



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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Meeting Minutes June 8, 2023
SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SGNA met via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Board Members

Present

Jackie Leung Chair
Dave McKenna Vice chair
Jerry Sachtjen Secretary
Mike Hughes Treasurer
John Ledger
Kathleen Lempka
Glenn Baly

Absent

Dyneer Medlock

Community members:

Becky
Lori Pearson
Lori Festa
Mark's iPhone
Jan Seely
Brooke's iPhone
Tina Kessler
Marlin Lempka
Arlene McKenna

Guests

Deanna Gwyn, City Councilor, Ward 4
Officer Sean Bennet, Salem Homeless Service Team
Lt. Debbie Aguilar, Salem Police
Robert Chandler, Assistant Director of Public Works
Robin Dale, City of Salem Public Works Development Services Operations Manager and Floodplain Administrator
Anthony Gamallo, City of Salem Assistant Transportation Planner
Courtney Knight Busch, Neighborhood Associations Communications

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jackie Leung. Attendance taken, quorum declared present. Approved minutes for May meeting.

2. Homeless Services Team Update – Officer Sean Bennett

Terrace Lake is now camper free. Have knocked down all structures built by the homeless there. In the process of getting bids for trash removal at the site. Estimates for the clean-up are in the \$50K to \$100K range.

Called Dave at ODOT for them to assist cleaning the site. They will be out there from June 12th through the 22nd to help with the clean-up. He recommended contacting ODOT if there are any remaining materials, such as shopping carts in the roadway, after the period when ODOT is out there.

Some of the homeless had moved their tents to the undeveloped Battle Creek Park. Officer Bennet said there was one tent there, but they were told to move out today.

The neighborhood thanked Officer Bennet for his help in taking care of this situation.

3. City Councilor Report

Councilor Gwen gave a report. There are many things going on with the City right now including upcoming movies in the park. The budget negotiations are continuing with. A proposed payroll tax and utility fees, so please contact the City if you want to have any in-put on that.

4. Police Report

Lt. Debbie Aguilar gave report. August 1st is the National Night Out and is coming up. Can contact the City if you request a road closure for a party. Can also contact the police to get a local officer to attend and their activities. If they would like an officer they should contact the police by mid-July to make arrangements.

The 4th of July is coming up and she wanted to discuss illegal fireworks. Anything that flies up in the air or explodes, or behaves in a manner that is uncontrollable or unpredictable is considered illegal. This includes bottle rockets, roman candles, aerials, mortars, M-80's, cherry bombs, etc. Police are very busy on this night. Limit calls to police to illegal fireworks with an address and emergencies.

City will have event with fireworks, food and music at the Fairgrounds. Fireworks not occurring at Waterfront Park due to nesting eagles.

5. Flooding In Our Neighborhood/ Street Safety

Anthony Gamallo - agamallo@cityofsalem.net, Robert Chandler - rchandler@cityofsalem.net, Robin Dalke - rdalke@cityofsalem.net

Salem Floodplain and Stormwater Management Plan

There are more than 4,000 acres of floodplain in the City and approximately 3,00 parcels located within the floodplain. As shown on map located at:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/safety/flooding/salem-s-local-floodplain-map>

There is a 5-year update to the Floodplain Management Plan (2023) and the Stormwater Master Plan Update adopted in 2020

- Mill Creek, Pringle Creek and Battle Creek Basins are complete
- Currently studying Upper Claggett, Glen-Gibson and West Bank Basins

The City has inundation maps for all City waterways except for Wall and Jory Creeks.

The City has Stormwater Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) with a \$23M budget for the next five years. The stormwater system has an estimated replacement value of approximately \$950M. The focus of the proposed 5-year CIP are stream bank restoration projects, Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) projects, culvert replacements and flood mitigation projects.

They have a flood warning system and you can sign up for community alerts at:

www.cityofsalem.net/communityalerts

You can check out mid-Willamette valley high water watch at:

<https://hww.onerain.com/>

For stream levels, rainfall data and weather forecasts.

Flood insurance in Salem is in a CRS participation program that provides 30% discount on flood insurance premiums. Contact your local insurance agent for a quote or check the Nation Flood Services estimator option.

Salem's Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan visit web-site:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/transportation-getting-around/traffic-road-conditions/neighborhood-traffic-management-plan>

Pubic will be able participate in selecting traffic management plans once the current plan is adopted. Will be able to request speed bumps and other traffic management devices. Will be able to adjust speed limit, based upon average speeds measured on the roadway within +/- limits.

“20 is plenty” is being instituted around City for local streets.

6. New Business

Courtney Knox Busch at: cbusch@cityofsalem.net is working for Irma Coleman on neighborhood communication efforts to better engage with the community. Can help with events, ideas, advice and

recommendations. Example would be neighborhood photoshoot in local park with board member(s), or a group photoshoot. Pics can be taken between 7am and 4pm.
Treasurer's report:

Had \$1,160.70 in 2022; currently have \$1350.70.

7. Adjournment.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 13h at 6:45 PM.