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Meeting Notes
December 6th, 2022, 6:30pm

Location: Westminster
Presbyterian Church.
Hybrid Zoom

Swan December 6th.

Welcome – Ted Burney, SWAN Chair Introduction of Board members.

Ted Burney –Chair P

Allison Houck -Co-Chair P

John Lattimer- Land Use Chair

Leonard Nelson, Board Member

Pat Norman, Parks Committee Chair P

Carol Grimwood -Board Member, Watershed & Land Use Team

Becky Miner-Board Member, Past Chair

Ken Freeman-Secretary/Treasurer P

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

Debbie Miller- Board member elect P

Announcements: Ted Burney, SWAN Chair

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church on Liberty Street South

November Minutes approval.

SWAN Board Quorum

Motion Made to approve November minutes

Motion seconded.

All in Favor,

Motion Carried.

SWAN November minutes approved.

**Police Report, Salem Police Department.
Sgt. Demmer, SPD**

*SPD Toy Drive. Please drop off your new, unwrapped gift at the new Police station.
Winter Driving is coming. Snow and Ice season are upon us.
Minor Fix its; SPD has a number of discount programs to ensure your vehicle is safe.
Come see us for specifics.*

Walking/Running with Ear Buds: Its dangerous. Be careful. Consider using just one.

Q: Croisan Creek neighborhoods: Post boxes are being vandalized. What can we do?

A: We have been in communication with the postmaster. This is a federal crime. Be a good witness. Call in on the non-emergency line. 503-508-6123. More info is better.

Q: Mail box keys?

A; We are waiting to hear from the postmaster. Best to pick up your mail quickly after it is delivered and avoid the problem.

Q: Mail boxes

A: Consider using the USPS informed delivery. Get pictures of your mail as its coming to you. <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>

Q: Catalytic converters;

A: Yes. Be careful. Park in well lit areas.

Q: Fuel thefts.

A: Gas is expensive. Be careful. Park in well lit areas.

Q: Who can we talk to about bad google addresses?

A: I am not sure.

City Council Update - Vanessa Nordyke, City Councilor, Ward Seven

How do we think about safety?

The City Snapshot:

The city council financially supports the downtown Holiday Parade.

Grant for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Grant for Oregon's first microgrid is coming to Salem.

*Grant for small business and redevelopment of vacant downtown buildings.
Council extends emergency shelter declaration to ensure presence for shelters for the homeless.*

News: Portions of Minto Brown Island park will be closed to facilitate native plant installation on december 8th and 9th.

Salem, along with 25 other Oregon cities is considered to be “severely rent burdened.” More than 25 percent of tenants are spending more than 50% of their income on rent. We now have 400 new low cost housing units in development.

Economic Development: Marketing, outreach, grant funding, recruitment, We have a Dollar General distribution center coming to Salem. That may represent 400 new jobs.

Happy Holidays.

Q: Cahoots?

A: A mixed bag. We have some reluctance among council. Marion county is looking into this type of response, but that means it excludes west Salem. Working towards possible MOU to serve West Salem.

***Councilor Nishioka**, Public health. Public Health is a county mandate. They have budget to support four units, but need eight. We are trying to find middle ground. Precedent has been set in Eugene. Portland and Bend both want this as well. We know it's cheaper than sending sworn officers and fire units. We still have some reluctance.*

Q: Court street property? Did the city buy this?

A: No. Private ownership, who then applied for grants.

Q: The group of buildings across from Safeway?

A: Opening soon. Operated by Church at the Park Microshelters

***Program: Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan. Julie Warncke**
publicworks@cityofsalem.net*

The Salem City Neighborhood Traffic Management (NTM) plan is getting an update. This city implemented this in 1999 and it was revised in 2006. The NTM outlines how traffic speed and volume concerns in residential areas are examined, prioritized and addressed by the city. It allows citizen involvement in traffic management decisions on residential streets to promote safety for all users in Salem neighborhoods.

What this does, is give a process and a procedure to work with requests and community input. We are also attempting to build a plan that can capture our institutional knowledge and mitigate the many changes in staff expected in the next few years.

We are changing the process for inputting information to the city and addressing the many challenges we have as we grow. A draft plan is in the works. We expect to present it to the City Council in March or April.

Implementation and how we proceed will come from that.

Q: How effective are these measures? Speed bumps.

A: These target speeding and cut-throughs.

Q: Cut through Traffic: What can we do?

A: We move it around. We are always trying to limit cut-through traffic.

Q: Can we use the NTM plan to site a crosswalk?

A: Safer crossings is the plan.

Q: Streetlights: Ours are too bright.

A: I have not heard anything about too much light. Send us an e-mail.

Q: Cameras to detect speeders?

A: We need to change the state law.

Q: We want to change the speed limit: How do we do that?

A: Neighborhoods Associations ask the City. The City petitions the state.

We are trying to develop a process so everyone does not have to become a traffic engineer.

Q: If people would just follow the law:

A; Yes. That be very helpful. Know that most of the challenges come from your neighbors.

Q: How Flexible is the city to design ideas? Speed cushions.

A: We are trying to develop a process so everyone does not have to become a traffic engineer. In regards to speed cushions on Homestead Rd. near Minto:

This is not a residential street. Since it is not a residential street, basic rule applies (55 mph). So, speed bumps or speed cushions would not be appropriate or safe.

For residential streets, speed bumps are more effective than speed cushions. Therefore, we do not use speed cushions. We also do not currently use speed cushions on collector streets because of limitations with snow plowing.

Q: Are stop signs an option.

A: We are looking at options involving traffic calming.

Any more questions? Send them to us at publicworks@cityofsalem.net

Land Use Update & Reports, John Latimer, Land Use Chair, Bill Dixon on his behalf.

Salem Heights Elementary traffic plan coming.

Parks Committee Updates:, Pat Norman, Parks chair.

Spiff grants Applications are due on January 30th. We are thinking of a few things in the Bailey Ridge: A new bench, an information kiosk and the like.

Fircrest Park: The Kiosk! It's in.

Committee Updates:

Debbie Miller will be joining the board.

SWAN Board Quorum

Motion Made to add Debbie Miller to the SWAN board.

Motion seconded.

All in Favor,

Motion Carried.

Debbie Miller will be on the Swan Board in January.

SWAN Annual Meeting Notes:

Incentivize Board involvement. Continue civic engagement

Pizza for the February meeting

Meeting adjourned.

NOTE: Please E-mail 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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