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**Meeting Notes**  
January 3rd, 2023, 6:30pm

Location: Westminster  
Presbyterian Church.  
Hybrid Zoom

### **Swan January 3.**

**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 P (via Remote by Zoom)*

*Debbie Miller- Board member elect P*

#### **Announcements: Ted Burney, SWAN Chair**

*Welcome to Westminster Presbyterian Church on Liberty Street South*

*We welcome the team from Salem Keizer Public Schools and Abbey MacDonald from the Salem Reporter*

#### **Police Report, Salem Police Department.**

**Sgt. Demmer, SPD**

*On December 12th, The Chief updated the council.*

*HS Team. Homeless Services Team. Two officers. Started in 2022. This is built on the idea that they can be resource managers. This is a 40 hour a week team. They are working with the SOS (Salem Outreach and Livability Services Team) This is not enforcement driven. We are presenting a presence and asking: Who are You? How can we Help? We are working with SOS to reach out. These last six months, we have been assisting with vehicle repairs and providing clean up facilities. We have a number of residents who are using cars as homes. In a typical month, they visit about 180 camps and make 260 contacts. On average, sixty contacts were referred for additional resources.*

*Q: Where does the Organization Come From? How do we triage these situations? A: Great questions.*

*Q: Minto Brown attack. A: Calls came in. This evolved into a rescue mission of the suspected attacker. We had an attempted kidnapping and assault. The intended victim did everything right. An arrest was made.*

*Q: Lancaster road rage: A: Broken glass, arrests were made. Charges are pending.*

*Q: Verizon Store? A: Angie Hendrick is the Salem Police Department Public Information Officer.*

*Q: Breakfast with the chief? A: We are looking at dates in February. Follow up on social media (Facebook.)*

***December Minutes approval.***

*SWAN Board Quorum*

*Motion Made to approve December minutes*

*Motion seconded.*

*All in Favor,*

*Motion Carried.*

*SWAN December minutes approved.*

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

*Hey everyone! Thanks for coming tonight. I got a new job! I have left the department of Justice and am now the new Executive Director of the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children) of Marion County. I will still be serving you on the Salem City Council.*

*Salem is prospering at the moment. It's a good time to be a land and property owner. We are concerned that we are leaving renters behind. We did a lot to increase affordable housing. We have a huge shortage. This tracks everywhere, across the nation. Salem is one of twenty five cities in Oregon being "Severely Rent Burdened." That means that 25% of of our community is spending over 50% of their income on rent.*

*We have 400 units of new affordable housing coming on line. We have a new bond measure with a 10 million dollar carve out for developers to invest in affordable housing. We have funded another staff position to help in the housing area. We are working with developers on the old Whitlock building.*

*Addressing Homelessness. Service resistant folks. These are the hardest people to reach. Arches is driving this. We have a managed shelter site and another on Turner Road.*

*We have grant funds available for developers to work with to help bring more affordable housing on line.*

*Infrastructure access is part of the bond measure. Tree planting.*

*Q: JC Pennys? Code Compliance? A: it comes down to who owns this. I will look into it.*

*Q:Costco? A: Privately owned.*

*Q: Tesla? A: Yes.*

*Q: What do we do about broken windows? A: Downtown enforcement team. Owners repair.*

*Q: We are not fully staffed: A: We at council have budgeted for staff increases. But, we do not hire them. That is for the Salem Police Department.*

*Ted: Please welcome the team from the Salem Keizer School District.*

*Presentation regarding the recent bond at the Salem Heights Elementary School. Documents regarding new traffic flow, parking, access and improvements made to the exterior.*

*Q: What is the project status? A: 50%.*

*Q: Salem Heights bus routes? A: not sure yet. The transportation team is working on this.*

*Q: Are you complete? A: Exterior work is complete. Most of the remaining work is inside.*

*Q: Gate Management? A: Gate Management? SKPS opens this in the morning. The church staff closes this in the afternoon 4-4:30.*

*Q: Is the street exit only? A: Yes. We are mindful of the impact.*

*Q: Salem Church needed the parking.*

*Thank you for the support in the bond money to make these improvements.*

***Program: Abbey MacDonald from the Salem Reporter.***

*University of Oregon, class of 2021. Worked as a journalist in six different Oregon Counties. Most recently as the business reporter at the Astorian. Abbey looks after the community beat.*

*The Salem Reporter: We are a digital only publication. We are funded by subscribers and donations. Founded in 2018.*

*We get our stories from a variety of sources:*

*Routine check on agendas and databases.*

*Notifications from public agencies*

*Topics that come up while reporting other stories.*

*Tips from neighborhood members*

*Checking larger trends and patterns*

*Work day at Salem Reporter:*

*1 or two stories per person, per day.*

*Typically reported, written and posted the same day, or right after.*

*Timely, but not forced, if things need more work*

*Web and social media*

*How to submit your idea? [info@salemreporter.com](mailto:info@salemreporter.com)*

*Q: Where do you get your content? A: A variety of sources as noted.*

*Q: I miss the news! A: We focus on things that require follow up*

*Q: How do I subscribe? Is anything related to public safety accessible? A: Yes. We offer a monthly subscription.*

*Q: Community Calender? A community calendar of events? R: Yes A: we had one. It crashed. A lot. We are working on it and may bring it back.*

*Q: High school Sports? A: Yes, We love it,*

***Parks update: Pat Norman***

*We are proposing a bench and kiosk for Bailey Ridge. Next steps are to take this to the parks department and then look for funding.*

*Just Walk. We are looking for walk leaders.*

*April is Arbor Month. Richmond school? April 19th. Earth Day April 23 Fircrest?*

***Committee Updates:***

*Proposal: We are looking to change a speed limit in our district.*

*We would like a reduction of the speed limit in River Road to 35 MPH. Signs. Currently 55 and 45 MPH. Short 35 MPH section, Mixed speeds currently. School Bus turning. Bike Lane on one side. Curves/sight distance issues*

*The city is developing guidelines and these are forthcoming. This idea is to provide a way to get this done.*

*Could we put forth a motion to ask for a reduction in the speed limit on River Road?*

*SWAN Board Quorum*

*Motion Made to ask the city to reduce the speed limit on River Road to 35 MPH through Bailey Ridge Illahe Hgts Drive S to Illahe River Way S. or possibly to Minto*

*Motion seconded.*

*All in Favor,*

*Motion Carried.*

*SWAN agrees to suggest the city reduce the speed limit on River Road to 35 MPH.*

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*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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