



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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Meeting Minutes October 14, 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

Community members:

Charey Cooke
Bob Myers
Jan S
Lori Festa
Jon Shep
Judi M

Guests:

Laura Russo (ARCHES)

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Kathleen said she has not been getting the agenda and would like to be added to the board email list. The meeting was called to order around 6:45 PM by Vice Chair Mike Hughes. Attendance taken, quorum declared present, and people introduced themselves. Chair Glenn Bailey arrived to Zoom meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Approved minutes for September meeting.

3. Police Officer Report

Police Officer was not present so that no report was given. Asked that Glenn discuss with Irma to provide police officer for our meetings.

Jerry said he would like to see body cameras supplied to all officers.

4. City Councilor Report

City council member Jackie Leung was not present. She did, however, send Jake a Powerpoint presentation for this week's meeting with the following information.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MATTERS

- Oct 18: Our Salem Project: Joint City Council and Planning Commission.
 - This is Salem's comprehensive plan. Please watch/join in.
- Nov 15: 2022 City Council Policy Agenda
 - Any specific priorities? One area I would like to explore is an auditor. With how fast Salem is growing, it is important to make sure our funds are being used wisely and in the best way possible. It makes fiscal sense.

SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT: THREE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

- Please complete the survey:
- English: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=tfaUCHR920mw4_ro-ciRk6dFyGIAGmZFnRNZ3ojaSttUMVNONINETUZMTURNNkcxMVVDMzBJUkiDUi4u
- Spanish: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=tfaUCHR920mw4_ro-ciRk6dFyGIAGmZFnRNZ3ojaSttUQ1FUWTQ0WFBWRjVYRUFPVRWRITEZDMFVJOS4u
- Due: Oct 24

UTILITY ASSISTANCE (FOR HOMEOWNERS)

- Two types for City of Salem homeowners
- Utility rate relief (elderly or disabled): <https://www.cityofsalem.net/utility-relief>
- Emergency Utility assistance: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/apply-for-low-income-utility-assistance.aspx>

WEATHER UTILIZATION & RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

- State support:
- Weather utilization services: <https://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/energy-weatherization/Pages/weatherization-services.aspx>
- Rental assistance from the state of Oregon (up to one year possible): <https://www.oregonrentalassistance.org/>

Kathleen said that she had mentioned to Jackie in our last meeting that there are homeless people are making fires in the triangular area south of Terrace Lake Park, and that Jackie has not responded to this although she said that she would. Kathleen said that additionally the homeless are using the lake for their dogs and for bathing.

5. Homeless Report

Laura Russo from ARCHES gave a report on homelessness in the neighborhood. She said that plans are being made to use the Friends Church at 1140 Baxter Road as a warming center when temperatures are expected to go below freezing. There will be room for twenty men and women at the site. Children and families will not be allowed. There are other facilities that allow for children and families in the City.

ARCHES serves meals; provides rental assistance; has case management and navigation assistance; shower facilities; and laundry services.

6. Other Business

It was said that public notice for a public hearing is scheduled for the Morningside Church Plan/Zone Change on 11/2/2021.

It was mentioned that Popeye's is making an application to the City to cite at a location on Commercial by Farby.

Glenn said that he would contact Irma on getting a police officer for our meetings.

There was a discussion on how the tents and platforms by the Court Street Kitchen were take up room for parking. Jerry said he would like to discuss with Jackie Leung taking these out during the cold months of the year from November thru May.

There is a plot along Battlecreek where trees are being taken down and a large number of houses are going in.

The development east of Robins Lane was discussed briefly.

Kathleen said that Tony Martin a Traffic Engineer for the City of Salem did a traffic use study with ropes on Robins Lane and has not given her the results yet. Development will bring a lot of traffic to this location as all of the proposed developments proposed are built-out. Brentwood is a road proposed to connect Battlecreek and Robins Lane. Part of this includes 1-1/2 acres that is currently owned by the county that the city will need to annex for completion of the road.

Would like to get Andrew Walker at the next meeting to discuss the improvements to I-5 and the connection.

7. Adjournment.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 11th.