

**Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**  
**May 16, 2024**  
**Minutes**  
**Liberty Christian Church**

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 by co-chair Alan Alexander.

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Police Officers - Officer Edmiston & Officer Libby

Officer Libby is in the leadership development program with Officer Edmiston as his supervisor.

On April 19th there was a community conversation that discussed the problem of gun violence and potential social solutions. There will be other meetings on July 19th, July 31st and August 22nd. To receive information about the meetings email [salempolicedepartment@cityofsalem.net](mailto:salempolicedepartment@cityofsalem.net) and request to get information about meetings. The final report will be presented in the fall of 2024.

LexisNexis shows the community crime map and is found in the data center on the city website. Some of the information is protected, but most major incidents are covered. <https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/safety/police/crime-and-other-police-reports/review-crime-statistics>

**Graffiti Abatement**

For normal graffiti report it to 503 371 4264 graffiti abatement team. This includes graffiti found on pedestrian walkways.

In parks, please call public works 503 588 6311

For hate speech, please call the Salem Police non emergency number 503 588 6123

In each case send pictures as well as calling.

The graffiti abatement team will be hiring another graffiti tech which is part of the police department. The additional graffiti tech is a proposal made by the budget committee and will need approval by the city council.

The Police Department will offer a Procedural Justice Class at the Police Department on Saturday, May 18th For more information and/or to register, please contact [daguilar@cityofsalem.net](mailto:daguilar@cityofsalem.net) Linda will put the information on our Facebook pages and on the app Nextdoor

Officer Edmiston when asked about the street closures downtown on Saturday, May 18th said he just received an email that it was a Right To Life Rally and march They expect 2,000 - 3,000 attendees.

When asked about the body camera program, they reported that police officers generally like them. They are still working out the bugs. It is a good accountability tool and people are told they are being recorded. Officer Libby shared how they work

Councilor Nordyke shared information about the Violence Reduction Task Force who is working with criminal justice partners and community groups. Meetings will be held July 19th 6PM, July 31st 6PM and August 22nd 6PM She reported that many shootings occur within a 5 mile square area in North & NE Salem that police patrols will increase this summer The task force is recommending positive engagements for kids across the board with healthy social building behaviors which will prevent them from joining gangs The task force recommends Salem Police Department invest in programs to engage positively with kids and the community.

The Salem Police Department has 4 retirements and 16 vacancies total with the 2 cuts to vacancies. They have 4 new hires with 2 more at the beginning of June Every 2 to 3 months they plan to hire more officers. It takes 11 months to train an officer. Salem Police officers take more calls than any other police officers

around the state. One officer reported that in a 10 hour shift he responded to 23 calls and wrote 12 reports

Councilor Nordyke

She reported that Councilor Gwym was ill.

She shared information about the CASA Super Heros Fundraiser, Sunday, June 2nd 11am at Riverfront Park

She mentioned Neighborhood Watches build community A neighbor mentioned that in Sunnyslope they are street by street. Neighborhood watches helps reduce violence.<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/safety/police/prevent-crime-in-our-neighborhood/start-a-neighborhood-watch><https://egov.cityofsalem.net/nno/orhood-watch>

Above is the link for information on starting a neighborhood watch

National Night Out is August 6th This is the link to register your party on the city website <https://egov.cityofsalem.net/nno/>

Regarding the tax deferment given to the developer of an apartment complex in downtown Salem that will have 16 affordable units out of a total of 105 units, the property tax money would have gone into a downtown urban renewal fund that can be reinvested in the area and would not gone into the city's general fund, It is projected that the development would have contributed about \$44,750 the first year Rents will be \$1575 - \$1995

She was asked about a library district which would provide stable funding for the library. It would have to be approved by voters and has been voted down in the past It would raise property taxes permanently A levy is voted on and goes back to the voters every 3 to 5 years

Parking lot 2 (dog park parking lot) and # 3 at Minto Brown Park will be repaved before fall

Land Use - no report

Discussion occurred on how to spend \$1,000 engagement funds provided by the city. Funds must be spent and items received by June 30th

Henry Neugass developed a colored flier. It was decided to have the city print 500 copies

It was agreed to order from 4imprint 500 yellow pencils for \$145 and 500 sticky notes with our logo on them for \$255

In an email circulated with the board, it was agreed to purchase from Vista Print 2 white grommited banners with our neighborhood association logo with reinforced edges 2 feet high by 5 feet long for \$289.40

Linda Miller will contact the principals at Liberty Elementary and Schirle Elementary about having a table at Back to School night as we did last year.

Alan Alexander has not found any data on the noise created by pickleball. He will continue to look We have a Salem Parks Improvement Grant to paint pickleball lines on the sports court at Sunnyslope Park

June meeting is canceled July 18th meeting will be held if needed

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance:

Alan Alexander

Sally Cook

Bruce & Linda Miller

Councilor Nordyke

Henry Neugass

Officer Edmiston

Officer Libby

Jeanne St. Pierre

Rex Miller

Gary Knighten