

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association
Minutes
January 19, 2023
Meeting held via zoom

'The meeting was called to order at 7:01 by co-chair Sally Cook.

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Officer Edmiston:

'The police department has received body cameras. Officers are going through training and on February 13th the cameras will go live.

He talked about the SOS (Salem Outreach and Livability Service) team that includes 2 police officers. He shared the number of homeless camps contacted each month, the number of individuals contacted and the number of referrals made.

A neighbor, who took her grandchildren to Cookie with a Cop, complemented the police department for this event. Officer Edmiston indicated that there was lots of planning for this event

Sally Cook mentioned the issue of people parking in bike lanes during school drop off and pick up times. Officer Edmiston indicated he is now working days and will mention this issue to those patrolling.

He was asked if there was an increase in drug use. He indicated that fentanyl is the drug of choice now. It is potent and cheap to make. A couple of weeks ago the Salem police pulled 55,000 pills off the street.

Anthony Gamallo - ,City of Salem Transportation Planner

He mentioned how he has been working with the SWAN neighborhood association about safety along Salem Heights Ave. They have a draft plan that includes 2 lanes of travel and a 10 ft lane of travel for pedestrians and bicycles and a crosswalk. There is no plan for sidewalks.. The plan will go back to the neighborhood association and then to council in March,

He talked about the similarities between Salem Heights and Browning.

He mentioned that they are beginning to update the transportation plan for the city which will be a two year process. The mandate from the state is equity and climate-friendly. You can find out more information about updating the transportation plan by going to cityofsalem.net/government/shaping-salem-s-future/salem-in-motion He urged neighbors to get involved in updating the transportation plan.

He mentioned that the city applied for 7 grants from the state Safe Routes to Schools program. Three of the grants were approved. Unfortunately, the paved path along the east side of Liberty Road from Davis to Summit View was not funded. It will stay on the list for funding in the future.

Councilor Vanessa Nordyke:

She shared a powerpoint that can be viewed on her Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=614520523815351&set=pcb.614520717148665>

She indicated that the airport improvement budget was approved by council and supplied a slide indicating why it was time to bring commercial air service to Salem. She said the council will be discussing improving engagement and communicating with the community, community-engaged policing, assessing equity in the delivery of programs, and emergency preparedness. The goals for the council in 2023 is addressing the homelessness issue, engaging with the community, planning for the future of our city and infrastructure and services.

She discussed House Bill 3115 passed in 2021 that allows people to sit, lie, sleep and keep warm on public property (fires are not allowed). Cities can only make restrictions if there is a place for them to go.

She discussed her new role as the head of CASA

Co- chairman Alan Alexander congratulated the council for going back to in person meetings and for supporting commercial air service in Salem

A neighbor asked Councilor Gwyn the status of the property for sale on the south side of Davis Road across from Stockton Street. She checked and said a sale is pending and would find out more information,

Land Use Henry Neugass

He got a question on one of the neighborhood association Facebook pages about the Skyline Trail and why the trail is not finished at the Joplin Street end. Alan Alexander will check with Rob Romaneck about the status of the trail. There was clarification between the Skyline Trail and Croisen Trail Henry was pleased about the communication occurring on the Facebook pages.

Old Business:

Evan White and his wife are moving to an assisted living facility outside of our neighborhood association. Evan has served in the capacity of Land Use Chair for many years and has testified on behalf of the neighborhood association before city council many, many times. We are all grateful for his years of service and will miss him. Henry Neugass will get a card and deliver it to Evan and his wife.

New Business

Neighborhood Association Newsletter: Bruce and Linda Miller attended in person and Henry Neugass via zoom a training for a program the city has that allows neighborhood associations to send out a newsletter to those receiving minutes and agendas via email. The program is via mail chimp. Irma Coleman has offered communication funds to neighborhood associations who send out newsletters. Henry and Linda will work together to produce a newsletter with Henry providing his technical expertise!

Henry will try to find out how to boost a post on Facebook including costs.

Grant proposal for shade structure for playground equipment at Secor Park - Alan Alexander

He reported that the parks department thinks it is doable and will cost about \$7,000. We will need to match with \$1,400. Alan said we could apply for a grant from the Salem Parks Foundation. There is \$200 designated for Secor Park with the foundation.

Alan Alexander moved and Henry Neugass seconded a motion that we apply for a Salem Parks Improvement Grant for a shade structure for the playground equipment at Secor Park Motion carried Alan Alexander will submit the grant application

A suggestion for next year would be another small riding toy in the toddler play area at Sunnyslope Park.

Those attending expressed a need for more and younger board members.

The next meeting will be February 16. 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted
Linda Miller
Secretary

Those in attendance:
Alan & Judith Alexander
Sally Cook
Bruce & Linda Miller
Councilor Deanna Gwyn
Councilor Vanessa Nordyke

Officer Edmiston

Irma Coleman - City of Salem

Trevor Smith

Anthony Gamallo - City of Salem

Cathy Ostrand & Ponsion

Courtney

Henry Neugass