

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association
Minutes
October 20, 2022
7PM
Meeting held via zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM by co chairs Sally Cook and Alan Alexander.

Officer Edmiston was not able to attend.. He is involved in police activity that he could not leave.

Councilor Nordyke

She shared a powerpoint that included information on a mobile crisis unit that she has been working on. It was approved by council. The council voted against asking the legislature for money to fund the unit. Staff has been asked to seek options for funding. Plans are being made for a Cherriots transit center in South Salem, 96 units of affordable housing with 2 or 3 bedrooms are planned for property on 27th Ave in 2024.

The Village of Hope Micro Shelter is open on Center Street. There are 40 units that can house up to 80 people.

Friday, November 4th at 6PM Councilor Nordyke will hold a Town Hall meeting in the Anderson Room at the Library. Parking is free.

Information was given about the 300 million dollar infrastructure bond measure that is on the November ballot. Information shared included:

- Davis Road - Sidewalks and bike lanes is included (the light on Liberty is already paid for by systems development funds and will be installed during the summer of 2023)

- 2 branch libraries to be built one in the south area of town and one in the northeast with affordable housing units on the upper floors

- Replacement of fire trucks and adding 2 additional fire stations

- Money for parks to replace restrooms and add amenities like splash pads

- An affordable housing opportunity fund for multi family developments to

- Include affordable housing units in developments

- Seismic upgrades to city hall

- Tech and cyber security upgrades and a second data center for recovery of data after a disaster.

Discussion followed about safety with the lack of sidewalks along Browning Ave which was originally in the proposed bond measure. It was brought to Councilor Nordyke's attention that there are school bus stops along Browning Ave that do not have safe, dry places for students to wait for the bus. Sally Cook mentioned that one neighbor, at her own expense, added gravel for students to stand on. Since the bond is finalized and nothing more can be added, Councilor Nordyke was asked to look into other funding for providing safe school bus stops along Browning.

After a question from a neighbor, she confirmed that this bond is for land and building and does not fund services.

A neighbor asked if the city had programs to help first time home buyers. She described a program that she is being helped by that will help her become a first time home buyer. Councilor Nordyke was not aware of any programs.

The city has purchased a program for neighborhood associations to produce a newsletter. If interest to heading up this for the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association, please contact Sally Cook sally.cook@gmail.com or Alan Alexander at awa8025@aol.com

Salem Parks Improvement Grant - Sally Cook

A letter of intent for a project is due by October 28th. Several suggestions were made including shade structures for the playground at Secor Park. Lights along the path at Secor Park since this connects neighborhoods along Davis Road with those along Red Leaf. Pickleball lines on the sports court at Sunnyslope Park. Evan White moved and Sally Cook seconded a motion to apply for shade structures for the playground at Secor Park. Motion carried. Alan will write the letter of intent and check with Jennifer Kellar, Salem Parks, about the possibility of adding shade structures to the playground equipment at Secor Park. He will also ask if the pickleball lines on the Sunnyslope Park sports court could fall under maintenance!

Land Use - Henry Neugass

He reported that he attended the land use training session that was put on by the city at the city library. Sally thanked Henry for attending and said his attendance would add funds to our communications funds account. Henry also reported that Susan Kaltwasser is attempting to revitalize the land use network with meetings for neighborhood association land use chairs.

There was discussion about connecting with neighbors in person. Henry will check with Roths about having a table out front sharing neighborhood swag. Bruce and Linda Miller will check with Liberty Christian Church about Henry having a table at their Trunk

or Treat on Saturday evening October 29th (Bruce and Linda Miller will be participating with a trunk, but will help with the set up) Church leadership approved the Neighborhood Association having a table!

The city has increased the communication funds for neighborhood associations.

Henry proposed a single email address for people to contact the neighborhood association. He will check what other neighborhood associations are doing.

Safety on Liberty Road at Mildred

Sally urged neighbors concerned about traffic to get involved as the plans to update the city transportation systems plan. There are other boards neighbors can volunteer to serve on.

A neighbor asked about the possibility of a roundabout on Liberty at Mildred.

Trevor Smith, took off his neighbor hat (he was attending the meeting as a neighbor) and put on his city employee hat as public information officer for public works. He reported that there are new warning signs on Mildred about the intersection at Liberty. He also reported that lights for the stop signs have been ordered but are delayed due to supply chain issues. He said the light on Liberty and Mildred is in the works.

Discussion occurred about the potential for a portable speed sign on Liberty facing south at Mildred It was reported that new portable speed signs are being purchased that will track speed and traffic patterns.

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held Thursday, November 17th at 7pm via zoom. This is the opportunity for new people to join the board and have a voice on decisions and positions the board takes.

Sally Cook will contact Holly Atherton about the Travel Salem grant for a neighborhood street painting grant. What themes would the neighbors like to see? What intersections would make a good spot for the mural.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM

Respectfully submitted

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance:

Sally Cook

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bruce & Linda Miller

Evan White

Henry Neugass

Karen Delsman

Nanci Chambers

Mike Herron

Jeanne &

Antonette Renee

Councilor Vanessa Nordyke

Gary Knighton

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Trevor Smith