

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association
Minutes
November 16, 2023
Meeting held at Liberty Christian Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Co chair Alan Alexander

Neighbors introduced themselves.

There will be no December meeting. We will have an in person meeting on January 18, 2024 at Liberty Christian Church.

Police Officer Edmiston via a report he sent to to co chair Sally Cook

His report included information about the Marion County behavioral health units. With thefts from mail boxes, he urged neighbors to sign up for USPS informed delivery. If you are going to warm up your car, do it while you are in it. Unattended cars being warmed up are at risk of being stolen. Do not leave items in your car and always park in well lit areas.

Councilor Vanessa Nordyke

She shared a powerpoint It included that the payroll tax was rejected by 82% of the voters. Council will have work sessions to determine cuts. She supports cutting vacancies from the budget since departments are getting along without those employees. Just cutting vacancies will not solve the city budget deficit. She opposes shutting down the library. A neighbor suggested closing the West Salem Library. She will check on how much is budgeted for the West Salem Library Councilors welcome neighbors suggestions for cutting the budget Concerns were expressed about potential cuts to parks with growth of brush as well as any cuts to graffiti abatement

She went over the criteria for selecting sidewalk and crosswalk projects.

The airport will have a charging station for trucks and PGE is installing charging stations in their right of ways.

The city has annexed 48 acres. The county has no tree preservation code while the city does.

The council approved a garbage rate increase. They asked for a fee waiver for anyone who chooses to go to a smaller garbage can. She mentioned neighbors can arrange to have garbage picked up every other week and on demand There needs to be more information for customers about options She also went over what can go in the yard debris can.

Councilor Gwyn went over all the activities happening in Salem including a Turkey Trot, Magic of the Lights at the fairgrounds, downtown parade and tree lighting and the Jingle Run

Traffic Engineer Program Manager - Gary Myzak

Light on Liberty at Davis Road

The plans for the traffic light are almost finished by Engineering consultant Kittelson & Associates, Inc. and will be completed with city oversight Construction is planned for 2025 and the city will purchase components upfront. There are some components that are challenging to get. It takes 60 weeks to get a traffic light pole once it is ordered. The cost for the signal is \$500,000 whether installed by the city or a private contractor. The light is fully funded with systems development funds and infrastructure bond money. There is also money in the infrastructure bond for work on Davis Road. The light must come before the city council. Councilors Nordyke and Gwyn will request it come before council as quickly in 2024 as possible. Neighbors asked if there was the option for a temporary light or other safety measures including a crosswalk for students and neighbors to access Crossler Middle School and Secor Park. No options were given..The city will come back to the neighborhood association in January or February with an update,

Code Enforcement - Deb Romano

She has been working in this area for 7 years. So far the Code Compliance department of the city is doing well. There are not many derelict buildings in the south area or calls about tall grass or abandoned cars in our area. She reported that those staying in cars and RV's in Safe Park sites must leave daily. People living in their cars and in RV's are moving out this direction. Many of the cars and RV's people live in do not run and are not registered. It costs the city to remove them. Code Compliance officers work to get people a place to stay. Call Code Compliance if you notice someone living in their car. They will come out, but the vehicle will not be removed that day. It eventually will be. The homeless are starting to camp in parks at the south end of town. If you see someone camping in our parks or just starting to set up a tent, call the parks department (503 588 6336) and code compliance (503 588 6421)

Councilor Gwyn mentioned how she appreciates all that the code compliance department does for the city.

Land Use -

Brandie Dalton, MultiTech Engineering, shared information about the development and future development of the property at 5871 Liberty Road South. The developer has already contributed systems development funds for the light on Liberty at Davis and the light on Liberty at Mildred. The development she shared is for 150 apartments with plans for those not yet submitted to the city which maybe a couple of years before they are built. The plan is for 250 parking spaces with 40% of them wired for electric vehicle charging stations. These are not low income apartments. The first phase is for 3 to 4 attached townhomes on individual lots facing Liberty Rd. These could be owned or rented. She reported that the city does not like speed bumps. She is willing to come back and share more about the developments

Kurth & Browning property

Henry Neugass reported that the property was sold to a Portland developer who leveled the property and installed infrastructure for townhomes and cottage

clusters . It is currently for sale for over 2 million dollars. Henry will keep investigating the property

Henry also reported that the application for the development of the property on Kurth at Cunningham is not yet complete.

Sally Cook reported that the city released the Gun Violence Report in the Salem Reporter. Homicides and youth violence are up There is no gang violence task force. Gangs used the time during the pandemic to recruit.

Salem Parks Improvement Grant - Alan Alexander

He was not given a cost to paint pickleball lines on the sports court at Sunnyslope Park. It maybe something the neighborhood association can do We have asked for seasonal gaga ball pits at Sunnyslope and Secor Parks. There is enough flat land at Secor, but the parks department is not sure about Sunnyslope Park. We will know by our meeting in January about the grants.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully Submitted

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Those in Attendance:

Sally Cook

Alan Alexander

Bruce & Linda Miller

Henry Neugass

Gary Knighted

Karen Delsman

Councilor Nordyke

Councilor Gwyn

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