

Summary Meeting Minutes
SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Present:

Board Members

Glenn Baly
Scott Bassett
Jerry Bennett
Michael Hughes
Sylvia Machado
TJ Sullivan

Invited Guest Speakers

Kacey Duncan, Deputy City Manager
Steve McCoid, City Councilor
Officer Ben Hughes, Salem Police
Sophie Polonsky, Probation Office Marion County
Deb Romano, Code Compliance Officer

Neighbors/Others

Ray Lauderdale, Neighbor
Lora Meisner, Neighbor
John Shepard, Neighbor

1. Introductions and Approval of Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sullivan at 6:30 PM. Attendees introduced themselves and opening/welcome statements were made. TJ Sullivan left the meeting because of an emergency.

2. Announcements and Committee Reports

Costco Wholesale store relocation is proposed for the intersection of Kuebler Blvd and 27th Ave. Glenn Baly and Jerry Bennett attended a meeting of the Neighborhood Association Chairs and said it provided helpful information for them as newer officers of the Board.

3. Police Report and Compliance Report

Officer Hughes is temporally covering the South Gateway area and gave a brief report. Compliance Officer Deb Romano listed two problem houses that have been repeatedly reoccupied by squatters and have been declared derelict.

4. City Budget Report

Deputy City Manager Kacey Duncan gave an overview of the 24 separate funds of the City budget and answered questions about the projected \$2 million annual cost increase in PERS for future years, and streamlining the budget process for next year.

5. Election of Board

The election of SGNA officers was delayed from the annual meeting in the fall. Nominations were made and the following officers were unanimously reelected: Chair Glenn Baly, Vice-Chair TJ Sullivan, Treasurer Jerry Bennett, and Secretary Scott Bassett.

6. City Councilor Report

Councilor McCoid noted that in the past the budget process left few decisions for the Salem Budget Committee. He said that is changing this year with two earlier Committee meetings so that it will not be like the “cake is already baked” before deliberations begin. Councilor McCoid asked who in addition to the Chair should the City send copies of pending Land Use Actions and Scott Bassett should be included on the distribution list.

Councilor McCoid provided some background on the 7 to 2 City Council decision approving a Reimbursement District to help fund the construction of Lone Oak Road through Creekside Estates and south to Ress Hill Road to serve proposed housing developments. He noted there was about \$1 million of funds from System Development Charges approved for construction of Lone Oak Road. He said the City’s planning division was woefully unprepared in the past to manage the development requirements for a large project like Creekside Estates and the City did not pay attention when the 350th home was permitted which was to trigger construction of Lone Oak Road inside of Creekside Estates. He said the City lost a Land Use Board of Appeals decision a couple of years ago because it was not reasonable that the developer should be required to build Lone Oak Road to serve just 4 or 5 homes.

7. Creekside Reimbursement District

The Board discussed the Creekside Reimbursement District and for reasons listed in Glenn Baly’s letter to the City Council dated February 8, 2018 voted unanimously to approve this motion:

“The SGNA asks City Councilor McCoid and the City Council to reconsider approval of the Lone Oak Reimbursement District and to not approve either a reimbursement district or related land use actions until the pending Creekside court case is decided.”

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Baly about 8:45 PM.