

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Minutes

March 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Chairman Alan Alexander.

Neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes were accepted as circulated.

Officer Burke:

He handed out information for the next Coffee with a Cop and for the March 21st Town Hall meeting regarding the Police Station at the Broadway Commons from 6PM - 7:30PM.

He shared some burglary prevention techniques which included lighting up your property with porch lights and flood lights, fencing backyards and locking sheds. He indicated that the Ring Doorbells tend to discourage burglars.

Chairman Alexander shared that he attended the Police Foundation Breakfast with the Chief. He reported that the money has been raised for the Emergency Response Vehicle and it has been ordered.

A neighbor shared about issues in Secor Park including people living there and having campfires. A neighbor reported seeing one person chasing another with a stick. Needles have also been found in the park. Officer Burke reported that they can arrest people for trespassing after park hours. He encouraged neighbors to call. The police want those calls and will respond if not out on more serious calls.

City Councilor - Sally Cook

She endorses the school bond.

Secor Park is in the city budget for next year for the development of a master plan. Once that plan is determined, improvements to the park can be made.

Four dead trees have been removed from Sunnyslope Park. She thanked Alan Alexander for the name of the person to contact. She reminded neighbors that they can call public works with issues in city owned spaces.

New sewage lines are being installed on McKay Street.

She reminded neighbors that homelessness is a complex issue. The State Police have jurisdiction over the circular walkway to the bridge which has become a campground for the homeless. The city manager reported as ODOT clears the walkway with help from social service agencies, the city will also, with help from social service agencies, clear the area around the Gilbert House Children's Museum. Sanitation and feeling safe is important.

She shared information from a study done in San Francisco that showed the age of the homeless is increasing. They found that many were middle income and were fine until someone lost their job or became disabled.

She reported that 40 homeless people are now in housing with rental assistance.

The city manager indicated that the city is exploring bringing back Cycle Share Stations to some parks.

She talked a little about the progress of the library bond. Neighbors reminded her that hiring local people for the work keeps dollars locally while hiring out of the area sends dollars elsewhere. These construction jobs are living wage jobs with benefits.

A new emergency preparedness manager has been hired, Greg Walsh.

Sen. Peter Courtney, Sen. Jackie Winters and Governor Brown were instrumental in securing \$300,000 for the City of Salem sobering center and \$1.5 million for Yaquina Hall which will be turned into low income housing units.

A neighbor mentioned the issues of speeding and the problems with construction vehicles on Davis Road and Redleaf. They reported that it is getting worse and neighbors are concerned about the safety of children. There are no regulations about the use of construction vehicles on neighborhood streets. She suggested that Chairman Alexander request a portable speed sign which might help slow vehicles. She also suggested an idea she saw that worked elsewhere where neighbors held clip boards and pointed hair dryers at cars with the chord tucked in a pocket. A hair dryer can look like a speed gun.

School Bond: Karma Krause - Salem/Keizer School & Mark Shipman - Yes for Salem/Keizer Schools

They handed out flyers about the bond as well as flyers detailing the improvements that would be made at schools in the local area.

The bond is only for construction and physical plant improvements. The improvements will increase capacity, increase security, upgrade technology and make seismic improvements (Existing structures will be upgraded to allow safe egress which building additions will be built to allow for quick re occupancy so they can be used as shelters.)

The \$619.7 million dollar bond will increase taxes \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for 20 years. In 12 years, the 2008 bond will be retired.

The district adds 300 - 400 students each year which is the size of a small elementary school.

Portables add to the capacity of a school, but not to the capacity of the library, lunch room and other facilities.

No new schools will be built. The bond will replace those portables that are at the end of their life with brick and mortar rooms. High School capacities will be increased to 2,200 with West Salem increased to 2,100 students.

For more information check the school district website as well as YesforSalemKeizerSchools.com. They also have a facebook page.

Melissa Parker - running for Salem Municipal Court Judge

She handed out campaign literature, explained her background as an attorney and why she is running. Learn more at melissaparker.net Contact her at melissaparkerforsalemjudge@gmail.com She is also on facebook: Melissa Parker for Salem Municipal Court.

Jon Weiner - candidate for Circuit Court Judge Position 5

This is an open seat with 3 people running.

He handed out a letter with his qualifications and endorsements.

Contact information: info@JonForJudge.com

Lockwood Apartments - Ken Bays

He reported that the owners have put major efforts into taking care of the problems. There are still issues including drainage in the parking areas and lightening.

Sunnyslope Park - Bill Kelly

He reported that within 2 weeks of our last meeting inmate crews removed 4 dead trees from the park. Thank you, Sally Cook, for making the contacts.

March 12th the trees were fertilized, mulched and the sprinkler system tested.

Ground was broken this week for the covered picnic area that has been in the works for 3 years that will cover 2 ADA picnic tables. The cost for this project is \$47,000. The money was raised through grants and private donations.

Secor Park - Alan Alexander

He has asked for 2 years for the city to focus on Secor Park. He brings it up as often as possible. It is in next year's budget to develop a master plan for the park. The pressure will be kept on until the plan is made.

Annual Meeting:

Several dates were discussed and at this point August 16th with the place to be determined. Ideas were suggested for topics. Included was a report from our city manager, a report from our mayor, explanation of developing a master plan for a park and the topic of homelessness. Jon Weiner offered to secure a speaker from the Mid-Valley Community Action Agency where he serves on the board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those is Attendance: (Apologies if I have misspelled any names)

Paul Leonard

Dana Taylor

Jim Taylor

Karma Krause

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bruce & Linda Miller

Michelle Vlach-Ing

Jon Weiner

Mark Shipman

Sally Cook

Bill Kelly

Jack Dalton

Officer Burke

Penny Norris

Gloria Koenig

Ken Bays

Melissa Parker