



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024
SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SGNA met via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Board Members

Present

Absent

Dynee Medlock Chair

Vice chair

Jackie Leung

Dave McKenna Secretary

Treasurer

Jerry Sachtjen

Mike Hughes

John Ledger

Kathleen Lempka

Glenn Baly

Community members:

John Miller Wildwood(Mahonia)

Greg MacDonald

Charey Cooke

Luke Poling

Jerry Bennett

Amy Teegarden

Patrice and Michael Pollard

Martin Pitchford

Paula Wilson

Lora Meisner

Julie Yip

Becky Ray

Lani Kirby

Anne Hartung

Guests

Kevin Hottmann, Traffic Department, City of Salem

Larry Dillenbeck, Journeys Mental Health Services

Iris Tichenor,, MSW, Journeys Mental Health Services

Rob Romance, Senior Parks Planner City of Salem

Laurie Beitzel, Salem Keizer School Education Association

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dynee Medlock. John Ledger did a roll call of Board members. A quorum was declared. Approved minutes from February meeting with some spelling corrections.

2. I-5 Widening and Tree Clearing by Delany Exit

Kathleen Lempka read message from Andrew Walker of ODOT. When we purchased the property on that hill with the trees for the project, the owner cleared all of the trees except for a small strip next to I-5. With only a strip of trees remaining near I-5, this posed a hazard to the freeway. In the event of a large windstorm, the trees no longer had wind shielding and could fall onto the freeway. This small strip of trees would have been removed with the project in order to add the additional lane. We elected to remove the trees early for safety.

3. Salem Seekers - Glass Duck Search in Bryan Johnston Park

Cost would be \$450. Tabled vote until item is researched for liability for glass objects.

4. Easter Egg Hunts

Announcement that there will be Easter Egg hunts at Creekside and Our Savior Luthern Church March 30th at 10AM.

5. Salem Police Officer Report

There was no police officer present to give report.

6. Larry Dillenbeck, journeysacenterforyoursoul.com

Located in West Salem. Want to know where there are mental health gaps in the community. They have three interns from PSU and are offering free support group discussions.

7. Rob Romanek, City of Salem Parks

Had updates on improvements to the parks in our neighborhood.

Rees Park Will be upgrading the playground equipment. Plan to begin installation on May 13th and should be finished by June.

At Sumpter School Park they are rehabilitating the sport's courts including the tennis courts and wall ball court. They will be replacing benches and fencing; and trimming trees. This park is located by between Lockwood and Wormwood Streets SE.

8. Kevin Hottmann, Traffic Engineer, City of Salem

Kevin gave a short presentation on where existing and proposed stop signs would be located around area by Soapstone and Pike's Pass. He had two handouts on where some of the improvements are scheduled and they are attached to these minutes. Is being paid for by System Development Charges.

9. Laurie Beitzel, Salem Keizer School Education Association

Is a teacher in the Salem Keizer School District and assists in Special Education Program. Is also on the Organizing Committee and Community Outreach person. There is a potential for a strike. Every few years

the School District and the Salem Keizer Education Association get together to make a contract agreeable to both sides. This latest version started in April 2023. Went from open negotiations to closed negotiations. They got down to four areas of the contract that are in contention.

The first is the definition of a difference of the meaning of full time equivalency. This is a difference between licensed full time staff and the hiring of people that are not hired as full time, but must work full time. The second is the cost of living increase. The third and fourth items are Class Size and Case Load.

10. Jerry Bennet

Wants Jeffery Johnson to come back and discuss the flooding issue in the Battle Creek Basin.

11. New Business

There was no new business.

12. Adjournment.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 14th at 6:45 PM at Baxter Hill Community Hall and will be a hybrid meeting with Zoom.

Neighborhood Traffic Management 2024 Proposed Projects



