

Faye Wright Neighborhood Association Thursday, September 9, 2021 • 7:00 PM

Neighborhood Services, 503-540-2303

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome

- A. Acceptance of the Agenda agenda accepted
- B. Introductions: Trevor Phillips, Vanessa Nordyke, Sally Cook (board member), Sue Hecox (board member), Blake Shelide (board member), Officer Jantz, Annie Batay
- C. Approval of the Minutes, August minutes approved

II. City/County Reports

- A. Police Officer Jantz
 - New crime data Lexis Nexus, type in "crime stats" in search bar on police department website is the easiest way to get there. Click on blue box for lexis nexus. Can search by area, filter by date, crimes, etc. Can overlay neighborhood associations. A few burglaries in the last month in our NA (bikes stolen from open garage), some preventable
 - School started this week. School commuters back, create extra time with school traffic. Bell schedule is different with Salem Keizer schools this year.
 - Citizen's Police Academy has been postponed due to covid spike. Likely to be rescheduled in April of 2022, keep an eye on website and social media for updates
 - On KBCY radio 1490am, Tuesdays 6:45am, 10 minute session.

B. City Councilors

Vanessa Nordyke:

- Ongoing unsheltered work, connection with housing and jobs
- Gay Pride Celebration at Riverfront Park
- "Our Salem" meetings ongoing
- Climate Action Task Force cost benefit analysis
- Some ongoing protest activities
- Library and Center 50+ reopening soon
- Homelessness updates: city has put together a dashboard so folks can see all the work that is going into addressing homelessness.
 - Downtown sidewalk cleanups
 - Connecting to jobs
 - Tiny homes purchasing through a local business at \$5000 each



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- Cascade Gateway Park: notice given, resources provided, cleanup has happened and more to come
- Covid rates high in Marion County. Returning to remote based city meetings.
- Pioneer Sports Park Project CFC breaking ground on new sports complex, supports opportunities for youth sports and teambuilding
- Encourage everyone to sign up for City of Salem Emergency Alert system
- Free lunchtime series from City of Salem Emergency Manager Greg Walsh coming up
- Building Bridges "Hands Across the Bridge" Event September 10 at Marion Square Park. Support for mental health challenges.

Trevor Phillips

- Discussion of crosswalk on South Commercial
- Navigation Center for homeless population is finally approved and funded, coming soon. Transitioning as a city from "unmanaged" camping to "managed" camping. A lot of work coming in the next year.
- City of Salem councilors unanimously voted that healthcare is a fundamental right in Salem. Upcoming vote coming state-wide in 2022.
- Covid numbers are still high. Delta variant is contagious. State had to move back to mask mandates.
- Starting to see a potential leveling off of cases and hospitalization, desperately needed in Salem and across the state
- Important that folks get vaccinated, wear masks in public, meet virtually
- Case numbers are worse now in Oregon than they were in the winter surge.
 Fortunately for 1-1.5 weeks things have been leveling off. Community sacrifices are really appreciated by frontline healthcare workers.

Questions:

- Q) Salem alert system linked to Marion County alert system now? Link took you to a page that wanted you to load an app. Is this still needed?
- A) Vanessa N. brought up website with contacts.

https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/get-community-alerts.aspx

III. New Business

- A. Finish Officer Elections. Shawn Range voted in as Vice-Chair.
- B. Meetings moving forward virtual vs. in-person



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- Head nods for virtual through the end of the year
- C. Neighborhood issues/concerns/questions
 - 50th anniversary coming up in February 2022. Annie Batay willing to help organize. Council motion to recognize it, celebrate it. Council Proclamation?
- D. Land Use Case Updates
 - On August 26, the Hearings Officer reversed the Planning Administrator's approval of the proposed development of 10 new apartment units on Crawford St SE. Any appeal must be submitted by September 16, 2021.
 - On August 30, 2021, the Planning Administrator issued an approval with three conditions for the request for a flag lot accessway on a property located at 710 Winding Way. Any appeal must be submitted by September 14, 2021.

IV. Adjourn 7:54

Next meeting: October 14, 2021