

October 8, 2019 Meeting  
South West Association of Neighbors  
(SWAN)

Attendees

John Lattimer, Carol Grimwood, Allison Houck, Leonard Nelson, Connie Jones, Andie Andeen, Jeanine Stice, Pat Norman, Ted Burney, Randy Johnson, Vanessa Nurdyke, Ron Eachus

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by John Lattimer  
Minutes approved and seconded by Allison Louck

Police Report – Andrew Connelly

- Do not to leave cars with motor running unattended - car thefts have increased 3-4 times over last year.
- New Police building scheduled to open in November of 2020 – see “Building Buzz” website for updates

Laura Mack – Art Advocate

- There are currently no art teachers in the 42 Salem K-12 schools
- Art provides vital development in self esteem, motivation, engagement, empathy, critical thinking skills and has been shown to improve literacy and math scores.
- Oregon House Bill 2347, the Student Success Act, has been passed to address funding for relevant, behavioral and measureable programs from which the Oregon Art Education Association is seeking funds to promote art in schools. Committees have been formed to address the budget breakout and results will be announced in March, 2020.

Open Issues

Salem Heights Wren Development – an appeal to review safety concerns, developer responsibility and trees has been made which the Statesman Journal chronicled in a recent article. Ron E advocated for SWAN support and referred to the Salem Heights Advisory Group formed to address concerns of this proposed development.

Board approved to have SWAN meetings held on a monthly basis and to move the meeting date to the first Tuesday of each month.

Annual elections will be conducted at the November meeting. Listed below are the positions currently open. We encourage any and all neighbors with an interest in being involved or taking a greater role in governing the SWAN Neighborhood Association to attend.

Officers – Chairperson, Vice-Chair

Board – 3 or more positions open

Committees – Parks, Land Use seeking membership

New committees can be created to address the needs of the community if there is interest: Budget, School/Youth, Social Concerns and Communication Committees as examples.

Trunk ‘n Treat event at Westminster Presbyterian Church on October 31<sup>st</sup>

McKay Park ribbon cutting October 22 at 4pm. Salem Parks Foundation raised \$96,000 from community donors and grants to provide new play equipment.