

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Minutes

May 18, 2023

Meeting held via zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:10PM by co chair Alan Alexander.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

Officer Edmiston

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1st Sign ups for hosts of neighborhood gatherings is open on the city website www.cityofsalem.net/nno

The Navigation Center is open. Arches is reaching out to the unsheltered. 15 beds are reserved for the police to refer the unsheltered to

Church at the Park is opening a new micro shelter on Turner Road for youth 18 - 24 year olds They operate 2 other micro shelter locations.

Yaquina Hall is opening with 51 one bedroom apartments and one studio Twenty of the units are reserved for those that need permanent supportive housing.

A neighbor asked about the response of neighbors to the micro shelter sites. He indicated it was mixed.

The police have a new dispatch system. It sometimes slows down response times

The body camera roll out is going well. He was glad the department purchased good quality cameras. The cameras have been very useful in officer-involved shootings. He reports that Grand Juries have been astonished at what police officers go through.

Councilor Gwyn is on vacation

Councilor Nordyke

She reported that when she worked for the Department of Justice and was reviewing police reports, the body camera footage available was very helpful and often was different from the written reports

In her role as director of the CASA program, she has been instrumental in connecting foster families with Acres of Hope Youth Ranch. On Saturday June 17th at Riverfront Park, CASA is hosting a SuperHero Fun Run at 9AM. The one mile walk/run is free. The 5K and 10K costs \$25. Costumes are encouraged.

The city budget committee meetings are finished. The Council approved the city manager's budget.

She mentioned that there will be a budget deficit in 2025. Council is discussing ways to generate more revenue. A payroll tax is being considered. Council could institute the payroll tax without going to voters. There is no agreement from the councilors about whether to take the proposal to voters or not. One neighbor feels strongly that it should go to voters. There are questions about implementing the payroll tax with remote work being very common, minimum wage workers and those who commute to Salem from other areas to work.

The proposed Capital Improvement Plan is available online.

In September, there is a plan with other council members representing the South Salem area to have an in-person TownHall meeting at the library.

It was suggested that they look at a location in south Salem like a church or school auditorium.

She mentioned that the Mid Valley Homeless Alliance received \$10 million dollars from the Governor's declared Homeless emergency and shared how some of the organizations that received money from this grant will use the funds.

You can google Salem Land Use Applications where you can explore an interactive map that will show land use applications and recently approved applications.

300 acres across the city have been rezoned multi family

You can find information on the city website about adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit on your property

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/business/land-use-zoning/development-application-help/create-an-accessory-dwelling-unit-on-your-property>

The move is to middle housing with townhouses that will provide housing for 3 or 4 families.

Later this year the City Council will look at a Housing Production Strategy.

A neighbor offered kudos to city staff who showed up on Saturday to deal with a smelly dumpster requiring it to be covered with a tarp. A neighbor posted on the app NextDoor complaining about the stench. The dumpster was removed the following Monday and the health violations removed from the door of the house.

Street Mural Project - Sally Cook

Sally will go back to Leslie Venti for another mural that will represent Sunnyslope. Neighbors suggested vibrant colors, the sun logo for the neighborhood association, the Sprague Olympic torch, good parks, kids playing, playgrounds, convenient shopping, livability, low crime rate, a residential area as things that describe the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association area.

Possible locations were mentioned: entrance to Sunnyslope Park off Kurth or 18th, McKay Street at the community garden, Secor Park at the Stockton or Rock Creek entrance, end of Cloudview Alan Alexander will work with Travel Salem on the best location for the mural.

Linda Miller reported that we have been invited to have a table at Back to School Night September 5th from 5:00 to 6:30 at Schirle Elementary Karen Delsman volunteered to help with the table. Linda will try to connect again with Liberty Elementary and Crossler Middle School Suggestions were made about purchasing logo items to hand out Items suggested stickers, balloons, tiny frisbees, magnets Also the purchase of 2 table top easels to put on table with a sign identifying the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association.

Linda Miller moved and Alan Alexander seconded a motion to spend some communication funds on logo items to give away. Motion carried unanimously.

Co Chair Alan Alexander reported that the city will no longer have minimum requirements for off street parking for housing and commercial developments.

There was discussion of a traffic light on Liberty at Davis Road. There was confusion if it is being paid for by systems development funds or CIP funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52

The next meeting will be on June 15, 2023

Respectfully Submitted

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance:

Alan & Judith Alexander

Sally Cook

Bruce & Linda Miller

Councilor Nordyke

Officer Edmiston

Karen Delsman

Brenda Straley