

**Faye Wright Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Meeting  
Zoom  
8/12/21**

**Attendees:**

Anthony Gamallo- City of Salem  
Lt. Debbie Aguilar- Salem Police Department  
Susan Hecox - board member  
Blake Shelide- board member  
Bev Ecklund- board member  
Janice Devito- community member  
Sally Cook- board member

**Board Members Absent:**

Shawn Range  
Bryant Baird

**Called to order 7:05pm**

**Roll Taken**

**Salem Police Report**

Lt. Aguilar shared that National Night Out was a success. Over 70 block parties were organized and visited by SPD. RX drop box will be open. Back to School- early september. Few changes- kids will be heading to school at different times, school lights flashing earlier. Elementary starts a little before 8am. Middle school starts at 9-9:30am, high schools start around 8:30am. High school goes until about 3:25, Middle to about 4:00pm, elementary until about 2:20pm. Kids will be walking, be aware. Traffic control will be out in school zones.

Sally and Blake asked if there were any Faye Wright area National Night Out celebrations. Lt. Aguilar will look and let us know. Janice couldn't find them online. Neighborhood Services had a list online.

RX dropoff is through the SPD. They collect, package, turn in to their evidence department and dispose of them. There are others in the area that are separate.

**Previous Minutes**

Bev moved to accept June/July minutes. Sally second. Minutes for June and July approved.

**City and County Reports:**

Proposed Pedestrian Crossing, Oakhill & Commercial presented by Anthony Gamallo

“Safer Crossing Program”- online tool where communities can suggest a location that needs a safer crossing.

COVID funds may be used to do several crossings. Funds are being routed. Not finalized. Potentially 4-7 new improvements depending on funding.

Anthony is going to each Neighborhood Association to share ideas and gather suggestions. Sally- “Drive Like you Live Here” will be providing signage for local neighborhoods that are interested. Local Portland artist painted various ‘slow’ animal signs that neighbors can put out.

Safe Crossing top ‘vote getters’ depend on proximity to a school, foot traffic, bus stop, etc. This crossing has heavy pedestrian traffic.

Crossing will have blinking lights that are activated by the pedestrian. There will be a median island. It will have the required ADA. Will had 15 seconds to the required ‘crossing time’.

Anthony asked if we had any concerns or questions. Sally asked if it could potentially affect the intersection of Browning and Commercial- is there potential for pedestrian and bike conflict? There’s a protected pedestrian crossing by liquor store and an adult entertainment facility. This was not a factor in the decision. This particular crossing was requested by many people, most people did not include their name with their requests.

Community members can enter suggestions for safe crossings online, or Anthony can do it on their behalf. All will be scored, and the suggested crossings with the highest score will be looked at for funding.

Janice- there seem to be a lot of crossings near Liberty School. Anthony shared the scores on the crossing in front of Liberty. It scored a 5.23. The score for the Oakhill & Commercial crossing is over 6. The Liberty street crossing scored a 99/100 on the “Safe Routes to School” grant proposal. Janice- concern on the safety of the children due to speeding drivers and drivers not being attentive. Anthony observed during testing that traffic did slow.

Neighborhood Associations, SPD, Salem-Keizer, all doing a social media push to remind folks that schools will be back in session and there are different hours.

Anthony encourages all to ask questions and bring up concerns. Sally and Blake asked more about crossings on Commercial. Bev brought up Hilfiker & Sunnyside. Anthony will bring it up at his next meeting.

### **City Councilor Reports**

No report. No Councilors present.

## **New Business**

New Goals for our Neighborhood Association for coming year

Walkaround at each neighborhood park to find damage, maintenance needed, mowing, broken or missing equipment.

Janice- Wendy Kroger needs some maintenance. Path from apartments to park in particular.  
Sally- we can reach out to Tibby in the Parks Department to ask if it's on the city's radar. There's a form on the city's website to submit ?? Folks can 'adopt' part of a park and volunteer.

Just Walk, Center 50+, Safe Route to Schools program, Friendship Brigade, City of Salem Parks (Tibby Larson). Salem Parks Foundation. Could partner with us to do our walkthroughs.

Janice- member of an organization that creates a 'village' to assist seniors to 'age in place'. Center 50+ with Heidi Miller. Have had social events at Woodmansee. To provide resources and community when needed in your neighborhood. Janice has a background in city and state government. She wanted to share about this organization.

We clarified that Shawn will be the Vice-Chair. Official vote will be at a later date.

**Adjourned at 8:14pm**