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Meeting Minutes June 10, 2021
SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SGNA met via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Board Members

Present

Glenn Baly Chair
Mike Hughes Vice chair
Dave McKenna Secretary
Jerry Sachtjen Treasurer

Absent

Trevor Elliot

Sylvia Machado
John Ledger
Jake Krishnan
Kathleen Lempka

Guests

Jackie Leung, City Councilor, Ward 4
Charey Cooke
Jeremy Shonenfelder – 503-391-9999 – Mosaic Development Services
Andy Harmon – Mosaic Development Services
Suzy Nerli
Carol Dare
Lt. Debbie Aguilar - Salem Police Department
Deb Romano – Code Officer
Tony Martin – Assistant City Traffic Engineer
Austin Ross – City planning
Eunice Kim – City planning

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order around 6:45 PM by Vice Chair Hughes. Attendance taken, quorum declared present, and board members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved minutes for May meeting with minor changes.

3. Code Officer Report

Deb Romano gave report. Brady Rogers left department in April. She said her department handles code complaints such as:

- 1) Tall grass and weeds;
- 2) Abandoned vehicles;
- 3) Tree complaints;
- 4) Property Maintenance; and,
- 5) Other code violation issues.

No dangerous or derelict buildings are in our neighborhood at this time.

Complaints are to be filed on the City of Salem web-site for reporting neighborhood problems.

Kathleen mentioned that some mail-boxes had been broken into on Robins Lane. Deb said that that was a matter that needed to be handled by the police department and that she would contact them to be at our next meeting.

4. City Councilor Report

City council member Jackie Leung gave report. She said there will be a council meeting on Monday covering the 2022 Budget and people can provide feedback.

Said we may be interested in checking out some reports on Ward 3 about developments occurring along Battlecreek. Also in Ward 7 there has been a discussion about placing a walkway through Pioneer Cemetery.

Bob Barron the Chief Financial Officer for the City is moving out.

Homeless update they are cleaning up the camps in Wallace Marine and Cascade Gateway Parks. The City will be purchasing a hotel to house the homeless.

There will be a LBGTQ Pride event at Riverfront Park.

Jerry asked a question about cleaning up the camp at Market Street and I-5. Jackie said this is a site that is owned by ODOT and handled by several parties including the City and County for clean-up.

Asked Jackie about the current homeless population in the City. She says that estimates are about 1500+.

Jackie said there was funding passed for a Navigation Center for the homeless.

5. Other business

Tony Martin the Assistant Traffic Engineer (since 2009) talked on the issues raised by Kathleen in her e-mail about the proposed development for the end of Robins Lane. He said that Robins Lane is classified as a collector street.

He said that there is a gate at Brentwood which is in the I-5 right-of-way. The plan is for Brentwood to be moved out of the I-5 right-of-way and for Robins Lane to eventually connect to Landau. He said that some of this will depend on what the developer proposes. He says that Fabry will connect up somehow and that the city wants to close Landau because it is too steep. He said that there are some sewer issues in the area.

He said that collector streets are not allowed to have speed bumps. He does not foresee Robins Lane becoming a freeway.

He said that to add turning lanes at the intersection of Robins Lane and Commercial will require buying up right-of-way around those corners, that he see's as a problem because it is a long process and will need to be placed in the CIP.

He said that they could add a double yellow line down the center of Robins Lane if desired by the neighborhood association.

He said there are currently two 25 mph signs on Robins Lane.

He does not see the ability to put in a crosswalk at the crest of the hill because it will not be visible to the drivers on either side of the hill.

Safer Crossings is a City web-site where crosswalks can be requested and will then be reviewed.

Cannot, put 35 mph signs on Battlecreek. Is 55 mph and based on 85 percentile established by ODOT.

People are parking in the bike lanes. Tony said this is an enforcement issue. He said that it used to be that 1.5 parking spaces were required per apartment. He believes that the council recently changed this to 1 parking space per apartment and that this has caused people to park on the surrounding streets.

Kathleen requested that a baseline be established using a trip meter (tube counts) installed for traffic speed and volume on Robins Lane. There where 2240 vehicles going up Robins Lane in 2005. Tony estimates that it is about 2800 vehicles now. Tony recommends doing study when school is back in service after Labor Day.

Landau is a local street.

6. Police Officer Report

Lt. Debbie Aguilar came late. Said that the City is not using the service crime report.com anymore and is now reporting using the Lexis Nexis crime maps.

Kathleen mentioned the broken into mailbox issue on Robins Lane. Will check with Jason and get patrols into area on mailboxes and parking in bike lane enforcement.

7. Kuebler Village

Jeremy Shonenfelder and Andy Harmon of Mosaic Development are planning a commercial medical and mixed use development by Kuebler Blvd and 27th SE.

Did traffic study that includes traffic for Costco and was reviewed and approved by ODOT. They will share the traffic study with the SGNA by sending a copy to Glenn.

They want a development that will be convenient and meet the needs of the senior development that they have building on the hill to the south of the site. Neighborhood members are concerned that they may put in some big box stores.

8. Our Salem Report

Austin Ross and Eunice Kim showed Master Plan Zoning Map and said this is the last month that they are accepting comments on this. Want this plan to reflect the community's vision for the future. They gave a general overview of the Salem Comprehensive Plan. Plan is proactive with City's plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. They will be updating the Transportation Plan.

9. Adjournment.

Next SGNA meeting is July 10, 2021.