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Meeting Notes
March 5th, 2024, 6:30pm

Location: Westminster
Presbyterian Church.
Hybrid Zoom

SWAN March 5th. Meeting Notes.

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

Ted Burney –Chair P

Allison Houck -Co-Chair P

John Lattimer- Land Use Chair P

Pat Norman, Parks Co-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 Zoom

Debbie Miller- Board member P

Karen Freeman, Parks Co-Chair P

Announcements: Ted Burney, SWAN Chair

- *Hello and greetings. We are zooming tonight. If you signed in you can see us.*
- *Thank you for for the past efforts tree planting at Fircrest Park. Trees are happy and currant is looking good*
- *Thank you Councilors Nordyke, Nishioka for the January info*
- *Welcome to Marisa Theve, working on neighborhood noise.*

- *Thank You, for a great tree planting at Nelson Park; The City really came through.*
- *Our Councilors are out this week.*

***Police Report, Salem Police Department.
Sgt. McFerron, SPD***

Department staffing: Budgets; We lost 4 spots. We have added 19 officers in 2023.

Q: How long until we see them here: A: Up to 18 months.

Police Academy. Fall and Spring. A look behind the curtain. 9 week commitment and 4 Saturdays. Try the Get involved section in the SPB website.

Community Violence town hall. 6-7:30 PM meeting on the 6th.

Any Questions:

Q: Stationary cars: A: Code Enforcement.

Q: Something new: Mass search of open cars. A: That is the first we've heard of that in mass.

Reminder: Lock your car, do not leave bags or products. Don't be a target.

City Council Update - Not attending tonight due to schedule conflicts.

***Program: Marissa Theve: From Grant Neighborhood Association.
Quiet, Clean Salem - Noise in our Neighborhoods. .***

Gas Powered Lawn Equipment and the noise associated with them.

Leaf Blowing: It's a Nuisance. 115 db for gas ones, 65 db for electric units.

Q: How loud can they be and not be illegal? A: We control noise at night, not during the day.

Loud Noise is a source of stress. There are physical effects to this.

These gas engines produce a lot of pollution. An F-150 pickup truck produces 1000 times less pollution than the small gas engines.

ROI from gas to Electric: 9.7 months. Q: Is that across the board? A: Yes. commercial units. Paid back in less than a year.

Seattle and Portland both have this in process.

States are looking at possible buy-backs for older equipment. New York and Maryland have this now.

Q: It's a good thing. A: Yes. This improves lives.

Q: Do we have an example? A: Not in Salem. Yet. We are talking to them. The ROI makes sense to owners, but it's change.

See FAQ and potential endorsement. To be revisited.

Q: What is the blow-back on this from industry. A: Agreed the business case is Quiet first. The EPA has constraints on this and that's why we are starting here.

Lots of dialogue about the potential health hazards related to this.

Land Use Update & Reports, John Latimer, Land Use Chair

John is in Portland: Item #1: Sean will be in next month. Possible development west of Mock Orange/Heath area. 20 Acre parcel. Possible 100 units on this parcel. We'd like to see plans before commenting. Possible run-off issues.

ADU on Croisan Creek Road. We are seeing construction. The ADU looks to be being constructed in front of the existing home. Possible request for variance due to this. More things to look at in the coming months. Croisan Mountain Road. Has significant Oaks on it. Let's look at alternatives. We will weigh in on that. Conversation about tree diameter rules.

Punch List for possible Bond work: Request a Crosswalk and signage at Schurman and Crestview Lot's of kids going to school. School buses pick up here. Speed Cushions as suggested on Homestead road. Could we use a solution on Crestview. Railing on Madrona over Croisan Creek. Prospect place, south of Holiday drive. Missing 30 feet of sidewalk, Near the school. Speed Cushions on Homestead Road. We are submitting these.

Minutes: February minutes approval.

SWAN Board Quorum

Motion Made to approve February minutes

Motion seconded.

All in Favor

Motion Carried.

SWAN February minutes approved.

Committee Updates: Parks - Pat Norman, Parks Chair

Parks info;

Parking lot clean up.

Park signs - Minto Brown - Adding wildlife refuge.

Candalaria reservoir meeting next week with Consultant..

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Walk Through at Nelson Park: We are seeing trees and bushes needing to be cleaned up. Poison Ivy. Dog Mitt station. We are looking for this. It seems the city might owe us one. We need signs. Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries. May 11th Date for clean up at Pioneer

Grants; Our time is coming. Lets us know what you see and what is missing. Applications due end of May.

Q: Canalaria Park: Is it a park? A: No, but we call it this.

SPIF vs. SPF. Lots of awards. We should get our ideas out there.

Pickleball? Tennis courts are used. Could we stripe them for pickleball as well.

April clean up? Do we have time. Earth Day? Monster Cookie? Lots going on. Let's move this to Sat on May 11th.

August picnic in a park?

Community News:

Newsletter: we are making a great one. However, Our G-mal via constant contact system is constrained due to new SPAM rules. We are working with the city IT to get this upgraded.

Need a Nelson park owner for watering the newly planted trees this summer.

Clifford Eiffler-Rodriguez I am running for Salem Mayor.

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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