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### **Meeting Notes**

April 4th, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Westminster  
Presbyterian Church.  
Hybrid Zoom

### **SWAN April 4th.**

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

*Ted Burney –Chair P*

*Allison Houck -Co-Chair*

*John Lattimer- Land Use Chair-P*

*Pat Norman, Parks Committee Chair*

*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 Lola Hackett, our CERT area leader.*

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

### **March Minutes approval.**

*SWAN Board Quorum*

*Motion Made to approve March 7th SWAN board meeting minutes with a change.*

*Motion seconded.*

*All in Favor,*

*Motion Carried,*

*SWAN March minutes approved.*

*Sgt Andrew MacFerrin., Salem Police Department (SPD)*

*30 x 30 pledge: The department has an objective to be 30% female by the year 2030.*

*Recent violent crime convictions: Sentenced to 540 months.*

*Navigation Center: Mission and 22nd: 24/7 access. Another tool to work with in our homeless toolset*

*Q: Can SPD use the navigation center? A: Yes. We can and will.*

*Q: Do officers transport people to other facilities? A: Yes, all the time*

*Q: Governor Kotek has declared: "I honored my commitment to all Oregonians by declaring a homelessness state of emergency." What is the strategy that we have? What has trickled down to you in SPD? A: No information yet.*

*Q: Auto Theft: What should we do? A: Don't be easy prey. Lock your car. Remove packages and belongings. Mid 90's Hondas are susceptible to theft because of ignition design.*

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

*Hey everyone! Thanks for coming tonight.*

*Mahonia Crossing coming in 2024*

*94 senior apartments, 219 family apartments, Multi-generational by design. Rates are TBA.*

*CASA Benefit : 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.*

*Our Governors bill to address Homelessness: 85.2 million statewide to rehouse people experiencing homelessness. It is an emergency statewide impacting rural communities as well.*

*City News:*

*Child Abuse Prevention Month.*

*Car Parade, April 7 starting in the Oregon State Fairgrounds, showing support to kick off Child Abuse Prevention month*

*Code amendments to eliminate minimum parking requirements, citywide.*

*Statewide parking mandates eliminated for cities. Legislature has ordered cities to implement the new rules.*

*Statewide changes will be implemented in Salem: Details coming.*

*One Size fits none. Free market will mandate the parking that is built.*

*Q: What about ADA? A: The ADA is federal law and that will need to be figured into this change.*

*Oregon City Budget Challenge: Audit: Forthcoming state structural budget problem with property tax funding means financial challenges ahead. Property tax limits from Measure 5 restrict the ability to pay for additional services. We need to either trim costs, or raise revenue.*

**Councilor Nishioka: Ward Two:** *You can't cut any more fat from a skeleton. We are now risking public safety.*

*Options: Payroll tax: Operational fees: Your water bill. City Operations fees.*

*Added fees are expected. Payroll tax may capture out of area workers who commute to Salem and use Salem services. Pre pandemic appx. 60,000 commuted to Salem.*

*Q: How much are we short? A: 23M per year, based on current estimates if we want to continue current level of services and possibly expand services.*

*Q: What about tax incentives? Can we revisit them? A: Most of those are from grant funds.*

*Q: How much do we expect from an employee payroll tax option? A: Payroll taxes for a \$62,000.00 gross might be between 0.0049 and 0.0066 percent. Approximate tax of \$410.00 per year at .0066*

*This will provide safe and secure community funding: Police, fire, homeless related services, SOS team, shelter sites, RV/car removal, possible mobile crisis team: These things all take money.*

*We met chief Womack, and he is interested in working with Marion county on a plan for a mobile crisis unit.*

*Q: Payroll tax: when can we expect this? A: Possibly soon. We are having a work session this week. If everything works, it may be referred to voters in Nov. 2023. If approved we could see this in January of 2025. We do not want minimum wage employees or retirees to pay this. People not working in Salem are exempt.*

*Q: Operations Tax? A: Could be July of 2023.*

*Q: This seems reasonable. Most folks will be okay with this, but we'd want to see results from this. It looks like an investment. It looks to get worse without additional funding. The state looks to have a challenge coming their way soon. A: We are seeing good successes in places.*

*Q: We need to better document the successes? A: Yes.*

*Q: How do we know it's working? A(Nishioka): The data will show it. A(Nordyke): We know shelters work. Church in the Park does a great job and shares a great data source: The Navigation Center starts this with our homeless population. It's expensive. This is a 24/7 operation with medical, mental health, security and other professional services.*

*Q: Chronic Tacos window smashing: A: We believe that it is one person targeting that business.*

*Q: Who addresses questions about public works and public safety issues. A: Marc Bechtel oversees this.*

*Q: Are we asking the state to pay their fair share since they have so much property in Salem? A: It's not even on the legislative docket this year.*

***Basic Emergency Preparation: Lola Hacket, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program overview.***

*Two Aspects: There is a difference between a disaster and an emergency. If you are prepared for a disaster, you are probably prepared for an emergency.*

- 1) Shelter*
- 2) Food*
- 3) Water*
- 4) Heat*
- 5) Pets.*

*Build your Go Bag: Your critical stuff: Medicine, Food, water, tools. Copies of phone contacts/insurance papers, pet supplies, copies of prescriptions*

*Preparing: It's a camping situation: Can you live in your yard for two weeks?*

*Food/Water: Plan to rotate your stock of stored water.*

*Earthquake preparation. We know it's coming. Attach your house to the foundation.*

*Neighbors: Who might need help?*

*Car Gas Tank: I suggest you always have a half a tank.*

*Glass injuries after earthquakes: Keep shoes near your bed.*

*Have a plan. Have an out of state contact.*

*Text will be more reliable than a phone call. Texts search for working towers to send.*

*Prescriptions: Have them on hand. Re-order at 30 days.*

*Two Weeks: We think that in the event of a disaster here in Oregon, it will be two weeks until we get help.*

*Water: One gallon, per person, per day. Extra water for pets.*

*Generator? Fuel for this?*

*Solar?*

*Community:*

*Disasters are hard, mentally.*

*Are you ready? [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)*

*CERT: Always something we can do.*

*Please come see me for a brochure and handouts. Today is a great day to start preparing.*

*Q: How many people do we need to have trained? A: We'd like to get 10% of our population trained.*

*Q: Water Storage? A: A good plan is to have a six month rotation. We water the plants and then refill the containers.*

*Q: Sanitation: A: 4 Gallon bucket with a plastic bag. Bury the waste.*

*Q: Power: A: We expect to lose power for six months.*

*Q: Roads/bridges and Transport: A year, or maybe 18 months.*

***Land Use: John Lattimer, chair.***

*We need to be ready to make the case that our out transit system needs to be prepared before we eliminate the parking requirements. Part of the problem we have is that people are willing to park illegally, if they cannot find a convenient spot.*

*Q: If we don't have reason to think that people will get rid of their cars, why do we think that people will use public transportation? A: They won't.*

*Q: We could do nothing. We could let it blow up and force a change in the law? A: We could.*

*Q: Who is Cherriots, A: The state appoints the board.*

*Q: We should suggest that the council insist upon viable alternatives before implementing parking. A: We could.*

*Q: We are going to have a lot of cars with no place to park. A: Likely.*

*Q: What do we get? A: We need to demand a change.*

*April 10th Council meeting for first reading. Let's draft a statement.*

***Parks update:***

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

*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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