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Meeting Notes
September 5th, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Westminster
Presbyterian Church.
Hybrid Zoom

SWAN Sept 5th. 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 P

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

Debbie Miller- Board member P

Announcements: Ted Burney, SWAN Chair

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church on Liberty Street South

June 6th, July 11th. 2023 minutes approval.

SWAN Board Quorum

Motion Made to approve June and July minutes

Motion seconded.

All in Favor,

Motion Carried.

SWAN June and July minutes approved.

**Police Report, Salem Police Department.
Sgt. McFerron, SPD**

Brief recap on the highlights from the SWAN meeting regarding human trafficking.

It was a great show of information from Sgt. Andrew McFerron, Detectives Brian Bidimen, Oscar Zambrano (sp?) and Claire from Safety Compass at the Sept. SWAN meeting.

We had several new people attend specifically to receive an update on human trafficking in Salem.

The presenters dispelled a lot of myths. They gave us some data driven facts including the fact that most of those involved in trading money for sex are age 14 to 30. According to "Claire" many of the victims do not view themselves as victims. In the last five years in Marion County 182 minors and 163 adults were involved in sex trafficking that resulted in them being in contact with law enforcement or social services.

According to the detectives, children do not seem to be trafficked in Oregon. Most child sex trafficking involves photos posted to the internet.

Perpetrators are often family members.

Organized crime and national or West coast motorcycle gangs seem to be behind the trafficking of most individuals caught by law enforcement.

In Salem, the police are focusing on the providers, pimps and customers involved in sex trafficking. Victims of sex trafficking are immediately offered assistance if caught in a sting.

Many of us at the meeting were not aware of Safety Compass, an organization that extends hope and navigational support for survivors of sexual exploitation in our area.

Their phone number is 971-235-0021 for 24 hour support. Their website is safetycompass.org. They seem to be strong advocates for victims.

Learning about resources for survivors for those wishing to escape sex trafficking seemed to be the most enlightening for many. The presentation opened up a lot of eyes.

We appreciate Councilor Nishioka and Chief Womack following up on this topic for us.

It was very beneficial to learn what Salem is doing to combat sex trafficking while assisting those wanting to leave the trap imposed by those forcing them into sex trafficking.

We had a very good Q and A and the officers offered to provide follow up to any additional questions.

Support and options:

Victims don't identify as coercion.

It's a hard sell...it's a lot more complicated than what you see in the movies. We try to meet them where they're at. We are not mandatory reporter.

Q: Age ranges! A: 14-30.

Q: So not really young children? A: data: 363: 164 adults, 182 minors: Family members, employers, etc.

Most of this happens on-line. Salem does not have a business district per se'. a track or blade...Traffickers prey on the most vulnerable: a lot of crossover

Q: How? A: mostly online: activity near hotels, freeways, etc.

Q; What can we do? A; Be aware. Check in with your community. A: educate yourself on the lingo and vocabulary they use.

Q: Any connection to the pride movement? A: No correlation. A: No changes in pattern.

A: Organized crime drives this: it's an estimated 365 billion dollar business.

Q: If we run across an unhoused teen? A: it's usually a runaway. It depends on the situation. Parents, DHS, etc.

Q: What do we do? A: Home youth services. Taylors house. Many many resources.

Q: Is this Safety compass number a place to start: a: Yes. It's important to know that we can't force a runaway to get services unless they are from out of state and listed as missing.

Q: Young children? A: it's usually pics of children.

Q: Do we have a safe place to house them. A: we have resources.

Q: Anything we can do? A: We always need volunteers.

SPD notes: school is in session. Please be careful. Drive slowly around school. It will be getting light later and dark sooner.

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

Hey everyone! Happy Fall!

Thank you to our human trafficking task force.

Foster care system works to keep kids from the human trafficking pipeline.

CASA: Sept 15: It's a buck for kids day. Buy your drinks at Dutch Bros.

City snapshot.

Salem Heights multi-use path. Meandering pathway is a traffic calming solution.

Street mural projects. Do we have one in mind!

Interested in a Town Hall? Can we revisit this? We need a space.

Top ten questions? Increasing engagement.

Q: If we threw this out? A: Bike and walking safety.

Q: Development and infill: A: Yes. we need to do more of it.

Q: Update on the bond? A: Priorities are being established.

Q: Fire prevention: A: Fire resilience. Neighborhood emergency response teams.

Example of a go bag.

Madrona update. Getting a widening/paving of Madrona on the South side shoulder to help provide pedestrian path to and from Nelson park

Community action Gala: MWVCAA. Live jazz band?

Follow me on Facebook.

Thank you!

Q: We have a problem home on Croisan Creek. Deceased owner. Squatters. Say they have permission. Trespass warrant.

A: Happy to help. Let's chat.

A: Officer Romano is always a good resource.

Please Welcome Chris French, Cherriots Route Planning

Hello! Chris French. Cherriots. Service Planning Manager. We look after the routes. We do Short term planning...which is ongoing. We do maintenance updates about every 6 months.

We also look after the 20 year plan. Long term direction.

Comprehensive operational analysis. Can we change things? What are community priorities. Cherriots.org. Reports and publications.

Q: Wifi on busses? A: Yes?

Q. Safety and security? A. More officers hired for downtown and a mobile security officer for riding on board

Moving to a QR code driven information delivery system.

This improves the data reliability issue.

Q: Transit stops. South River Road. A: It's a challenge. We have no good place to turn a bus around. Parking?

Q: How do we get this done? A: it's not just the city, but the state and federal policies that influence things.

Micro transit: smaller buses? We have four small bus options. Short life: 15 passenger buses. They are more expensive to run. We have Cherry lift. (Match hours. Seniors and disabilities) Shop and ride and Cherriots regionals.

Q: You mentioned options. What could we do? A: Pilot projects. micro-transit plans are evolving.

Q: Average ridership? It varies. 20-30 rph (riders per hour)

Q: Neighborhood service: last mile? Still a challenge?

Q: What's it take? A: Planning. We need stops planned into transit.

Transit is tough to walk to with hills.

Q: How do you sign on to wifi? A: wifi networks. Guest network. No password. Its a Public system

Q: Parking problems drive this. A: Coming soon.

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.

Parks.

Debbie: Concrete footings and pouring in Bailey ridge for the new bench and kiosk.

Candelaria park is a go...we are moving forward. Nature play is the focus.

It's a process. We can't ask for a grant.

Kiosk for Nelson Park? Let's think about it for our SPIF grant application.

Community Input

Debbie Miller: SWAN electronic newsletter. Both input and output.

Formal no parking request on Crestview Drive S. -2500 block- made by neighbors - provided letter of explanation and signatures of residents making the request for the no parking signs.

The issue is getting first responders down the road. No Parking request. It's a 19 foot wide road with no curb on one side and parked cars/trucks can block access for emergency vehicles. 100 apartment units and 38 condominiums at North end of street.

Q: Have we asked the neighbors? A: We have seven out of eight homes agreeing.

A proactive move to prevent this from becoming a safety issue. Vehicle travel can become deadlocked with cars/trucks parked the full length of the street.

Q: Have we asked the city? A: A road with no curbs should not have parking

SWAN Board Quorum

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*Can we ask for a motion in favor of requesting this installation of no parking signs?
A Motion is made to request a no parking area on the east side of Crestview (2500
block)*

Seconded? We have a second

All in favor. Unanimous.

All against. Nil.

Motion is Carried.

Sept. 5, 2023 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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