

Summary Meeting Minutes
SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Battle Creek Elementary School
1640 Waln Dr SE

Thursday, April 12, 2018

Present:

Board Members

Glenn Baly

Scott Bassett

Michael Hughes

TJ Sullivan

Invited Guest Speakers

Jackie Leung, Candidate Ward 4

Steve McCoid, City Councilor Ward 4

Neighbors/Others

Meeting was attended by an estimated 15-20 individuals.

1. Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chair Baly and this was the first SGNA meeting in Battle Creek Elementary School. Attendees introduced themselves and opening/welcome statements were made.

2. Police Officer Report

A representative of the Salem Police Department was not present near the beginning of the meeting. A police officer arrived during the candidate forum and was not able to stay to make a report after the candidate forum.

3. Lone Oak Reimbursement District Update

The City Council has deliberated on the Lone Oak Reimbursement District three times this year. In January it approved a staff recommendation to establish a district. In February it approved a motion for reconsideration. In March the Council held a public hearing on Lone Oak and decided to schedule a vote for April. In April, the Council moved the vote on whether or not to overturn the decision on the district to the May 14 Council meeting.

4. City Council Candidate Forum

Nearly the entire meeting was devoted to a discussion of the City Council Ward 4 election.

Jackie Leung, Candidate Ward 4 and Steve McCoid, City Councilor Ward 4 each addressed the neighborhood association meeting. Each candidate provided information on their background and reasons for running for office.

The topics of discussion included the Lone Oak Reimbursement District, Costco proposed relocation and traffic impacts, homeless community and City funding to house the most desperate 100, first time home buyers, costs of rental housing, City strategic plan, Police and Library adopted bond measures, PERS cost increases, open space, flood protection, ground water recharge, recreation space, and surplus of single family zoned land and deficit of multifamily zoned land.

There were also comments and questions related to population and housing supply growth rates, infill and housing density, inclusionary zoning that required 5 percent of new housing in a Washington D.C. suburb to be priced for workforce housing, and tiny homes.

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