities. Expect a little traffic.

3) Nordstrom apartments project is spinning up and the old building will be coming down.

4) Citizen Budget Committee meetings have been completed.

5) *Election Results for City Council are in! Congratulations to our new Mayor and city Councilors.*

6) *Story Telling, hosted by Church at the Park and Willamette University.* 7) *Staffing Shortages and hiring challenges across the board.*

8) *We have the ability to TEXT 911.*

You might need to do this if you are hearing impaired and need to make a 911 report. You might need to do this if you are in an unsafe situation where use of a phone might be unsafe. You might need to do this if you are having a medical emergency and cannot speak.

Q: Who should we contact about zoning and possible code changes?

A; Eunice Kim, Ekim@cityofsalem.net

Program: *Salem Parks update:*

SWAN parks chair: Pat Norman. Please meet park ranger Mike Zieker, Salem's first and only city park Ranger.

Mike Zieker: The Park Ranger program started in 2017. Regarding the parks in the SWAN area, Minto Brown seems to get the most attention. Minto is a Wildlife Refuge. The Park Ranger program is an extension of the Salem City code enforcement division. We look forward to teaching classes, and our very popular Owl Prowl.

Q: Minto Brown and flooding trails? Can we do something about this?

A: No. Minto Brown is a flood plain and a wildlife refuge and that includes our Beavers. They have constructed a few dams and this creates the flooding. We are looking at possible solutions involving elevated trails and signage indicating what is going on.

Follow up Q: What about signage now?

A: We struggle with temporary signage as the A-frames are not a good solution.

Q: What are the eagles up to?

A: We have been trying to acclimate the eagles to humans in the park. We are busy training Eagle monitors. We use an app to ensure we are collecting the right information. Let us know if you know anyone that is interested in volunteering.

Q: What should we do when we see poorly behaving park guests.

A: If it creates an emergency situation, call 911. If not, then call the city at 503-588-6063 to report any parks related issues.

Land Use Update & Reports, *John Latimer, Land Use Chair, Bill Dixon reporting on Salem Heights:*

Salem Heights refinement plan survey went out with three options and they received 264 replies. 49% chose the option with multi-use pathway on one side of the street.

34% chose a sidewalk on one side and 16% chose a sidewalk on both sides. The team is planning a walkthrough for the committee in the coming weeks so that preliminary engineering can begin.

Ted reporting for John:

1) 1055 Schurman has been approved and allowed as drafted and submitted. If we want to formally protest, we can, but the submission process now becomes more complex and requires a registration fee. This goes to council shortly.

2) A Kuebler-Cordon corridor open house is planned.

3) 20 Is Plenty letter of support. (Requires SWAN board Vote)

SWAN Board Quorum

Motion Made to approve 20 is plenty as proposed.

Motion Seconded.

Motion Carried.

20 is plenty motion approved. June, 7th 2022

Committee Updates:

Parks- Pat Norman, Parks Chair

1) Minto Brown Wildlife refuge and park signage update: This was approved. There was some money already budgeted for this and we have received a SPIF grant to cover the balance. This looks like a go and Minto will now have much more visible signage indicating the wildlife refuge designation.

2) The spinner is now in place at Nelson Park. It looks like the entire park got a bit of a refresh. It seems the original contractor for this project walked off the job and the City finished it up.

3) New bench at Fircrest. This matches one that was placed recently and is a robust design, so we can expect a long life.

4) Candalaria reservoir update. We are now talking directly to the team that manages the reservoir and they seem to be interested in the possibilities for simple improvements. We hope to continue that conversation.

Community Input and Neighborhood Concerns:

SWAN in person meetings in the park, for the summer months The plan is to have our next meeting in Fircrest park on July 5th.

Salem Bike Vision: Presentation by Debbie Miller about the plan to ask for a set-aside from the coming Bond proposal to make Salem a little more bike friendly. The hope to create some protected routes on the North/South and East/West corridors so as to create a safer experience for bike riding in Salem.

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NOTE: Please email extensive neighborhood concerns or questions and additional agenda items prior to the meeting so they can be accommodated. For more information contact

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