# Meeting Minutes September 8, 2022 SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SGNA met via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic.

#### **Board Members**

<u>Present</u> <u>Absent</u>

Jake Krishnan Chair Glenn Baly Vice chair Dave McKenna Secretary Jerry Sachtjen Treasurer

Mike Hughes

Sylvia Machado

John Ledger Kathleen Lempka

#### **Community members:**

Dynee Medlock Deb Cozzie John Miller Deanna Gwin Becky Lisa McCellan

Steve Emerson

## Guests

Vanessa Nordyke, City Councilor, Ward 7
Patty Massingale, Lakewood Park HOA President
Waylon Lundin, Gerding Builders
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Molly Culbertson, Scott Edwards Associates
Thomas Eldridge, Community Development Partners
Jeremy Shoenfelder, Mosaic Development

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Glenn Baly. Attendance taken, quorum declared present. Approved minutes for July meeting.

## 2. Police Officer Report

No Police Officer present to give report.

## 3. City Councilor Report

Vanessa Nordyke gave report. Salem is experiencing a homeless and mental health crises. Many of the people becoming homeless are seniors who are on a fixed income. This is due to the unaffordability of housing in the area.

What do we do? City is investing in tiny homes for low income seniors. The Salem Housing Authority is working on homeless rental assistance; housing for the mentally ill; housing for veterans; and, low income housing. They are seeking federal grants for assistance. The City Council's approved some affordable housing projects. This includes two new shelters for homeless youth coming soon. They will be located on Center Street and at a Polk County Shelter.

The City is working with the group Church in the Park. They are also working with existing federal funds and groups such as Marion/Polk County Foodshare.

They are working on developing a Mobile Crises Unit (similar to the CAHOOTS program in Eugene) that will provide Crises Counseling, suicide prevention, substance abuse services, resource connection services and transportation services.

A new City Manager: Keith Stanley will be starting on September 12th. He comes from a similar job working for Olympia, Washington where they also had a CAHOOTS-like program.

There is an Annual Resident Survey underway and a Neighborhood Association Survey.

They have been streamlining the permit program to make getting permits faster.

There is also a burn ban in effect due to high winds and arid conditions over the next several days.

There was a question from the board on what what would trigger a response to the Mobile Crises Unit. They response was that it would be addressed by a call to 911who would triage the calls to the appropriate assistance.

#### 4. Mahonia Crossing - Phase 2 on Salal

Molly Culbertson introduced and discussed the Phase 2 portion of the project including the Project Managers from Gerding Builders.

They have gotten some funding from the Oregon Housing and Community Services from wildfire protection funds and have begun woking on Phase 2 because of start of construction limitations on the funding.

They will be constructing smaller units for Phase 3 on the west side of Salad. Ground breaking will begin in December.

There are three entrances and degrees roads to the development. They include Salad, Teal and Foxhaven.

They will be improving the area along Battle Creek from Boone Rd to Baxter Rd.

#### 5. Grant for Lakewood Park Playground Equipment

Patty Massingale of the Lakewood Park HOA wants SGNA to approve, fill-out and submit application for matching funding from City's Salem Park Improvement Fund to replace children playground equipment. A letter of intent is due in October and the full application needs to be submitted by January. Jake would work on the application with assistance fro the Lakewood Park HOA. They are seeking approximately \$2500 for this funding for equipment and installation. SGNA made a motion and approved to have Jake work on the application for the grant.

### 6. SGNA seeking to meet at Battle Creek Elementary School

Irma needed draft testimony to request use of the Battle Creek Elementary School for SGNA meetings. The board approved a motion to move forward with this.

#### 7. Jermey Shoenfelder, Mosaic Development for Kuebler Village

Jeremey contacted SGNA to discuss that they will be meeting with the Planning Commission on October 4th to discuss the possibility of Kuebler Village being zoned as Mixed Use III. He believes that they will be able to do the site plan they last showed us with some minor changes in setbacks if the City allows this zoning change to go forward. It does allow for drive-thru services. Mike H. Said he will call the City to get more details to see where the MU-III zoning is at (not yet posted on the web under SRC).

They have a new traffic report that they said once it is approved and finalized by the City that they will send to SGNA.

#### 8. New Business

Charoits is planning to create a transportation hub on Wiltsey next to Guentner's. They will be coming to SGNA to discuss in January.

# 6. Adjournment.

*The next meeting is scheduled for October 13th at 6:45 PM.*