

Faye Wright Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
Zoom
11/11/21

Attendees:

Sally Cook- Board Member
Janice Devito- Community member
Bev Ecklund- Board Member, Secretary
Susan Hecox - Board Member, Land Use Chair
Vanessa Nordyke- Salem City Councilor
Dr. Trevor Phillips- Salem City Councilor
Ray Quisenberry- Community member
Shawn Range- Board Member, Vice-Chair
Blake Shelide- Board Member, Chair
Sgt. Jeff Wiedemann- Salem Police Department
Annie (no last name on Zoom)- Community member

Board Members Absent:

Bryant Baird- Board Member

Call to Order

7:00pm

Veterans Day Acknowledgement

Roll Call/Introductions

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved October and November minutes

City and County Reports

1. Salem Police Report

480 responses to a recent community survey. Will use an outside consultant to provide the agency with data. Plan to present to city council in Dec. 2021. Will be available to the public Jan. 2022.

Nuisance properties- complaints from neighbors. Two officers look into these complaints and partner with compliance services. Often a talk with owners is enough to solve the issue. In other cases the process will continue and it can take a long time.

Crimes committed at the property will expedite Chapter 98 Public Nuisance Ordinance. Officer Wiedmann covered the details of Chapter 98.

Janice Devito- some residents at her apartment complex park on a public cul-de-sac and their vehicles aren't being used. Janice gave her apartment complex information and details of the vehicles to Office Wiedmann so he can pass the issue on to parking services.

2. City Councilor Reports

Vanessa Nordyke presentation. Vanessa wished all a Happy Veterans Day and shared photos of her grandfather who served in WWII and later went to Willamette University and Willamette University College of Law thanks to the GI Bill.

Salem updates:

Draft climate action plan is online and open for public input via Trevor and Vanessa.

Infrastructure bond measure.

Salem Public Library has reopened.

In process of redistricting Salem wards.

Oregon is getting a new district and will have a new representative in Congress.

13 million dollars accepted in grant funding from the State of Oregon.

- Salem Police body cameras

- Shelter and crisis response

- Protect turnkey improvements

- SHA HRAP (Homeless Rental Assistance Program)

- 10.5 million can be used for various things including: buying a shelter, site clean up, also can be used for operating costs for crisis response.

- County Commissioners are not interested in partnering to form a mobile crisis unit.

Neighborhood hubs: overall reduction in the number of neighborhood hubs. Many have been removed.

Affordable Housing. City council is talking about this issue, more to come in 2022.

Supporting local businesses. Sharing with businesses about opportunities.

Shelter sites in Salem have been successful.

Funding approved for Warming Center Network.

Seacor park upgrades have been completed.

Trevor Phillips:

Member of Finance Committee. The City of Salem has over 2 billion in 'needs' in infrastructure. City can get 300 million to spend without additional taxes. Polls show that the public doesn't see that fire trucks are getting older and need increased maintenance. Salem fire is looking at getting electric fire engines as a possibility. Also projects needed include street and sidewalk maintenance.

The Zoning Committee looked at issues like parking, and how to make new developments more climate 'friendly'. Many of these zoning issues are governed by the State of Oregon.

Janice Devito- Asked for more clarification on Neighborhood Hubs. Vanessa Nordyke- city planners proposed a local business to serve a specific need. The idea was that folks could walk there. This would require some rezoning to allow for these types of small hyper-local businesses.

Janice Devito- Asked about Salem land use issues in general. Vanessa Nordyke- Yes, we do run up against land use issues, or issues with land that's buildable because of hills etc. The City Council works with the Planning Commission and City Planners to help with these issues. An example- United Way asked to purchase a plot of land from the City to build a Cottage (Tiny Home) community. Trevor Phillips- Yes, there are limitations based on the rules that exist. Also environmental concerns. Trying to work with developers to ensure they can make a profit while following the regulations. The Neighborhood Hubs are still being established and formalized. Offering more flexibility for future owners to build these types of 'mixed-use' sites.

More on Neighborhood Hubs-

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/our-salem-vision-map.aspx>

Two have been approved for the Faye Wright area.

Annie- removing/relaxing the regulations around parking requirements for new development can cause issues with existing neighbors and community. Trevor Phillips- Now that Salem is more dense people do start using transit. Acknowledged that it is a balancing act. Vanessa Nordyke- new apartments that are going up and designed for folks that are not bringing cars. They are planned to attract people who work in the downtown core.

Janice Devito- asked if the City can be proactive in getting public electric vehicle charging stations. One proposal in the Climate Action Plan is to require charging stations at new construction (commercial and residential).

Link to Climate Action Committee-

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/climate-action-plan.aspx>

New Business

Ray Quisenberry- 20 is Plenty Presentation

Ray is going to Neighborhood Association meetings to share his idea of lowering speed limits from 25 mph to 20 mph in residential neighborhoods. Has been adopted by Portland, Seattle, Eugene, and many other cities. Studies have shown that the 5 mph cuts fatalities in half (pedestrian vs. vehicle collisions). Grant, NEN (Northeast Neighbors) and SCAN voted to endorse.

Susan- which streets does this apply to? Answer- only residential streets, not arterials.

Blake- what is needed to finalize this in Salem? The City Council would vote on this to become effective.

Sally- a reminder that enforcement won't do the 'heavy lifting', the buy-in is needed from neighbors.

Janice- asked if the City Council has discussed this yet. Ray- not yet, but he has had conversations with individual council members, but not in an official meeting at this point.

Blake- what have other neighborhood associations provided in terms of their support?

Ray- other associations have been drafting emails to the City Council.

Blake- Made motion for Faye Wright to support and draft an email to the city council. Sally seconded. Motion passed. Blake will draft a letter to the city council for board review.

226 Salem Heights Property Update:

The approval was appealed. The appeal was successful. The developer has redesigned the site so there are still 10 units, but only one entrance and exit to the parking lot on Crawford Street.

Susan will send the official document to the Board from the City and she receives it.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.