

Minutes of SESNA Meeting of June 22, 2021

Present: Bill Smaldone (Chair, filling in for Shannon Priem), Marcia Hoak, David Tompkins, Seleste Liyanage, Kirk Leonard, Dave Macmillan, Patrick (?).

Salem Police Representative: Office Gordon

I. **No minutes** to approve from May meeting with Chief Womack

II. **Neighborhood Concerns:** Celeste asked is carrying a taser is useful for fending off unleashed dogs. Officer Gordon suggested pepper or bear spray instead.

III. **Officer Gordon's report:** There has been very little crime within the confines of the neighborhood recently. Any illegal activity was concentrated on State or Mission Streets.

- The City is introducing a new Lexus Community Crime Map on its website. This will be a useful tool for tracking neighbors interested in tracking criminal behavior in SESNA and elsewhere in Salem.
- The Salem Police Academy begins on September 8. The City is taking applications now.

IV. **July 24 Sidewalk Sale at the Wesleyan Church.** Planning meeting is Thursday, June 24, at 10:00am at the church.

V. **The first Habitat House** on 19th Street will be dedicated on Sunday, June 27, at 10:00am. The second house will be dedicated later in July.

VI. **Discussion of Building SESNA**

- Importance of personal conversations to get neighbors interested
- We should do tabling at local events
- We should do flyers for the summer meetings in the park
- Organizing fun events in the parks to get neighbors out.

Action Item:

Dave and Bill will get a **Google Doc** started to draft language for a half-page flyer that can be distributed in the neighborhood prior to the July 27 meeting in Lee Park. Bill, Marsha, and Seleste volunteered to help distribute it.

We will also develop a quarter-sheet sized handout for tabling, etc.

Once the language is developed, **ask Shannon to help with the layout.** Would be good to have for the **July 24 sidewalk sale.**