

Faye Wright Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
Zoom
12/9/21

Attendees:

Bev Ecklund- Board Member, Secretary
Susan Hecox - Board Member, Land Use Chair
Blake Shelide- Board Member, Chair
Vanessa Nordyke- Salem City Councilor
Dr. Trevor Phillips- Salem City Councilor

Board Members Absent:

Bryant Baird- Board Member
Sally Cook- Board Member
Shawn Range- Board Member, Vice-Chair

Call to Order

7:03 p.m.

Roll Call/Introductions

Approval of Previous Minutes

No quorum

City and County Reports

1. Salem Police Report

No officer present

2. City Councilor Reports

Vanessa Nordyke-

City Manager is retiring. The City Manager is publishing weekly updates of the homeless situation on the website. Urban Development is auditing programming to increase usage of programs. Utility help is available to low income residents. Police are looking to increase funding for 60 new officers. 6 out of 8 new city staff funded positions were police officers last year. The school resource officers (9) were absorbed into the force and the city now pays their salaries. Previous audit of the police showed that the city/police force could use more non-sworn staff. Arches Inn is open- new shelter with integrated on-site services for people experiencing homelessness. The goal is to have 80 beds total, right now there are 24 rooms available. Currently the Inn is being used for the Canyon Fire folks that lost homes and have not been able to find alternate housing or rebuild their home. CASA is looking for volunteers to represent children in the court system. Anyone interested in volunteering with CASA can contact Vanessa. Storage lockers for people experiencing homelessness are now in place. The city is waiving rent (approx. 1,000)at the Salem airport for charging stations for vehicles and aircraft. Volunteer

opportunity Dec. 23 11am-1pm at Arches to distribute clothing. Contact Vanessa if interested in volunteering.

Trevor- Trevor was involved in the storage locker project. The UDC (Unified Dev. Code) has some proposed changes. Developers moving towards a more 'robust' tree code. Some parking density changes for places like group homes. City staff feel confident in the proposed changes. Salem is a little behind, and this moves us towards being in line with similar cities. Public is welcome to submit written comments, meet with, lobby- reach out to Trevor or Vanessa. Chris Hoy (City Council President is getting sworn in to replace Rep. Clem.) COVID-19 update/questions- new variant- Trevor's message is the same- get fully vaccinated, if eligible get a booster, if you go indoors outside of your own household wear a mask. Trevor recommends the flu shot as well.

Susan- question about if there are any regulations on where trees on property can be planted going forward. For example- do they have to be planted a certain number of feet from neighboring property lines?

Kristen Rutherford (sp?) will be interim City Manager.

Susan- does the "20 is Plenty" also come with increased enforcement? Trevor- it does not come with any increased law enforcement or patrol.

Susan- The developer has submitted a revised plan for the apartment complex at 226 Salem Heights Avenue. It is currently under review by city staff.

New Business

Blake wrote the letter regarding "20 is Plenty" and sent it to the board. The board has approved it. Trevor will check to see where the letter should go next and will let Blake know next steps.

Adjournment

7:47 p.m.