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**Meeting Notice**  
December 7, 2021 6:30pm  
Location: [ZOOM](#)  
Meeting ID: 832 3276 4910  
Passcode: 356996

<p><b>Welcome – Ted Burney, SWAN Chair</b> *Introductions of Board members: Ted Burney –Chair <b>P</b> Allison Houck -Co-Chair. <b>P</b> John Lattimer- Land Use Chair <b>P</b> Ron Eachus Board Member, Land Use Team <b>P</b> Leonard Nelson, Board Member Pat Norman, Parks Committee Chair <b>P</b> Carol Grimwood -Board Member, Watershed &amp; Land Use Team <b>P</b> Darren Howard-Board Member, Land Use Team <b>P</b> Becky Miner-Board Member, Past Chair Ken Freeman-Secretary/Treasurer <b>P</b></p> <p><b>INVITED Guests:</b> Sergeant Demmer, SPD <b>P</b> Councilor Nordyke , Salem City Council. <b>P</b> Toni Whitley, Parks Planner. <b>P</b></p> <p><b>Chair Announcements:</b></p> <p>The Audubon Bird Count starts on December 18th. Do not be alarmed by people looking into the trees early in the morning. That’s what they do.</p>	<p><b>5 min</b></p>
<p><b>Minutes Approval - November 2021</b> SWAN Board Quorum Motion Made to approve minutes as submitted. Motion Seconded. Motion Carried. November Minutes Approved.</p>	<p><b>5 min</b></p>

**Police Report SPD Officer & Code Officer Report**

**15 min**

Sergeant Demmer.

*#1 Salem Police Department Toy Drive! New, unwrapped toys.*

*After December 13th, please drop these at the station.*

*#2 Community Assessment and Staffing Study from our Audit:*

*We are understaffed. It has caused some delays in call response.*

*SPD is attempting top remedy this with recruiting and use of Community Service Officers. Also using a on-line self-reporting tool so that you can file a report.*

*#3 Holiday Safety. Mail box break-ins. We are working with USPS, but have many reports of break-ins. Consider dropping outgoing mail at the Post office. If you are headed out of town, use lighting timers to foil possible break-ins.*

*#4 Automotive Break-ins. Hide stuff in your car. Don't leave valuable visible. Do not start you car on this chilly mornings and leave it running. This creates an opportunity.*

*#5 Community Support. We need it.*

*Question: Troubling concerns on Gilbert Street. What can we do? Who can we engage to help?*

*Answer: Knowledge is power. Keep up the Pressure. These Neighborhood meetings are a great way to inform.*

*Question: in and around Gilbert road and Schurman: Traffic, auto speeds, noise and safety. What can we do?*

*Answer: Keep up the Pressure. Call it in. If we don't know about, nothing will happen. These Neighborhood meetings are a great way to inform. Some of this is related to our staffing shortages. We have to respond to emergencies.*

*Follow up: Councilor Nordyke: We at city council passed a budget to increase the resources available. The recent cancelling of the contact with Salem Keizer School district has meant a net gain of nine officers, back into the available pool of resources.*

*Question: Budget: What goes into this?*

*Sargent Demmer: Recruiting is a key for us. I need more officers that I can deploy.*

*Councilor Nordyke: we want to increase the budget and mental health resources available for the BHU (Behavioral Health Unit), which does a great job, and add a QMHP (Qualified Metal Health Professional) program so the Crisis team has more options to handle some of those lower acuity calls.*

*Question: Parking at New construction. Answer: John Lattimer: We have competitive issues of access vs, people not using cars.*

*Report any Safety concerns: [https://saalem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?](https://saalem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=04eafe791ec74f0688f48dac4c848b17)*

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<p><b>City Council Update Ward - Councilor Nordyke</b>  (<a href="mailto:vnordyke@cityofsalem.net">vnordyke@cityofsalem.net</a>)  <b>Winter Is Coming</b>  Arches Inn: 80 beds for Canyon Wildfire Survivors.  City Manager Retiring  Weekly Updates from the city on Homelessness,  Storage Lockers for the Homeless  Urban Development Audio  Utility Rate Relief.</p> <p>Police Budget info:  Police budget increased for 2022  6 New positions added.  9 Officers added back in to patrol and investigations after SKPS cancelled contract.</p> <p>Electric Charging Stations at the Salem Airport. part of a 10 year agreement with BETA Technologies. They are installing the chargers, we are giving them the space for 10 years without cost.</p>	<p><b>10 min</b>  <b>5 min q/a</b></p>
<p><b>Program: The Comprehensive plan for Bailey Ridge Park.</b>  <b>Invited Guest: Toni Whitler, Parks Planner.</b>  Pat Norman, SWAN Parks Chair introduces Toni Whitler, Salem City Parks Planner. Bailey Ridge Park Overview. Process and schedule for the coming months. Upcoming meetings planned for January 26th, February 16th and March 27th.  If you are interested: Toni Whitler email <a href="mailto:twhitler@cityofsalem.net">twhitler@cityofsalem.net</a> and sign up for Bailey Ridge Park planning emails <a href="http://eepurl.com/gfB0zz">http://eepurl.com/gfB0zz</a> Sorry I took so long! See you on January 26 watch for your postcard or contact me with questions.  Question: Parks funding source? Builder fees for acquisitions and development. From the City for maintenance.  Candalaria Park update: Not likely, but we are still evaluating options. The water folks are expecting to expand this reservoir in the next few years.</p>	<p><b>20 min</b></p>
<p><b>Land Use Update &amp; Reports, John Latimer, Land Use Chair</b>  Updates: Short Term Projects: Budget for roads and bridges. The city has a 300 million dollar bond and we can help them guide to our priorities. We need to develop a SWAN punch list of project and ideas ad create a list of priorities.</p>	<p><b>20 min</b></p>
<p><b>Committee Updates:</b>  <b>Parks- Pat Norman, Parks Chair</b>  Updates:  SANTA is Coming!  December 20th: Just Walk Salem</p>	<p><b>5 min</b></p>

