



Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Minutes

September 21, 2023

Meeting held via zoom

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

Minutes were accepted as circulated

Councilor Deanna Gwyn

She went over some of the agenda items for the council meeting on Monday, September 25th including a proclamation for National Community Planning Month and discussion about the SCAN Overlay zones. The SCAN Neighborhood Association wants to keep the overlay zones which limit heights of buildings while the city wants to remove them.

She mentioned some upcoming events including Viva Salem, Saturday, September 23, noon to 6PM at Riverfront Park, Navy Week September 25 -29, Planner Palooza October 2nd and the FloodPlain Management Plan September 28th 4:30- 6:30 at the Salem Library

A neighbor asked about the community mailboxes that are being opened with a key. Councilor Gwyn said she also lives in an area with community mail boxes and has talked to the police about it. She encouraged neighbors to check their mail daily and monitor activity around the boxes. Some neighbors have installed cameras to watch boxes. She has gotten a PO Box, but realizes not everyone can and having one is often inconvenient. Sally Cook said she investigated the situation for a friend and urged anyone who is a victim of mail theft to call the Office of the Postal Inspector General 877 876 2455 www.uspsig.gov

Salem Parks & Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) Alan Alexander (A member of the Board)

He shared a power point which included:

There are 9 members on the board and the city Council Liaison is Councilor Micki Varney. The board meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month and the meetings are open to the public. Meeting information is found on the city website. The city has 2,350 acres of park land with 91 parks. Alan shared the types and number of parks in each category. 61 of them are developed parks. There are 66 miles of trails. Secor and Sunnyslope Parks in our neighborhood association are developed. Natural areas in our neighborhood are on Cunningham Lane and Skyline. He shared how parks are funded each year. The Salem Parks improvement fund has \$60,000 for neighborhood associations to apply for grants for park improvements. He went over some of the grants the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association has received including for the shade structure for the playground equipment at Secor Park which has yet to be installed. He shared the process and timeline for Capital improvement process which are for projects over \$5,000 as well as the process for parks master plans. Secor has phase 1 of the master plan completed. He talked about the Skyline Trail relocation off Sprague High School property and the completion of the connection to Joplin Ct. Planning and design is underway and should be completed by Spring of 2024.

Park volunteers contribute over 55,000 hours per year to our parks.

The Salem Parks foundation is having Pinot for Parks on Friday, September 29th. The money goes to the endowment fund.

Land Use - Henry Neugass

It appears that trees are being removed on the property at Kurth and Cunningham which is 4 lots.

The property at Kurth and Browning is for sale and is turn key. He understands it is under contract.

The property on Kuebler Blvd across from Kaiser Permanente, which is 3 acres, is owned by a health concern in downtown Salem.

There is a flag lot at 5791 Skyline Blvd that is a total of 20 acres and has been divided into 3 parcels.

On the property at 1976 Davis Raad, they are removing 78 of 90 trees and 60 apartments will be built on the property

The city is requiring annexation of the property at 2355 Davis Rd. where there is an existing home.

Alan Alexander heard from Brandy Dalton, land use planner, about the property at 5871 Liberty Road which is about 6 acres and will be developed into a 15 building apartment complex with 150 apartments and 274 parking spaces. All 10 trees will be removed. Since he received this information too late to put on the agenda, Alan invited Brandy to zoom in to our meeting and invited her to attend our October meeting.

It was reported that the property across from the Sunnyslope Shopping Center is being developed by an out of state developer and permits for a Starbucks have been pulled. Neighbors will have to be cautious in that area of Liberty Road.

Old Business:

The cause of the Liberty fire is still under investigation.

Back to School Nights

The table at Schirle Elementary was staffed by Karen Delsman and Henry Neugass. Henry will send out a Welcome email to the list of emails that they collected! Bruce and Linda Miller staffed the table at Liberty Elementary. Linda shared her email with a staff member and promised to share any activities on our social media accounts. At both schools we received a warm response from staff and parents.

Liberty Christian Church has invited the neighborhood association to have a table at their Trunk O Treat on Saturday, October 28th from 5 - 7PM The first hour is for children and young adults with disabilities and their caregivers. Henry will staff the table like he did last year, Alan will try to drop by. The Millers will provide candy (Bruce and Linda will be available to help since the church has plenty of trunks)

Salem Parks Improvement Grants

Alan Alexander will check to see if Gaga Ball pits are on the approved list of amenities for parks. If so it was suggested we apply for grants for Gaga Ball pits for both Sunnyslope and Secor Parks'

Henry reported that a neighbor talked to him about an RV parked on the street for a long time. Alan Alexander said he will invite a Code Compliance officer to our October meeting.

Next meeting: October 19th 7PM which will be our annual meeting with election of board members. The neighborhood association is working with Irma Coleman to be able to meet at Schirle Elementary. (Update: The school district has denied our request to use a room in Schirle Elementary)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Miller
Secretary

Those in Attendance:
Alan & Judith Alexander
Sally Cook
Bruce & Linda Miller
Henry Neugass
Councilor Gwyn
Gary Knighten
Karen Delsman
Jackie L
Jeannee
Barbara Siefken