

**Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes**  
**October 19, 2023**  
**Meeting held at Liberty Christian Church**

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by co chair Sally Cook.

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Councilor Nordyke

Shared a powerpoint that included:

Information about the Town Hall with South Salem Councilors Tuesday November 7th 5:30 - 6:45 Westminster Presbyterian Church Seating is limited Register using the following link <https://forms.gle/FrtwfYVs89WkVWtF9>

She went over some activities that have happened in the past month including the beginning of commercial air service at the Salem Airport and the volunteer recognition ceremony held at the Salem Public Library,

She talked about the city council work session that will happen on Monday Oct 25 where discussion will center around cuts to the city budget if the payroll tax is not approved on November 7th She will recommend removing vacant positions that have been open for a while, suggesting that those departments have figured out how to operate in spite of an open position The police department has 23 vacancies. She reported that nationwide law enforcement is having trouble recruiting. No decisions will be made at this meeting.

She reported on the issues with the use of fentanyl, meth and other controlled substances being used in public She will propose that if the state amends measure 110 then the city amends its city code to prohibit the use of alcohol, liquor, and controlled substances in public. There are instances where permits are granted for the sale of and consumption of alcohol at public events.

She reviewed the Mo Stodeli case where the city tried to deny workmen's comp benefits to his wife. He was a long time Salem Firefighter who died of cancer. 300 firefighters attended the council meeting. The council reversed the decision and will pay workman's comp benefits to his widow.

She went over the asks the city council has for the state legislature.

There was discussion regarding the light on Liberty at Davis. The neighborhood association asked for transparency The May 15, 2018 minutes report that the city had received \$180,000 in systems development funds for the light. In the minutes of 11/18/2021 it was reported that the the neighborhood association understood that

enough systems development funds have been collected to install the light. The neighborhood association wants to know where that money is located.

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**Subject:** RE: Traffic signal

Good Afternoon Councilors,

I have additional information although it isn't great news. Construction of the Liberty/Davis traffic signal is a condition of a multi-layered development project known as Harrison Heights. The developer is required to construct the signal or provide a performance security when they record their subdivision plat. Most provide the performance security which means they have up to 36 months to construct the improvement (18- months per an improvement agreement plus up to an additional 18 months for an extension per Salem Revised Code). Factoring in this timeline plus the platting process results in a timeline that could be up to 3.5 years before the signal is constructed by the developer. That is still ahead of the City Bond schedule for Davis Road which currently has construction occurring in 2032.

Please let us know if you have additional questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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The Neighborhood Association will continue to seek transparency regarding this issue

Officer Edmiston sent a text reminding people that Halloween is the number one day for traffic accidents. He urged neighbors to be careful and make sure those out Trick or Treating are visible!

Old Business:

Street Mural Project - Alan Alexander

Travel Salem has approved two sites for the Street Mural project - Oakman and Warren and at the entrance to Sunnyslope Park at the roundabout at 18th Place S and Matthews Loop S (There are only 2 neighbors at this site with 1 driveway on that site) Linda Miller moved with Alan Alexander seconding a motion approving the 18th Place S and Matthews Loop S site as our first choice with Oakman and Warren as backup. Motion carried.

Salem Parks Improvement Grants - Alan Alexander

The parks department is looking at adding pickleball court lines to the multi use sports court at Sunnyslope Park

He spoke to the head of the parks department and found out that a temporary Gaga Ball pit could be put in during the Spring and Summer and removed during the Fall and Winter. He said Secor Park had the room for it, but was not sure if Sunnyslope Park had enough flat ground for it. Alan Alexander moved and Sally Cook seconded a motion to apply for a SPIF grant for a Gaga Ball pit for Secor Park and if possible one at Sunnyslope Park Motion carried. Alan will send a letter of intent for our request

Sunnyslope Community Garden - Sally Cook

She reported that the garden is under the parks department and is leased to Marion/Polk Food Share The tall grass and weeds have been cut down, Some gardeners wanted some of the trees cut down, but they were reminded of some of the agreements when the garden was established and there can be penalties for cutting down certain trees.

Alan reported that Brandy Dalton, a land use planner, was supposed to attend our meeting this evening, but was ill. She will attend our November meeting to share about a development she is involved in at 5871 Liberty Road..

A neighbor mentioned the vegetation growth along the east edge of Sunnyslope Park. Alan will contact Jennifer Keller, parks department supervisor about the issue.

Land Use Henry Neugass

He mentioned that he is learning about forced annexation into the city when a neighbor along Davis Road contacted him about the issue. The neighbor has mixed feelings about their property being annexed into the city

Alan reported that Code Compliance will attend our November meeting. We will also set goals for next year

Gary Knighten, Henry Neugass and Linda Miller will staff the neighborhood association table at Liberty Christian Church Trunk O Treat Saturday October 28th 5PM - 7PM  
Linda has purchased candy to hand out. Henry has secured "Whom To Call" sheets from the city to hand out along with other information from the city.(about 400 people attended the event. Linda handed out candy while Gary & Henry engaged with neighbors)

Pastor Stephen Andersen gave the neighborhood association permission to meet on November 16th 7PM in the Gathering Space at Liberty Christian Church

Our December meeting will be canceled.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Miller  
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance:  
Alan & Judith Alexander  
Bruce & Linda Miller  
Sally Cook  
Karen Delsman  
Henry Neugass  
Gary Knighted  
Councilor Vanessa Nordyke  
Councilor Deanna Gwyn  
Pastor Stephen Andersen  
Barbara Siefken

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