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Meeting Notes

May 7th, 2024

Location: Westminster
Presbyterian Church.
Hybrid Zoom

SWAN May 7th. Meeting Notes.

Welcome

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

Debbie Miller- Board member P

Karen Freeman, Parks Co-Chair P

Announcements: Ted Burney, Chair.

- *Thank you for coming. We have no city councilors this evening, but have a great program ahead.*
- *Welcome Robert Dowd from the Salem Police Department. He heads up the neighborhood initiatives,*
- *Welcome Jake Morris, PhD., Historic Planner City of Salem.*

- *Salem has been recognized by SHPO for outstanding research and archaeology efforts by Kimberly Fitzgerald, City of Salem: We won for the way we do archeology here in Salem. Our application featured how we work with tribes.*

Minutes: March and April minutes approval.

SWAN Board Quorum

Motion Made to approve March/April minutes

Motion seconded.

All in Favor

Motion Carried.

SWAN March and April minutes approved.

Police Report, Salem Police Department.

Robert Dowd from Salem PD.

Robert from Salem PD. supervises Special Investigations Unit and is Neighborhood Liaison Lead

Robbery is down.

Homeless/SOS team is active and working well.

One of my charges is Neighborhood Associations. Coordinate talking points.

Q: Incident several months ago, gunplay on Commercial. A: Not familiar. We have a process.

Q: South River Road, Croisan Creek. Noise complaints. What do we do? 9 or 9:30. A: You're right. We don't have the resources. Tough to enforce code compliance. We do not have the opportunity to wait. 9 pm is our busy time, the traffic control unit is on major crashes.

Speed Exhibition: This coming Friday, we are doing a little work on this. We are using remote cameras. And using drones.

Noisy loud mufflers are on scat-packs. Above and beyond the noise rules. This is a responsibility issue.

6:30-8 PM. We are working with the county sheriff on this as well as this area crosses jurisdictions.

Zoning folks get involved. Reader board on River Road.

Speed exhibition.

Car groups have been indicating this on social media.

Homestead and River.

Traffic control and budget.

Budget: We lost 4 sworn officer vacancies. We are headed into a budget challenge in the future.

Up to 12 positions may be lost in July of 2025. We are staffed at the same level we were at 16 years ago while our population has increased by 17%.

Q: Are we putting on another Procedural Justice training? A: May 18. Fall plans are coming soon. Info is posted on PD web page.

Program: Jake Morris, PhD, Salem Historic Planner

Program. Jake Morris, historic planner. New to the area, but 20 years in the business. Elizabeth Potter is here with us.

What is significant?

National register is a list of places deemed worthy of saving. Developed to recognize, restore and protect.

To be eligible, a place needs a story, historic integrity referring to our area. Criteria are for many things: if the property is less than 50 years old, we may not have context.

Keeps the fads from getting on the register. Religious sites: some have been moved.

Reconstructed properties. People are important.

Cemetery Criteria considerations. According to the parks service:

Pioneer Cemetery has several examples.

Listed on National Register in 2013. Originally Odd Fellows Rural Cemetery.

Established 1854.

Fraternal organizations of the 1800's are represented at Pioneer Cemetery.

Cemeteries must go through extra hoops to be listed on National Register of Historic Places

People must be of Transcendent importance.

Distinctive design features are incorporated.

In the US, people used cemeteries as parks. This was popular in Mid 1850's.

Historic events. What are our criteria for these places?

Not just historic by being an older site but has people who contributed to the history of the area.

It builds community today. Natural center for perseveration technology and training.

Cemetery conservation.

Q: Is the cemetery here indicative of this community? A: yes.

Q: Pioneer is a history class that we should use more? A: Could be. It's all about context. It can be disrespectful if not done well.

Q: Elizabeth Potter: Pioneer is a consequential site. It requires oversight and any changes to the area must be reviewed by the Historic Landmarks Commission according to Section 230 in the Salem Revised Code ..

Q: How did it come to be a city park: A: Logistics. The Parks Department was able to care for it.

Q: Will a proposal in the city budget affect watering and maintenance?: A: We don't know.

TB: Thanks Jake! We are happy to have this information.

Land use: wins and losses.

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Do we have good news? No new news.

Q: Cash for keys. It worked for squatter removal and contractor rebuild on one house in our area.

The 20 acre lot along River Road is for sale.

Parks: Karen Freeman. Park co-chair.

Clean up plan at Pioneer. We are cleaning up for Memorial Day. Q: Tools? A: We have special tools.

We will not be repairing headstones.

Pat: Salem Parks Foundation grants. Nelson Park grants. Parks will not repair the existing benches.

Tennis court fences: consider asking for a gate.

Pickle ball lines?

Tables: what If we fixed them ourselves?

I move for a motion to ask for tables?

Can we get a gate in the tennis court?

Ray Joseph, City Parks Planning, next month speaking about our efforts for Nature Play at Candalaria Reservoir.

First nature play area In Salem. We should see a proposal?

Open garden on May 18th at Gaiety Hollow.

Community input:

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Salem City Club. Ruben - City Club updates. The city club conducted a mayoral debate. Next meeting is May 10th. Health care. Friday, noon to 1 pm. Newsletter update.

Quiet Clean Salem. We are looking to complement City efforts towards reducing items contributing to climate change. We are hoping to suggest that the city council move this ahead.

Comment: We don't know. OSHA regulates this industry. Where is the impact and results? I'd like to hear from the city on this.

Comment: No one keeps track of the noise violations. It's in the plan, but not tracked. It's a nuisance. Why not ban it?

Ted: Let's suggest we ban 2 cycle engines?

Comment: Noise thing is annoying. Do we suggest a broader policy?

Can we suggest a motion to eliminate 2 cycle engines on Gas Powered Blowers?

Can we suggest a change?

No action taken; SWAN is putting together a request for more information from the city before suggesting any action.

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 Ken Freeman, SWAN Sec/Treas at kfreeman@salemneighbors.org Sign up for SWAN emails: www.cityofsalem.net/neighbor