

SESNA Minutes 9-27-22

Attendance: Board members Shannon Priem, Bill Smaldone, Seleste Liyanage; neighbors Brock Dittus, Burt Eikleberry, Pat ??; guests Steve Ward, consultant; Micky Hatley, Northwest Farm Credit; City Councilor Linda Nishioka; Salem Police Lt. Steve Galvin.

7 p.m. Shannon opened the meeting with a round of introductions.

Guests

Police: Sgt. Steve Galvin. The Citizens Police Academy is up and running and will be accepting applications for the spring soon. Police are working on an event called the “Halloween Dress Rehearsal” but the details have yet to be announced. SPD are still in the process of ordering body cameras for officers. With schools in session police are focusing on school zone speed limits. SPD officers are also moving to a new 12-hours shift system designed to provide better round-the clock coverage to the city.

Steve Ward (West Tech Engineering). They are requesting a subdivision of the area near Kettle Chips. Northwest Farm Credit will move into a new building on one property in about a month and they will apply to subdivide the remaining property into four additional lots and they will ask to have them rezoned IC. There are hotels interested in one of the potential properties. All the infrastructure is already built.

They would like a letter of support for the subdivision, but more important is one on the zone change to IC. The latter is most important so that the future development of the area is appropriate both in terms of use and traffic generation. They will keep in touch when a letter is requested.

Linda Nishioka (City Council). Just started the job and is getting oriented. First day on the job she read a proclamation on the Salem Cloth Project (to promote use of cloth diapers) in the city.

One of her priorities is parks and she is concerned about maintaining their quality. She is also concerned about the issue of homelessness and public housing.

Councilor Nishioka is interested in looking into the Walling Pond site (possible private-public partnership?) and will see how far Tom Andersen got with it.

She also strongly supports the upcoming Street Bond. Shannon will put the Bond on the October Agenda.

Shannon will also look into the Coalition for the improvement of 12th & 13th Street area.

SESNA Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 15.