



Faye Wright Neighborhood Association
Thursday, September 8, 2022 • 7:00 PM
Neighborhood Services, 503-540-2303

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Please join our Zoom meeting. Click [here](#) for Zoom link.

Call in number: 1 253 215 8782

Meeting ID: 851 8854 9644

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Meeting Agenda

I. Welcome

A. Acceptance of the Agenda – no additions or edits, agenda accepted

B. Introductions

- Lt. Aguilar, Blake Shelide (board member), Ruth Snyder, Sally Cook (board member), Trevor Phillips, Bev Ecklund (board member), Jeff, Sue Hecox
- Quorum established at beginning of meeting (3 of 5 board members). Sue Hecox joined later making it 4 of 5 board members.

C. Approval of the Minutes - Minutes were voted on and approved

II. City/County Reports

A. Police

- Followup on issues identified during last meeting at Wendy Kroger
- Woodmansee park updates
- Budget allowed for purchase of new radar reader boards that are much more functional than previous boards. Have time-based tracking capabilities.
- Traffic team will be out in coming weeks to help address traffic concerns especially in school zones as school is starting back up again
- Save the date: Halloween dress rehearsal, Saturday October 29. Location TBD. More information on location to come.

B. Defensible Space/Home Fire Safety, Ruth Snyder, Salem Fire

- Reference to her previous experience with wildfires in California north bay area



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- Discussion of the term “defensible space”, with the ability to clear space around your home to help prevent fires starting
- Other term is “home hardening”.
- Major source of fires starting are wind-driven embers.
- Marion-Polk alerts (Everbridge). Important to sign up for emergency alerts, they can save people’s lives.
- 6 greatest sources of ignition from wildfires and embers
 1. roof
 2. Vents
 3. Eaves
 4. Soffits
 5. Siding
 6. Decks (especially stacking firewood under decks)
- Discussion of “zones” around the perimeter of the house to help with home hardening.
 1. Zone 1 (~30 feet around house) where you do not want to have any combustible vegetation. The most important part is the first 5 feet. Suggestion that instead of mulch in this area is to put rocks, gravel, or dirt.
- Juniper is a combustible plant, should not have it near homes
- Low cost ways to help prevent fires
 1. Non-combustible roofs (when replacing roofs)
 2. Gutter guards
 3. Mesh covers on vents and chimneys
 4. Caulk and plug gaps on siding
- Firewise USA is a great website to reference

C. City Councilors

Vanessa Nordyke

- We have a confluence of issues nationally: homelessness, poverty. Not just an Oregon issue, not just an urban issue
- City is investing in low-income housing, housing for mentally ill, housing for veterans
- Important to break the cycle of homeless for youth.
- 2 new shelters coming: Center Street (run by Church at the Park), 40



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micro-shelters. Open House coming on September 11. Also a shelter for youth coming to Polk County.

- Mobile Crisis Unit: Community Action Agency proposing to provide this service to the city. Next steps include a city staff report and a budget request to city council.
- City streamlining building permit process
- New city manager starting September 12
- Annual Salem resident survey underway
- Survey about neighborhood associations is underway

(b) Trevor Phillips

- Approved a total of 4 locations for managed microshelters
- Front Street location will not move forward, but Church at the Park location on Turner Road will expand
- Commercial air service effort is still underway. Salem is one of the largest communities (maybe only city capital) without commercial air service. Hope is that city council will hear more soon to consider how it might happen. Lots of moving parts and need support from many (city, state, federal government, other municipalities). The soonest it could start would be March 2023 (even then it would be limited to start). The city has voted to approve to receive 2 rounds of state/federal grants to get the infrastructure in place to support the airport. Salem has grown significantly since the last time it had commercial air service.
- Water bill costs increases approved
- City Bond is process is continuing

D. Neighborhood questions for City/County Staff

III. Annual Review/Goals

Discussion of potential goals for this upcoming year.

- Identification of location for street mural (funding is already approved)
- Compile information from last year's park walks
- More little free libraries
- Bev to fill out form and send to board members for review and discussion.



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IV. New Business

A. Neighborhood issues/concerns/questions

- Discussion of zoning issue on Carla Court. Sue Hecox (land use chair) has talked to surrounding neighbors about any concerns, and plans to draft a note to send into the city and will send out to the board for review.
- Discussion of survey for street mural locations

V. Adjourn – meeting adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting: October 13th

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