

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association
Minutes
June 16th 7PM
Meeting held via zoom

After technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by chairwoman, Sally Cook.

Ian Davidson - President of the Cherriots Board and here tonight representing Salem Bike Vision

He shared a powerpoint that showed a map of proposed projects, existing projects, funded projects and proposed bond funded projects. The goal is for people using alternate forms of transportation like bikes, wheel chairs, scooters, ebikes, skate boards, pedestrians etc to safely navigate the city. They want ways to travel east to west and north to south. There are gaps in connectivity. He showed ways protected lanes could be provided including bollards, planters, and concrete curbs. Another slide showed the benefits of these protected lanes including safety, equity and access, health and well being and economic opportunity.

He suggested right sizing roads that were built for highway speeds to those for city speeds would provide safety and would mean just paint and concrete.

A neighbor brought up concerns on Liberty Road South from Cunningham to Commercial He mentioned the damaged mailboxes and that the lanes currently are just wide enough for him to pull his travel trailer on. There are also drainage issues.

Sally Cook wondered if left turn lanes on Liberty at Madrona going both north and south would help with traffic.

Sally also asked Salem Bike Vision to consider how the Croisan Creek Trail could work for connectivity.

The path through the cemeteries was mentioned and frustration that the city gave up its right of way. That would have connected neighborhoods and taken people off busy Commercial Street.

Neighbors can find more about Salem Bike Vision by going to Salembikevision.org

City Councilor Jackie Leung

June 26th the council will be dealing with the budget.

There will be a runoff for the Ward 4 city council seat in November.

The search for a new city manager is ongoing.

Our Salem project is coming back to council in July

July 1st begins no fines for library books Borrowers are still responsible for paying for damaged and/or lost books.

The Salem/Keizer School District will offer Grab n Go meals for all children ages 1 - 18 years old This begins on Wednesday June 22nd with no meals on July 4th. Meals can be picked up between 11:30 - 12:30 and can be picked up by a parent or guardian. Wright Elementary is the site where meals will be available in south Salem.

A neighbor who follows her on Facebook mentioned that she posts the availability of food boxes. It was asked, if possible, that she post the information on the app NextDoor. With the cost of gas and food going up, many may find this information helpful.

State Senator Deb Patterson

She shared that she is running for reelection.

She shared information about money she has secured for the area including money for community housing, homelessness, a navigation center, substance abuse and money for K- 12 education across the state. She chairs the senate health care committee. For more information check debpaterson.org

National Night Out - August 2nd

The neighborhood association will host table at both Sunnyslope and Secor parks giving out information the city provides similar what we gave out at Back to School nights pre Covid like Who do call in the city, how to sign up to get information about your local neighborhood association etc. We will plan to be there 6:00pm - 8:00pm Sally will register us and will see if we can get a police officer and a fire truck to drop by. At Sunnyslope Park we can meet in the picnic shelter. Secor may be weather dependent. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Sally Cook at Sally.Cook@gmail.com

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Miller
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance:

Sally Cook

Evan White

Bruce & Linda Miller

Gary Knighten

Councilor Jackie Leung

State Senator Deb Patterson

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