

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Minutes

January 18, 2018

Meeting was called to order at 7PM by chairman, Alan Alexander.

Alan thanked Bill Kelly and Linda Miller for conducting the November meeting when he was away

Neighbors introduced themselves

Corrections to the November minutes: The Lockwood Apartments currently have 12 units and the proposal is to add 8 units by adding a second story

Officer Menges -

There are issues with drugs mostly methamphetamines and some heroin in Salem. He shared an example of what officers must deal with when dealing with persons effected by drugs. He indicated it often takes several officers to subdue them. He said the effects are only getting worse. There is a new drug making an appearance on the east coast that they expect to head west

It is often difficult to determine if a person is having drug or mental issues

He encouraged neighbors to call early if they notice someone acting erratically before the issue escalates. He urges to not intervene and keep your distance

A neighbor asked about what to do if needles are found. He said the non-emergency police number should be called. They are prepared to safely deal with them. If you need to move it to a safe location, use gloves and put in a plastic or glass container

A neighbor mentioned all the burglaries that have been occurring on Liberty Road South. Officer Menges indicated that the robberies started a month before Christmas at convenience stores and have continued. The police believe it is the same individual and need to identify the person and then apprehend them. Sometimes it takes a while.

Alan mentioned that a neighbor on Cunningham Lane contacted him about 3 burglaries along Cunningham Lane in the past month to 6 weeks. He is not sure if they were reported or not and this kind of criminal activity is not something we are used to in this neighborhood.

Officer Menges told neighbors that crimes need to be reported. Even if they are not able to gather evidence, they can track crimes and increase patrols.

A neighbor thanked the police for the quick response to a situation he encountered at a storage facility where he has a unit.

Officer Menges reported that Circle K on Liberty Road S is a problem area.

He brought flyers for Coffee with a Cop set for January 24th 8:30AM - 10:30AM at the Starbucks 1134 Lancaster Dr NE

No city councilor report - Alan mentioned that the city webpage is the place to check to see what is happening in the city and with the council

Land Use

South Liberty Road property - Alan reported that the owner, who paid \$50,000 for the property, was applying for some variances so he can put single family homes on the property. We have missed the deadline for comments.

Lockwood Apartments - Several residents attended and shared concerns about the proposal to add on to the apartments

A neighbor asked how people can continue to live in the apartments during construction.

There are 3 people in wheel chairs and others have mobility issues. Some of the residents have their housing subsidized. There are also night workers who sleep during the day. The apartment has an absentee manager who denies that anything is happening with the apartments. The residents who attended said they are paying month to month and do not have leases.

Alan shared information from the October meeting about the plan to rezone an adjacent piece of property to use for parking which will be required if additional

apartments are added. The neighborhood association is notified anytime there is a request for a zoning change. Currently there is no application for a change

Neighbors also complained about the owners/managers lack of response to making repairs to the apartments and keeping the building up. The parking lot floods so only $\frac{1}{2}$ is usable. One resident has had a broken window for several months. Alan explained that apartment complexes are inspected every 5 years unless there are complaints. There are 1.5 people assigned to inspect apartments. Neighbors are reluctant to call compliance services. Neighbors can go to the city website under Community Resources, My neighborhood, report concerns, report neighborhood problems and report an issue on line asking that their information be kept confidential. Renters are urged to go to the city website and report problems.

Alan urged residents of the complex to let the manager know that they want to be informed about what is happening

Residents will get notice of the request for zoning change and can either submit written testimony or give testimony at the planning commission meeting. Board Members offered to help residents with testimonies.

Residents were also urged to check the state of Oregon website for landlord/tenant rights. An out of state landlord must comply with Oregon laws.

Alan reported that the skating rink at Riverfront Park was a success and will be back next year even though they did not make any money.

Sunnyslope Park - Bill Kelly reported that the city came out and outlined where the covered picnic shelter will be which should be installed this summer.

Alan reported that they are doing sidewalk improvements in the Faye Wright neighborhood and hopes they will move across Liberty into our neighborhood.

New Business

Library Foundation - Salem Reads - Lisa Hardey

She talked about the book that was chosen for Salem Reads Outcasts United. She mentioned there is a young adult version. Schools have been provided with copies and it has been well received. High schools have been given both the young adult

version and the regular one. She talked about where books can be purchased including the Friends of the Library Bookstore. Books can be checked out from the public library including the ebook version. Neighbors are also welcome to check out books at Sprague High School where she is the librarian. She shared a publication about the events surrounding the book that will happen in February, All but one are free Information can be found at www.splfoundation.org

The next meeting will be February 15th 7PM at Schirle Elementary

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance (Apologies for any misspelled names)

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bruce & Linda Miller

Bill Kelly

Evan White

Amy Johnson

Ann Bormlitorut

Robert Von Wellon

Paul Leonard

Ken Bays

Chip Hutchings

Kathy Schradle

Lisa Hardey

Officer Menges

Desmond