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Meeting Notes
May 2nd, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Westminster
Presbyterian Church.

SWAN May 2nd.

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

Ted Burney –Chair P

Allison Houck -Co-Chair

John Lattimer- Land Use Chair

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-P

Debbie Miller- Board member- P

Announcements: Ted Burney, SWAN Chair

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church on Liberty Street South.

Welcome to our City Councilors and Robin Dalke.

Fircrest Park Earth Day Clean up. What a Success! We pulled out 5 yards of waste and debris, worked to create a pollinator and bird enhancement area and planted native plants.

April Minutes approval.

SWAN Board Quorum.

Motion Made to approve April 4th SWAN board meeting minutes with a change.

Motion seconded.

All in Favor,

*Motion Carried,
SWAN April minutes approved.*

Sgt Andrew MacFerrin. Not Present.

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

City Updates for May 2023:

Acres of Hope youth ranch

Save the date! Casa Marion County superhero fun run: June 17th, 2023

Budget meetings are underway. Salem continues to grow with more flexibility in development options. We have a proposed capital improvement plan but it is only for bricks and mortar. Not people.

Question: Should the city of Salem have an internal auditor? We are about to propose some new fees: Should we have some internal checks on those?

Q: What would be the cost? A: \$158,000

Q: Who do they work for? A: The city, but independently.

Q: How do we do this? A: Reports to council and city manager

C: I like it. Increased transparency.

Q: How do we pay for it? A: It might mean making some choices and. A: Perhaps this fills an open seat from a vacancy we have elsewhere. An auditor might find areas to improve efficiencies and cost effectiveness. This may also be a way to help fund the position.

Q: What do we know about the effects in other cities? A: We have seen good results.

Priorities:

Improvements to sewer plant

Fire hydrants

Road sealing

Improve street and bike

Reservoir safety

Sticks and bricks!

Salem land use projects applications map.

Interactive land use maps.

Land use applications.

Development overview.

In 2015, Salem projected the area needed 7,299 multi-family housing units by 2035 to keep pace with population growth.

At the time staff identified a 207 acre deficit of multi-family land to develop.

The city has rezoned 300 acres for multi-family housing and will do it again.

ADU: The city adopted a code amendment to allow these in 2018. We updated this in 2020 Middle housing? Required, Townhomes, Two family use, Three family homes, Four family homes, Cottage clusters.

Housing production strategy. Review for next year.

We are looking at current plans and trying to figure out how to make these less expensive and more transparent.

Councilor Nishioka: Ward Two:

We need to provide homes to people, without skyscrapers and without urban sprawl.

Lots to sort out as we try to stay within the city and maintain look and feel.

Our general fund for city needs to be solid so we can leverage low cost bond rates for forthcoming projects. City service fees are a way to make that happen. If the general fund budget drops - bonds are more difficult to issue and find buyers.

Q: House bill 3501: OSH: all public land can used for camping?

LN: An Area of concern. City council.

CN: Reasonable plans for those experiencing homelessness. However, camping everywhere is not a recipe for success.

Q: Navigation center?: A: 75 beds and 24/7 on 22nd Street off of Mission St.

LN: Q: Nordstrom apartments. A: The city has helped finance these and as a result we have workforce development housing here. Rents may run between \$900 and \$1,500 a month. 158 units at the Nordstroms.

LN: Cherriots: River Road route? Maybe 20-30 years.

Q: Parking? A: Yes, it is a challenge.

Q: Emergency responders: A: Always a consideration. Code compliance is an issue. (ADA)

Q: Budget committee: how does the council deal with transit and density?

A: Public transit is always a concern:

Storm Water Management: Robin Dalke, CFM, Development Services Operation manager, City of Salem, Public Works Department.

Robin Salem Floodplain and Stormwater Management Plan. Creates Action items to address every 5 years.

Floodplain management. On the city's website.

Code changes, land use and infill.

We have a floodplain management plan in development: 5 year rolling plan.

Infill development may end up locating in flood plain.

4,000 acres of flood plain in the city with possible 3,000 impacted buildings.

Stormwater master plan: 2019-2030. Basin review.

SWAN area - stormwater basins include Croisan Creek, Pettijohn, Willamette Slough.

In the last major flood - 2012 - Croisan Creek Road had major issues

Q New beavers? A: Yes: we have a new beaver management plan.

Stormwater master plan.

Maps and hazard rate.

Clark Creek ties into Pringle Creek - interim flood hazard maps still to be created

Sign up for community alerts. We have them.

Floodplain management. We are updating our floodplain with LiDAR. We are averaging a 30% discount on flood insurance because of better data. New data may show that homes listed in flood plain may actually be located at higher elevation. Contact your agent to ensure you are covered.

Mountain View Drive: Stormwater project at Mountain View Drive is coming and will include a detention basin to hold and slowly release water after cleaning by natural means. The city will purchase the property.

Questions:

Q: Will we be alerted of a major flooding event? A: Yes: Days... level 1 alert. Snowmelt or pineapple express. 24 hours. Flooding usually occurs October to March in flood prone areas.

Q: LiDAR data - is that in Arcgis. A: Yes, Not online yet.

Q: Basin question: a: Service request: an annual basis. 503-588-6831.

Robin. Thank you.

Land Use: John Lattimer, chair.

Land use: John: Jerry Castelle, the engineer in charge of the Mountain View Project will give us more information in July.

Salem Keizer transit plan. We don't think transit is keeping up.

SPRAB: Salem parks and recreation advisory board?

Skats: Meeting soon.

Q: Observation: are we going to see people giving up their cars? How do I get to Costco? Commuting? Mass transit works, Errands: Cars?

LN: The state required us to choose one of three plans. We are expecting to reduce the number of cars. Buildings: Caters to 'Eds and 'meds.

A: Parking: if we have 10% paid parking, we can change these choices.

Q: State mandates? A: Yes

Parks update: Pat Norman, Chair

Parks: Candalaria reservoir 0.85 acre. Parks planning. Salem parks foundation. Consultant required. We are going to try and get a grant to cover the consultant.

Q: Code amendment changes? A: Possible.

Community updates:

Newsletter: we need stories.

Do we shift the July meeting date? Meeting in Fircrest Park? Yes meeting on July 11.

Location TBD

Anton Cobb: Travel Salem Community Relations Specialist. Lively Station - a possible meeting place if needed. Contact Anton. Willing to help.

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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