

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

March 21, 2024

Minutes

Meeting held in the Gathering Space

Liberty Christian Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by co-chair Alan Alexander.

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Neighbors were welcomed and introduced themselves.

Officer Edmiston

There are quite a few fraud calls going around asking for citizens to pay debts to the police by gift cards.

Mail theft is happening frequently

A neighbor mentioned that if you get a call asking if this is your name, do not say yes. They can use your yes in fraudulent ways.

Regarding the city budget deficit, the city council eliminated 11 vacancies including 2 police officers and 1 support staff for them. Because they are short staffed, the police are having to triage calls.

To sign up for the Community Police Academy go to the city website <https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/safety/police/get-involved/community-police-academy>. The academy is offered every April and September.

A neighbor asked about Neighborhood Watch. They were told that program is through the city and on a smaller scale than a neighborhood association.

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/safety/police/prevent-crime-in-your-neighborhood/start-a-neighborhood-watch>

If you see someone sleeping in a car or RV on your street, please call code compliance.

The Community Violence Response Initiative - Information is found on the city website. Watch for Community forums

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/safety/police/building-trust-with-the-community/community-violence-reduction-initiative>

The procedural justice training is being offered to the community. If interested sign up by emailing dagular@cityofsalem.net

Officers are receiving 40 hours of training in a mental health first aid class.

Officer Edmiston has mentioned to the traffic enforcement team about speeding in the neighborhood on Kurth & Browning and school zones on Skyline, Liberty and Browning.

Annexation of the property at 5725 Skyline Rd in the Skyline/Davis Road area

Lindsay King - Brand Land Use LLC Nathan Edgecomb, developer

This property is within the urban growth boundary and in an urban transition zone. This is a middle housing area and is zoned as residential agriculture.

The zoning will not change once it is annexed This property is newly purchased by the developer who lives on Quail Run He does not plan to build apartments on the property, rather cottage clusters with 1 to 2 bedroom less than 1,000 square feet homes. It takes 9 months to annex the property.

The developer is welcome to come back to the neighborhood association anytime and share about the development.

Henry Newgass, land use chair, reported that the developer of the Kurth and Browning property has no requirement to come and share details of the project with the neighborhood association and has told Henry that he does not plan to.

Henry also reported that there is a proposal before the city council that would prevent Councilors from bringing land use issues before the council. He is not sure what the status is of this proposal

Update on the traffic light on Liberty at Davis Road Gary Myzak, city of Salem

He shared a visual of the intersection

There are 3 sources of funding for this project: \$600,000 from system development funds, \$725,000 from infrastructure bond funds, \$262,000 Trust and Agency funds (development funds) It would cost 2 million dollars to install a paved path on the eastside of Liberty heading south. There is no money for that path and the city did not receive a grant they previously applied for from the state.

The city plans to put the project out for bid in November 2024 with the contractor ordering the traffic light pole in January 2025. The city will order the parts that have an extra long lead time by June 2024 and will be made available to the contractor by June 2025 These parts include an electrical service cabinet, a signal cabinet and junction boxes.

The design process for the intersection improvements will be completed October, 2024. The city may need a small permanent or temporary easement from the school district at the northwest corner of the Liberty/Davis intersection to install the pedestrian push button pole.

The project is scheduled to start in mid May 2025 with completion by early September 2025

The project manager for this traffic signal lives in the Davis Road area and is well acquainted with the traffic/pedestrian issues in the area.

The light on Liberty at Mildred will be triggered with the second phase of the development occurring at the Mildred intersection The developer will be required to pay 11% of the cost. Multi Tech Engineering has completed preliminary design work regarding ADA ramps at the intersection of Liberty and Mildred The city is not aware of any other design work for the intersection

Neighbors asked about the possibility of a roundabout on Liberty at Mildred. The city has not looked into the possibility and hence is not aware if there is enough of a right away to install. Also the city cannot seek funds from the developers for a roundabout, however they are required to

contribute systems development funds for traffic lights. The city handles the maintenance for traffic lights

Co Chairman Alexander reported that the Salem Parks Department has secured the needed property for the entrance/exit to the Skyline Trail on Joplin Court. The work will be completed this year. The other entrance/exit is at the city parking lot that borders Kuebler Blvd at Sprague High School.

Henry Neugass moved with Sally Cook seconding a motion to have Alan Alexander seek a grant for the needed funds the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association is required to provide for the Salem Parks Improvement Grants for seasonal gaga ball pits at Secor and Sunnyslope Parks and pickleball lines on the sports court at Sunnyslope Park from the Salem Parks Foundation.
Motion carried

A neighbor mentioned the poor condition of the sports court at Sunnyslope Park. Alan Alexander will approach the parks department about resurfacing the court as part of parks maintenance.

A neighbor mentioned the sound of pickleball and its impact on the mental health of neighbors. Alan will ask the parks department to do a drone survey looking at the distances to neighbors surrounding the park. It was mentioned that even without lines people are playing pickleball at the park,

There will be no meeting in April. Our next meeting is May 16 7PM in the Gathering Space at Liberty Christian Church The church has offered the sanctuary if needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance:

Alan Alexander

Sally Cook

Bruce & Linda Miller

Henry Neugass

Gary Knighten

Karen Delsman

Regina LaRocca

Gary Myzak

Officer Edmiston

Nathan Edgecomb

Jeanne St Pierre

David Haber

Kathleen Parker

Gary Dunham

Rex Miller

Lindsey King

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