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**Meeting Notes**  
October 4th, 2022. 6:30pm

Location: Westminster  
Presbyterian Church.  
Hybrid Zoom test.

## **Swan October 4th.**

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

*Ted Burney –Chair P*

*Allison Houck -Co-Chair*

*John Lattimer- Land Use Chair P*

*Leonard Nelson, Board Member*

*Pat Norman, Parks Committee Chair P*

*Carol Grimwood -Board Member, Watershed & Land Use Team P*

*Becky Miner-Board Member, Past Chair P*

*Ken Freeman-Secretary/Treasurer P*

*William Dixon-Board member P (via Remote by Zoom)*

### **Announcements: Ted Burney, SWAN Chair**

*Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church*

*Westminster Festival of Fine Arts. October 13-16.*

*Breakfast with the arts*

*Ruth Snyder, thank you*

*Planner-palooza. October 11th.*

*Eunice Kim and team coming in November*

*Notes from Public works. Annual Leaf Haul Saturday, Nov 19 and December 10*

*9:00-3:00 Brown's Island Demolition Landfill 2895 Faragate Street South*

**September Minutes approval.**

*SWAN Board Quorum*

*Motion Made to approve September minutes*

*All in Favor,*

*Motion Carried.*

*SWAN September minutes approved.*

***Police Report, Salem Police Department.***

***Sgt. Demmer, SPD***

*I am Here for you.*

*Halloween dress rehearsals. Oct 29. 3-5 pm.*

*Body worn cameras. In process. Coming soon*

*Transparency portal. Tab is open. Reports available. Test drive time.*

*SPD is on the Radio. 6:45 a.m. KBZY 1490 AM.*

*Put outside lights on your house...deterrent. Rose beds are also good.*

*House numbers. Put them where we can see them!*

*Q: lights?*

*A: Yes.*

*Plug: recent successes of our neighborhood watch.*

*Q: rules on RV's. Junk vehicles.*

*A: We are being proactive. We can remove a junk vehicle nuisance in hours if it poses a risk. Any RV over 23 feet can not be parked on the city curb line. Five days from ticket to tow.*

*Q: Parking on the front lawn:*

*A; Maybe. Parking strip is off limits. This is a code enforcement issue.*

*Q: Loud mufflers. South River Road. Racing on Homestead Road.*

*A: I will alert Enforcement. PSA. Exhaust rules.*

*Q: Parking on River Road. Enforcement. Apartments?*

*A: We will send info for parking enforcement.*

*Q: Noise ordinance?*

*A: Yes - from 10 pm to 7 am.*

*Q: Possible coordination of lighting solutions.*

*A; coming.*

*A: Please send me info!*

*Hybrid notes: Yes . Thank you.*

***City Council Update - Vanessa Nordyke, City Councilor, District Seven***

*Halloween! It's coming.*

*Mid-Valley Community Action committee Oct 15th.*

*Affordability of housing.*

*Mobile crisis unit vote:*

*Let's find an easy way to pay for this.*

*How do we support those folks?*

*Being homeless is not a crime.*

*Being mentally ill is not a crime.*

*We are hoping to help these folks.*

*A mobile crisis unit would help.*

*Oregon State Hospital is now turning away patients. A MCU helps solve this problem.*

*Cherriots is looking to site a transit center in South Salem: They are looking near the Beehive, right off Commercial. There is a 5 acre parcel. They need three acres. Can we work with them? Perhaps 2 acres could go to affordable housing.*

*People are coming to Salem. Our popularity is rising. We are having a housing crisis. We have 96 new units of affordable housing near the new Costco.*

*Infrastructure Bond measure. We are retiring the old bond. 300 million dollars in new bond money is proposed. Vision. Bikes, sidewalks, 2 branch libraries with library below and housing above. New fire trucks and equipment. Two new fire stations. Park upgrades. Possible 10 million dollar holdback of funds as seed money for affordable housing. Seismic upgrades. Streets, sidewalks. Encouraging biking, walking through sidewalk /bikeways construction.*

*It's a busy time in Salem.*

*Q: Old J.C. Penny building.*

*A: We wait. This is privately held. They have been contacted repeatedly to make improvements and fix the glass.*

*Q: Old Costco.*

*A: We wait. This is privately held.*

*An apartment house is being condemned, over 50 people will be hunting for housing. Many, many egregious violations at Cardinal Village. It's in process.*

*Q: Bond input?*

*A list of our top priorities for the bond is coming.*

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/government/shaping-salem-s-future/salem-community-infra-structure-bond>

*Q: Service vs. criminal response should drive the advocacy for a mobile crisis unit.*

*A: We are looking for funds, follow me on Facebook. Our budgets need to reflect our priorities.*

*Additional notes on Workforce development housing and the streamlined permit process.*

***Marissa Theve. Dark Skies Initiative and Light Pollution in Salem.  
Member of the Grant Neighborhood Association.***

*Definitions:*

*Light pollution.*

*Sky glow.*

*Light trespass. Light beam over a property boundary*

*Glare.*

*Kelvin. Color Temperature.*

*Lumens. High brightness.*

*Livability. Quality and quantity. Ecosystems are affected. Migration. Leafing out is affected.*

*Energy waste. Let's light what we need to illuminate, not everything.*

*The end of night as we know it.*

*Data from dark sky's presentation:*

Salem's exterior lighting code is located here:

[https://library.municode.com/or/salem/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TITXUN\\_DECO\\_UDC\\_CH800GEDEST\\_S800.060EXLI](https://library.municode.com/or/salem/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TITXUN_DECO_UDC_CH800GEDEST_S800.060EXLI)

And our streetlight standard plans are here: [PW Standard Plans Street Lighting and Traffic Signals - City of Salem Oregon](#)

Link to my presentation, put together with the help of the International Dark Skies Association, especially Bill Kowalik of the [Oregon Chapter](#)

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1NbmKdQHUrE27hibDBddIO9-R9pdXXRWX/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108731850009161187341&rtpof=true&sd=true>

***Land Use Update & Reports, John Latimer, Land Use Chair,***

*Kurth and Browning. Proposed zoning change to six parcels.*

*Henry...new land use Chair in Sunnyslope.*

*Salem Heights Elementary traffic plan.*

***Parks Committee Updates:, Pat Norman, Parks chair.***

*It's grant time. Opportunity for parks improvement.*

*Bailey Ridge Park ...bench and kiosk.*

*Fircrest Park information kiosk is inbound.*

*Notes regarding the fence at Nelson Park, around tennis court.*

*Bench and kiosk board for Bailey Ridge Park. Let's push that.*

*Motion to support a bench and kiosk.*

*SWAN Board Quorum*

*Motion Made to approve September minutes*

*All in Favor,*

*Motion Carried.*

*SWAN support of grant allocated to new benches and kiosks, approved.*

*Q: Do we need letters of support. HOA attachment.*

*A: Not for parks projects....*

*Q: Nelson park. New Spinner is at an angle. What can we do?*

*A: Let's be proactive. If we let this slide, the city will only address it when it's a hazard.*

**Committee Updates:**

*Toni Whittier, now promoted.*

*Community input. Noise from cars. Speed bumps. It's a problem.*

*Meeting adjourned.*

**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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**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84699949764?pwd=Y0pBdmRZVm5XS2VQZVBqT1VqU2Rqdz09>**