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Meeting Notes
November 7th, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Westminster
Presbyterian Church.
Hybrid Zoom

SWAN November 7th. Meeting Notes.

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

Ted Burney –Chair P

Allison Houck -Co-Chair

John Lattimer- Land Use Chair P

Pat Norman, Parks Committee Chair P

Carol Grimwood -Board Member, Watershed & Land Use Team P

Becky Miner-Board Member, Past Chair

Ken Freeman-Secretary/Treasurer P

William Dixon-Board member

Debbie Miller- Board member

Announcements: Ted Burney, SWAN Chair

Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church on Liberty Street South

Minutes: *September and October minutes approval.*

SWAN Board Quorum

Motion Made to approve September and October minutes

Motion seconded.

All in Favor

Motion Carried.

SWAN September and October minutes approved.

Police Report, Salem Police Department.

Sgt. McFerron, SPD

Greetings. It's Holiday time. Think about any packages you are having delivered and how you might arrange to have those picked up before anything happens. Minimize the risk by avoiding the opportunity. Holiday season is also mail theft season. We are working with the postmaster who is now re-keying the locks.

Our Behavioral Health Unit. Working with the county. 8 am until midnight.

Q: Woodburn incident? It seems to work.

A: It works.

Q: New behavioral health center? Are we planning to work with them?

A: We are already working with them.

Q: Access to these model crisis incidents

A: Yes. 911 or non emergency numbers

Q: Is it helpful for us to identify these incidents?

A: Yes, but it might not go that way depending upon the incident and work load at the time.

Q: Croisan Creek home with squatters?

A: Right on Madrona?

A: Sort of. Adjacent to History Court cul de sac, about a block from Madronna, across the street from Nelson Park.

Q: The homeowner passed away?

A: I will dig in and get an update. Might be a code enforcement issue. We need a Trespass letter of consent.

Q: Noise ordinance?

A: Maybe. Difficult to document unless you have an officer right there.

Q: License plate theft?

A: It's been a thing for a while.

Q: How can we deal with this?

A: Loctite? Security screws?

Q: Anything else we should be aware of?

A: Nothing out of the ordinary.

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

City Updates given at the South Salem Town Hall, earlier in the evening

SWAN: Election time.

*Ted: We nominate: Karen Freeman to be the Parks co-chair with Pat.
Nomination seconded.
Unanimously elected.*

*We try to have a lead on important issues:
John on Land Use, Pat and Karen on Parks.*

Passing of a Friend:

Ron Eachus. Salem City Club president. January 6th. Celebration of life at the Salem Convention Center.

Regarding the City Club, Ron was proud to be a part of it and the civil discourse for common good on a variety of topics it offers. Ron spoke to us prior to his passing about the opportunity for Neighborhood Associations to join at a discounted rate. Ruben Garibay has offered to sponsor SWAN to the city club. The meetings are at Willamette Heritage Center (Mission Mill) Dye House on alternate Fridays at 11:30-1pm. Can include lunch. City Club is a great forum for ideas and true discussions about what's happening in our community. Next meeting is December 1 for a special social hour instead of a regular program. Great opportunity to offer suggestions on topics/speakers for future programs.

Q: Can we nominate Ruben for this?

A: Yes.

Q: Can you bring us back news from city club?

A: Yes.

John as second attendee? Yes.

Members can bring a guest.

John and Ruben will attend on behalf of SWAN.

Ron was an activist. He did some great things.

Land use:

John Latimer

- 1) Parcel on Madrona. Hair Salon. The flag lot adjacent. Proposal to develop this is in the works. It's a flag lot, but really three lots.*
- 2) No parking signs on Crestview: We checked all the boxes and have heard nothing back. The neighbors are requesting a no parking zone here.*
- 3) The City of Salem now has a new traffic management plan.*
- 4) 20 is plenty. The idea is to get people to slow down.*

SPD's suggestion that we not try to change the speed, but rather drive the posted speed (25) in most areas.

Parks:

Pat Norman

We are in the middle of Parks requests. We are after a message kiosk in every park. Candalaria Reservoir Park. We are working with Ray Johnson with city planning who is new to the planning department. A consultant has been hired. We expect to see designs. It's a nature play park. No swings etc. We are moving along.

Q: When are we paving the dog park parking lot?

A: I'll ask.

Community Updates:

Coming up soon: Just walk on November 30th. 50 people. Google forms.

Zoom is back. We are working on a Hybrid meeting plan for December.

Let's vote for Ted Burney for Chairman: Unanimous.

Ted: nominate all existing board members to remain in office.

Ken Freeman - Secretary / Treasurer

John Lattimer - Land Use

Pat Norman and Karen Freeman - Parks Co-chairs

Alison Houck - Vice-Chair

Becky Miner - Board Member at Large, Past Chair

Carol Grimwood - Watershed and Land Use Team

Bill Dixon - Board Member at Large

Debbie Miller - Communications

Motion approved. Voted unanimous.

Newsletter? Debbie needs content! Property updates too.

Let's Plant trees! In Nelson Park? East side of the tennis court. Look for the big dead tree?

MLK Day? Day of service. Amy would help.

January 15 or Feb 2 depending on when trees are available.

January 15 preferred.

January is Plan A.

Feb is the back up.

Adjourned.

We are 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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