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Meeting Notes
March 7th, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Westminster
Presbyterian Church.
Hybrid Zoom

SWAN March 7th.

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

Ted Burney –Chair P

Allison Houck -Co-Chair P

John Lattimer- Land Use Chair-P

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

Debbie Miller- Board member elect

Announcements: Ted Burney, SWAN Chair

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church on Liberty Street South

We welcome the team from the city of Salem. Eunice Kim: Salem City planner. Laurel Christian from Public Works and Julie Warncke, Manager, Transportation planning.

We have our Earth day projects coming up: April 21st and 22nd. Fircrest park. 10 AM-3PM, on both days.

January Minutes approval.

SWAN Board Quorum

Motion Made to approve January 3rd SWAN board meeting minutes

Motion seconded.

All in Favor,

Motion Carried.

SWAN January minutes approved.

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

Hey everyone! Thanks for coming tonight.

It was a Mud day.

Casa updates:

City updates:

Friends of trees: Native Tree Support. April 8th and 28th.

Let's talk about CASA and protecting our most vulnerable populations: We have an event coming up to raise awareness and visibility on our Foster children's programs: Come join us, downtown at the Elsinore Theater to hear Jimmie Wayne on April 20th.

City News: The Council will study Air BNB, The city will take a look at how short term rentals are affecting Salem.

Salem needs more affordable housing. The Council has budgeted 1.1 million dollars to support this. Sequoia crossing and cottage apartments are coming on-line soon.

Housing First: we have a \$630,000 agreement between the Salem Housing Authority and the City of Salem for the homeless rental assistance program.

The Council has directed staff to work on a plan for downtown parking.

Q: why? A: raise revenue to support downtown efforts and improvements.

Q: Will this be similar to the pay stations we see around the capitol buildings? A: Maybe. We'll ask,

Navigation Center: Almost here! We expect an opening in May. The Open house is slated for April 24th.

Salem Climate Action Plan. Greenhouse gas reduction to 50% by 2035. Carbon Neutral by 2050. In Salem, 50% of our emissions are related to transportation. We have a climate action task force. They started with 183 plans. They have culled that down to 55 and are still working on them.

Q: dialogue regarding budget priority.

Q: State Parking changes: A: We are working to understand this.

Transition to the team from the city of Salem. Eunice Kim: Salem City planner. Laurel Christian from Public Works and Julie Warncke, Manager, Transportation planning.

Questions we are here to answer: Is our Salem plan done? What are we doing about long range planning?

JW; Background: Our Salem, Climate action plan and integration with the Salem Transportation plan.

New:

- 1) Climate friendly and equitable community rules*
- 2) New State focused rules on land use.*

Salem in Motion: Connecting people and places.

EK: We are working on walkable areas. Mixed use areas. What are the impacts of these changes? We are going to have a conversation about equity and access.

Parking: We are no longer mandating off street parking. City is getting out of parking requirements for developments.

Q: Does that impact residential district parking zones? A: No.

JW: We are working on a regional plan to sort the current plan with the new standards and directives.

Q: Where do the standards and targets come from? A; Targets: we are developing these now to meet these objectives. Standards are rolling down from the state.

Standards: Typical of volume to capacity in roads. These too, are in development.

Q: Greenhouse gas emissions? A: We are waiting for the model from the state.

Q: Parking will be a mess? A: We know. Go to your city council meetings and let them know.

LC: Code Development: we did many staff reports and have made many amendments. Code amendments, Changes to the unified development codes.

Q: Boundary vs. Street scape. A: a Boundary is the street, Street Scape is everything behind the curb. Code amendments defines these.

Planning Commission: Fee in Lieu of development. Currently the money can only be spent on this project. These amendments will give us the ability to spend this to improve more than the one thing. Instead of 10 little projects that create islands, This would allow us to use this money to fix one thing and do it well. We can pool the funds from various projects that pay a fee in lieu of development.

Q: How do we clean these up? A: Council drives this.

Q: Why would the city allow this? A: Many small projects have to be ripped out when integrated with other things?

Q: Urban growth preliminary declaration? A: A clean up exemption for middle housing.

Q: Willamette greenway development? A: The building was not in the greenway.

Q: What about ADA parking requirements? A:

Q: When is the next council meeting? A: April 14th.

Q: How do we create more transit stops? A; It's a conversation with Cherriots. We will have a plan, and tell them about it, but we can't make them do it.

Q: If you live in north Salem, how do we get to the park? A: Cherriots.

Q: SKATS: A; Federal. The state is doing a different thing.

Q; Parking Options? A: There are other options, but it is a mess. Salem in motion includes the plan.

Land Use:

No updates in land use:

Parks update: Pat Norman

Spiff grant: We got all the money. The parks foundation add \$50.

April 21-22: Parks Earth Day project at Fircrest park

Deepwood native plant sale: March 17-18.

Pioneer Cemetery: We are there three half days per month.

Committee Updates:

Debble Miller: April Newsletter.

Stray Cats: on Normandy. 13 were trapped and fixed, dewormed and given flea baths and needed shots. 2 kittens caught and rehomed.

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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