<p><b>Review of Neighborhood Priorities for 2022.</b> Forthcoming SWAN Priorities Document (Attached in Addendum) SWAN Goals/Neighborhood Priorities 2021-</p>	<p><b>10 min</b></p>
<p><b>Community Input and Neighborhood Concerns:</b> Traffic Increases. River Road: Candalaria area as a shortcut from River Road to get our of traffic. Report pedestrian safety concerns: <a href="https://saalem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=04eafe791ec74f0688f48dac4c848b17">https://saalem.maps.arcgis.com/apps/GeoForm/index.html?appid=04eafe791ec74f0688f48dac4c848b17</a></p>	<p><b>10 min</b></p>

**NOTE:** Please email extensive neighborhood concerns or questions and additional agenda items prior to the meeting so they can be accommodated. For more information contact Ken Freeman, SWAN Sec/Treas at [kkfreeman.489@gmail.com](mailto:kkfreeman.489@gmail.com)

Sign up for SWAN emails: [www.cityofsalem.net/neighbor](http://www.cityofsalem.net/neighbor)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83232764910?pwd=eVprK1RIZ0R5L0t6bjN1V3VhODQxUT09>

## **SWAN Goals/Neighborhood Priorities 2021-**

### **Our Vision: To Preserve and Improve Neighborhood Livability**

#### **Our Goals:**

##### **Transportation: (through land use Subcommittee)**

1. Increase active transportation by improving infrastructure supporting pedestrian and bicycle safety (sidewalks, bike lanes, safe routes to schools and parks) and slowing traffic especially in neighborhoods.

1.a Work with City Staff to encourage safe , active transportation in key areas including Salem Heights, Madrona, Croisan Creek, River Road and North side of Browning

1.b. Work with City staff and City council to improve River Road bike lanes within city limits on maintenance and enhancement. Add/update striping. Explore bicycle paths off of the road itself.

1.c. Continue to work with City Staff (Anthony Gamallo) towards completion of a master plan for Salem Heights Avenue. Work to identify funding sources.

1.d. Explore traffic issues with Crestview/Schurman. Advocate for crosswalk at the corner of Vibbert and where Schurman joins Crestview.

1.e. Propose traffic study/analysis of Hansen/Holiday/Candalaria School traffic issues.

##### **Land use/Housing: Land use Subcommittee (John Lattimer, Chair)**

1. Monitor code development and land use decisions as the city adopts more densely populated neighborhoods and infill in our area. Keep abreast of HB 2001 implementation and changes within "Our Salem".

1.a. Submit comment/position statements to council or planning case managers on areas of interest identified by membership and/or Board aimed at ensuring developers develop in the best interest of the neighborhood for long term livability such as green space, accessibility, traffic flow, walkability, bikeability, mass transit routes and connectivity through the neighborhoods.

2. Continue to monitor and participate in the Salem Climate Action plan

2.a. Promote partnerships with existing and newly developing buildings/businesses supporting smart energy use.

2.b. As part of Salem Climate action plan encourage the development of alternative sources of power. Encourage code changes/flexibility to allow use of downtown/or outlying flat top commercial/residential/industrial buildings for alternative energy development. i.e. solar

2.c. Promote changes to Salem's building codes and climate change policies to spare agricultural land from development while continuing to create livable neighborhoods and a sense of community. Work towards maintaining agricultural land for ag purposes not for solar farms.

2.d. Monitor and participate in tree canopy preservation as a public good.

\*Incentives for preservation of existing trees and the planting of new trees

\*Enforce existing penalties for unlawful removal of trees.

##### **Parks: Parks subcommittee (Pat Norman, Chair)**

1. Advocate to City Parks, Public Works and/or Council to add more parks/green space in our area neighborhoods that are easy to reach by bike or walking. I.e. Candalaria Reservoir.

1.a. Continue discussions with neighbors, parks and water department for the development of Candalaria Reservoir as a neighborhood park/green space.

1b. Continue to submit grants for park improvements i.e. Fircrest information kiosk

1c. Continue to submit grant applications for Nelson Park (water fountain)

1.d. Track and advocate for development of Bailey Ridge Park

1.e. Establish/coordinate volunteer work parties at various parks as needed to bring neighbors together and support park maintenance on a quarterly basis. January/February, Earth Day in April, Pioneer Cemetery/ Summer/Fall Possibly look to the future to propose a new sign(s) for Minto Brown park emphasizing "This is a Wildlife Refuge". Proposal to city staff.

##### **Emergency Preparedness:**

1. Increase the number of trained volunteers in each area of SWAN boundaries so each neighborhood has trained leaders in case of an emergency. (CERT) 2. Coordinate with CERT

trainers to establish block captain system for 50% of the housing units in SWAN by the end of 2022.

**Homelessness and City Connections:**

1. Support City wide work to reduce the numbers of individuals who do not have stable housing.

2. Increase coordination and cooperation with other Neighborhood Associations.

Where appropriate, write, comment and testify to further create community engagement utilizing the unified power of SWAN.

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