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Meeting Notes
October 3rd, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Westminster
Presbyterian Church.
Hybrid Zoom

SWAN October 3rd. Meeting Notes.

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

Ted Burney –Chair P

Allison Houck -Co-Chair P

John Lattimer- Land Use Chair

Pat Norman, Parks Committee Chair

Carol Grimwood -Board Member, Watershed & Land Use Team

Becky Miner-Board Member, Past Chair

Ken Freeman-Secretary/Treasurer P

William Dixon-Board member

Debbie Miller- Board member P

Announcements: Ted Burney, SWAN Chair

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church on Liberty Street South

Please Welcome Mayor Chris Hoy, Councilors Nordyke and Nishioka,

Thank you to Chris French from Cherrlots for last months public transportation plan and route planning overview.

Minutes:

SWAN Board did not have a Quorum,

Police Report, Salem Police Department.

Sgt. Steve Galvin, SPD

Halloween dress Rehearsals At Salem Police Department. Ton of Candy, Bring the whole team., October 28th, 3-5 PM

Community Action Unit: Homeless and Bicycle team, Working on livability issues, community engagement. It's five officers and a Sergeant.

Q: Squatters on Croison Creek Rd. at 3620.

A: Vehicles Moved. Waiting on trailers and things in need of repair.

Q: Saginaw, Behind the car Dealership, Squatters in McGilchrist, Minto Brown LLC

A: Private Property.

A: Councilor Nordyke: This was reported to SPD code officers. Code Compliance is on it.

A: Code and parks working together.

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

City Updates:

25th Anniversary of Salem Saturday Market.

CASA Plug: 501c3: We have 208 children in foster care. We are having a luncheon on December 7th to offer up the year in Review. Join us.

Welcome SWAN!

Planes! Commercial air service in Salem resumes on October 5th. Avello Air CEO expected in Salem,

Trees: We are planting them. Lots of them.

A Firefighter passed. There was a change in the City Council's appeal of death benefits.

Our city works with the state and Federal Government. US CIS office in Salem? We are pushing for a local office, here in the state capital.

Mid Willamette Valley Community Action Agency. Over 60 million dollars and 500 employees.

Vannesa: I am running for re-election!

City Council Update - Linda Nishioka, City Councilor, Ward Two

Overlay Zones: Preserved overlay zone 1 and 2, up to 45 feet in height. Zones 3 and 5, eliminated. Zone 4 remains at 35 feet.

Joe Hutchinson. What to pack in your go bag. Building a bug out bag. Working with Paul Howard to bring that here. The CERT Program is on the Salem City Website.

The Great Oregon Shakeout: October 19th at 10:19.

New University of Oregon program kicks off on October 11th in Peace Plaza.

Save Salem Signs. Come get one, if you want to show your support.

Q: Why did the city remove the city information regarding the upcoming ballot measure?

Q: Where are the budget tools? Why did that have to go?

A: Once it is going to the voters, it becomes a political issue, so the city drops it. The City cannot promote a political issue. This information was removed from the City website.

Q: Eugene Vs. Salem. Why is it so different?

A: We can't tax the state for city services. The state has lots of untaxed property here in Salem.

Q: Gas Tax?

A: We can't. We have to use it for roads.

Transition to Mayor Chris Hoy.

Hello! I come to you as a former law enforcement officer and a Salem city councilor in Ward six.

I have been your Mayor since 2022. First, filling out the prior term, and then as an elected representative.

We recently opened a new Public Service building, which is also the site of Portland General Electric Companies first micro grid.

Q: Fire Safety?

A: We deployed a team around the city to help define defensible space.

A: And new fire trucks from the bond measure you approved.

Q: Fire safety and notifications.

A:” How do we notify our citizens...

October 4th drill: Notifications.

Q: What do we do with unincorporated land? Is our fire district on the hook for these?

A: Yes, and no. It makes sense to add these properties to the city rolls, that’s why we are slowly doing it. Marion County Fire helps Salem with unincorporated areas.

Q: Happy with the New Library hours? Why is the library considering changing hours?

A: Money. Bond funds pay for things. City services and staff cannot be paid by bond funds.

A: Our property tax system is broken. It's what we really have to fix, It's a constitutional problem

Q: Why are the lights left on in the library 24/7:

A: We don't know for sure. Possibly less costly to keep on rather than power up again.

Q: Was there a layout of money for the airport

A: Yes for purchase of the Hertz parking area. We expect to recover these costs with parking fees and begin making money after a few years.

Q: Tax Base

Q: Rent increase: No more than 10%.

A: We may waive many of the city fees for affordable housing.

Q: Madrona Sidewalks?

A: We are doing a lot of work to increase safety via safer crossings.

Madrona had a wider bit of asphalt put along the shoulder for better walking

Thanks for coming.

Land use:

Land use questions?

Trees? What’s going on?

West Salem: Three 500 year old trees slated for removal in new development.

Council will hear appeal.

We recently asked for a Speed study of River Road on 4 weeks notice.

Q: Parking lots? A: Mitigate their impact

Ron: New parking lots. New rules, bigger than 1/2 acre.
If you are building a new lot, you need to provide 30% tree canopy.

Parks.

New options.

Candalaria. We are looking for input on grants. New info kiosk for Nelson park. Let's put it in the SPIF grant app.

Ron:

City club. We provide a forum for debate and conversations. The objective is to create an informed community. We are after neighborhood associations and would like to invite members to attend. We are offering NA's a reduced rate at \$65.00 per year.

Next up is climate change at City Club.

How do we budget this?

1. Find it.
2. Collect.
3. Sponsorship.

We will ask for a list of candidates from SWAN who might want to attend City Club.

We will not have existing members join as SWAN reps to City Club. Need two members - two alternates who can attend.

Let's propose, we look at this next month. Let's vote.

Parking update.

Any other news?

Vote by email coming to propose use of communication funding of pizza/snack/beverage purchase for NOV. 7 joint South SalemTown Hall/ SWAN meeting

Lights in Nelson Park are all out. Call the city.

We are adjourned.

(Note: Board members voted by e-mail Oct. 4,5 and 6. Unanimous vote to approve use of communication funds to \$50.00 for snacks/food beverages for Nov. 7 meeting)

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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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