

March 3, 2020 Meeting  
Southwest Association of Neighbors (SWAN)

**Attendees**

Board Members - Jeanine Stice, Connie Jones, John Latimer, Ron Eachus, Judy O'Malia, Ted Burney, Pat Norman, Becky Miner, Darren Howard  
Other members - Cynthia Donald, Kristi Bowman, Meenal Basu, Austin Brown, Jennifer Carley, Don Miner, Rob Thrasher, Becky Beaman,

Meeting called to order by Jeanine Stice at 6:30pm  
February minutes not approved as they were submitted but not posted to city website.

**City Council Update – Councilor Nordyke**

Homelessness:

Sit Lie Ordinance – administrative order forthcoming but no designated location has been found yet. March 9<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for finding a designated location. In the meantime, Councilor Nordyke is demanding that temporary space be created to avoid disbursement into neighborhoods where they will be unable to locate for services. Currently Miller Elementary provides for 1500 unsheltered youths, Red Cross has 35 beds and Safe Sleep provides 12-19. She is asking to fund a Navigation Center as part of the \$40-60 million funding requested by the state which received unanimous support from the House but due to the current walkout at the State Legislature, no decision is being made.

Pioneer Cemetery – Councilor Nordyke will make a motion to study options for a Hoyt-Rural connector at the next City Council meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup> that could impact Pioneer Cemetery as a connector pathway though the cemetery has been proposed.

**Police Report and Code Compliance**

Do not leave packages in cars to avoid getting car stolen

Neighbor reported homeless camping on private property bordering Belcrest Cemetery – police will reach out to Belcrest manager to alert them.

**Land Use Report and Update – Ted Burney**

Balcony Design Code Update – 60% of the appeals brought to the Land Use Planning Commission concerned the removal by the commission of the amended design code allowing for balconies on apartments abutting RS (single family residential homes) zoned land. The Council listened and overturned the Planning Commission's decision so that the design code will still include balconies but they must be enclosed if facing RS property.

**Planning City Council Candidate Forum**

Discussion was held on how to develop a format for a Candidate forum to be held at the April 7<sup>th</sup> SWAN meeting for City Council, Ward 7. It was decided that the forum would be 30 minutes with opening/closing remarks by Jeanine and then same question/s would be posed to each candidate allowing for a 2 minute response. Members agreed that the focus of the questions should be in three areas – neighborhood issues, city concerns raised in the City Survey or other pertinent issues, and general issues  
Leaders in small group breakouts determined question/s on the following topics:

Ted – Transportation, safe routes, sidewalks

Pat – Neighborhood livability, land use, housing, water/sewer, parks

Darren – Budget Revenue

Becky - Homelessness

Questions will be finalized and reviewed before next meeting. Forum will be publicized through KMUZ radio, flyers and website.

### **Committee Updates**

Emergency Preparedness –

CERT meets every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in Russell Hall at Westminster Presbyterian.

Ham Radio training is being offered in connection with emergency preparedness efforts on April 10-11<sup>th</sup>.

More information at [www.N7ds.net](http://www.N7ds.net)

Flyer was distributed on CERT Training classes for March/ April being offered at 2 locations in West Salem from 6-9:30pm. Training is free of charge and instructs community members in basic disaster preparedness and relevant response skills. Registration is required with a deadline of March 3, 2020.

To register/receive more info, contact Lola Hackett at [lolahackett@yahoo.com](mailto:lolahackett@yahoo.com) or call 503-566-3697.

Parks –

If you would like to get information on the eagle nest at Minto contact the City of Salem Park Ranger, Mike Zieker at [mzieker@cityofsalem.net](mailto:mzieker@cityofsalem.net).

Time did not allow for discussion of recommendations for park projects submitted by Pat to all board members for feedback to qualify for funding from Salem Parks Foundation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm