

January 7th, 2020 Meeting  
South West Association of Neighbors

**Attendees**

Jeanine Stice, Connie Jones, Becky Beaman, John Lattimer, Pat Norman, Allison Houck, Patricia Farrell, Judy O'Malia, Randy Johnson, Ted Burney, Darren Howard, Claire and Scott Nettleton, Leonard Nelson, Tom Gorski, Daryl Thomas, Andie Ardeen, Reid Sund

Meeting called to order by Jeanine Stice at 6:35pm  
Minutes approved with additions and seconded

**Bylaw Update**

The board agreed to updating the bylaws to include voting by email, mail, fax, or phone when immediate action is required by the board but suggested that length of time to respond and what constitutes a quorum will be revisited with final language to be submitted by Connie at next meeting. Adding language regarding removal of board members for absenteeism to the bylaws is still an open issue requiring further discussion.

**Officer Report**

Officer Miranda has been on the police force for 20 years and was drawn to Salem for its sense of community which he feels is an important responsibility to maintain and enjoys speaking to neighborhood meetings for this reason.

Porch Pirates – Door alarms and cameras have been a useful deterrent but packages are still being stolen so neighbors need to be vigilant and watch out for each other. Trimming vegetation around the house for better visibility is also a helpful deterrent.

Citizens Academy – a 10 week program designed to expose the public to civic law procedure and how the PDC conducts itself along with firearms training scenarios.

Len Nelson requested a report on crime statistics for our area to be brought to the next meeting. It is also available on the cityofsalem.net website.

**City Councilor, Ward 7 Report – Vanessa Nordyke**

Provided city council updates on the following issues:

Parks and Paths – Will be discussed at the January 30<sup>th</sup> stakeholder meeting

Croisen Creek Trail, Rural and Hoyt and Pioneer Cemetery on agenda

Judy Warncke is the city contact for this area of concern

Mental Health and Youth Engagement – Teen Suicide has become an epidemic and is the second highest cause of death among teens. Helping them engage in community activities can provide a sense of belonging and being connected which is important in preventing suicide.

Homelessness – A state of emergency has been declared. Emergency Shelter space and Mobile response units are being considered for non-criminal cases. A Navigation Center that can provide services to improve their lives is also up for discussion however finding suitable real estate has proven to be challenging.

Sit-Lie Ordinance - deemed unconstitutional and requires amendment for enforcement. However city council has made tent camping illegal on public property except in designated areas but these areas have yet to be identified.

**Battle Creek Park Master Plan - Patricia Farrell, City of Salem**

Battle Creek Park is a 57 acre urban park which the city bought in 2008. The terrain requires a balance between wetland management and recreation, habitat trails and Frisbee golf! The development of the park will go through several phases –cost, how to develop and when. The city continues to seek for public support and comments from the public which can be made on the parks website. The Parks Administration Board plans to hold a meeting on February 13 prior to seeking approval by the city council in March.

### **Land Use Report and Update – Ted Burney, Chr.**

Ted stressed the importance of NA's taking an active role in responding to and participating in prospective development projects citing the Faye Wright development on Alderwood (10 acres) which was presented to the NA in 2018 and was apparently overlooked leading to rezoning for development.

He proposed that SWAN submit a letter to Council regarding the amended balcony changes on multi-family developments exceeding 13 units in order to protect future rights of appeal and to support the proposed amendment to the new design standards. Board approved that Ted draft a letter for review by email prior to the January 27<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Any suggestions and comments/feedback should be emailed to Ted at [burney.ted.tb@gmail.com](mailto:burney.ted.tb@gmail.com)

It was also suggested that this draft may be useful as a template that can unite other NA's facing development in their neighborhoods and provide greater influence.

Ron Eachus, land use committee member, spoke about his concern that the TSP can ignore traffic impact on existing neighborhoods cited for development. He suggests that the process on codes impacting traffic and safety be transparent allowing NA's the right of appeal.

Jeanine provided update on the Salem Heights Advisory Committee's last meeting which was attended by Anthony, the City Planner on the project. The meeting touched on the following issues with regard to the proposed Wren development: the inability to apply the same template in all cases, its hilly terrain requiring that the development be implemented in stages and that the findings of this advisory committee may provide a template for other collector streets impacted by development.

For further information on the Advisory's progress visit the website at Feedback/suggestions/concerns can be sent to Bill Dixon at [bill.r.dixon@gmail.com](mailto:bill.r.dixon@gmail.com) then Ted at [burney.ted.tb@gmail.com](mailto:burney.ted.tb@gmail.com)

### **Committees 2020**

Emergency Preparedness - Becky Beaman, committee member, requested to be on the February agenda

Parks – South Salem Connect holds its next meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm at Adam's Rib.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm