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Meeting notes
July 11th, 2023. 6:30 PM

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

Ted Burney –Chair P

Allison Houck -Co-Chair P

John Lattimer- Land Use Chair P

Pat Norman, Parks Committee Chair P

Carol Grimwood -Board Member, Land Use

Becky Miner-Board Member, Past Chair P

Debbie Miller, Board Member, Communication P

William Dixon, Board Member.

Ken Freeman-Secretary/Treasurer P

Announcements:

Welcome to all and a big shout out to Councilors Nordyke and Nishioka for giving us in depth information on the General Budget Shortfall and proposed solution at our June meeting

- *Chris French Cherriots Transit Planner has re-scheduled for our September 5 meeting.*
- *Our August 1 meeting will be a no business conducted meeting in conjunction with Neighborhood Night Out.*
- *We will meet at Nelson Park from 6:00 until about 8:00.*
- *SWAN will provide snacks, beverages and light food items.*
- *Bring a chair and a yard game if you have one.*
- *We are looking for a corn hole set!*

SWAN Meeting Summary: June 7th 2022

- *A Salem Police Department police car should be there for all to check out.*
- *The goal of the August meeting is to get neighbors to meet neighbors, chat with city councilors, hear from a police officer about community safety and let neighbors know about SWAN.*
- *New Public Art Scavenger Hunt is going on downtown. Take a flyer and start hunting Salem owned public art.*

Can we add Salem to the logo?

Debbie Miller, from SWAN:

SWAN logo history and how we got here. Display included two options for new SWAN logo and a request that the board vote.

SWAN NEW LOGO proposed.

*SWAN Board Quorum
SWAN logo, as proposed.*

Motion Made to approve new

Motion Seconded.

Motion Carried.

New SWAN logo motion approved, July 11, 2023.

SPD. Sgt. McFarron - Did you see the chief's letter?

Q: Can we do anything about noisy mufflers? A: code enforcement.

Q: Human trafficking? Do we have any, and what are we doing about it? A: It does exist. We see it, but in the way of prostitution. I'll get back to you about our efforts.

Q: Loud fireworks, before and after the July 4th holiday. What can we do? A: Be proactive. Be a good witness.

Q: What can we be doing as citizens? A: Be a good witness. Be observant.

Q: Just to be clear, is there human trafficking? A: yes.

Counselor Nishioka.

The council did enact the Salem payroll tax. This runs through 2031.

We have other Budget Options: A city sales tax, city income tax levies: We are

challenged to employ these as it involves inflation compression and an inequitable distribution.

City Zoning. Overlay zones: the overlays have been in place for decades. The current height limitation is capped at 35 feet. Without overlay zones building heights could go to 65 feet.

SCAN, for example, wants height limitations on one part of Commercial. From Superior to Rural. South along that corridor, Hoyt to McGilchrist.

Q: Overlay zones: what else changes?

A: We'd like to do away with overlay zones:

This comes up at a September 25th meeting.

Q: What is in the overlay zone? A: neighborhood zoning ordinance.

Mill creek update. A citizen has gone ahead and trimmed some trees. Near Houck middle school. The trees have been pruned. Person who trimmed these trees thought he was doing the neighbors a favor. The trees have heavily been damaged and were removed. Replanting new trees is in process. Please don't trim your right of way trees.

Waller dam is not working well. We need to fix this, as it is full of silt. City is applying for permits to fix this problem.

Next up: dark skies. How do we manage light spill?

Q: How do we manage an unoccupied home? A: code enforcement. It's a process, depending upon who owns the property.

Q: New city employee tax start date? A: January 24th. A lot of effort into prorating this. Details to follow. It took Eugene two years and it is still in process.

Scott Archer: *Thank you for having me.*

Our new deputy city manager for community services. Under One roof: We are responsible for parks, recreation, Center 50 plus, NA, youth education outreach and Homeless response. Started on May 24th. From Clackamas County Canby Oregon. Really enjoying getting to know the community. Much of my experience is in parks. I am the parks guy. Parks are central to my mission. We are focused on these community activities. Looking forward to seeing you soon. Thank you.

Program: Jerry Casteel, P.E. Project Manager Salem Public Works

We are here to discuss the property on Mountain View Drive. The address is 2530 Mountain View.

- 1) History of the Flooding Concern and background.
- 2) Alternatives Analysis.
- 3) Selected Design & Property Impacts
- 4) Next Steps.

The plan:

- 1) *Build a detention basin at 2530 Mountain View.*
- 2) Large buried stormwater detention pipes in street
- 3) Rerouting large portion of the storm sewer in the drainage basin
- 4) Acquire and construct a stormwater detention facility at 2530 Mountain View Dr S essentially on the entire property

Q: Do we have any options on fencing? A: yes. We have options.

Drought tolerant and flood resistant plantings are our objective.

Options. Cut out in the sidewalk. This is an engineering issue.

Q: What about the present wall? A: the wall will be most likely be removed in construction. Review of plan.

Q: Will the McGilcrest street be raised? A: no, see the construction plan.

Q: If the neighbors come up with a design, can we talk to you? A: yes.

Thank you.

Debbie Miller. SPRAB review. (Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board)

SPIF

Park master plan.

Rec sports.

Volunteer! Come help!

Q: SPRAB? Questions. A: I'd like to bring back questions.

Q: *Minto Brown park RR tracks : who does maintenance? A: Along the railroad it is a mess. Q: Who can we talk to about this. I'm not sure, but I can ask.*

Q: *Volunteers? A: Amanda Sitter is the Parks volunteer coordinator.*

Land use: SKATS: is setting up a 5 year plan. The city has a recent 300 million dollar bond. We need to get them talking? SKATS and the city? Let's have a land use meeting.

Q: *Can we use this meeting to pull these teams together.*

A: *Let's put together a plan of what we want from them.*

Kubler, Madrona, Salem Heights. Croisan Creek. Let's get them to focus.

Let's get them in the same room.

Pat Norman, Parks:

Candalaria Park. It is a go. We need ideas. We are 6-9 months. Nature park planning. 2025 plan. Playground with natural materials. The city is developing a plan rather than hiring a consultant.

<Dinosaur bones? Place casts along a trail? Embed in a landscape boulder?

Community Concerns: Crestview and Schurman: Asking for no parking zone on the east side as this section of road is incomplete.

Q: *Can we make a plan? A: yes*

Q: *Crosswalks on this road? When more people ask, we get more actions.*

Let's make a motion to suggest this. Swan Board can approve. We need physical Addresses.

Q: *Where does this occur?*

A: *2590 Crestview.*

Q: *Dogwood Ave. Tree removals. Removed the sidewalk. Dogwood sidewalk replacement was very good and fixed a major problem however it happened without notice and there was confusion on trees being removed.*

A: *The city seems to not to have informed the neighbors. A: Let's add this in to our newsletter.*

Notices?

Easement.

Status of driveways.

Neighborhood concerns:

Fireworks. Let's work to fix the messaging and the ban. Maybe we could learn from others.

NNO: SPD: will be at Nelson park. Tuesday, August 1st. Down low, by the playground. Chairs? Food? Drinks? Cookies, snacks, sheet cake? Cooler. T shirt Raffle? It's our Neighborhood's chance to be seen.

See you in September!

NOTE: Please email 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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