

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Minutes

April 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by vice chairman, Bill Kelly.

Neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

Officer Menges -

He is assigned to this district and works weekends.

There is a drug take back day on April 28th from 10AM to 2PM at, among other places, the bus pull-out at city hall. There is also a turn in box available 24/7 just outside the police station at city hall.

Someone mentioned the street lighting fee that they are paying with no street light on their street. It was mentioned that there are 800 requests for street lights with public works installing 60 per year.

Davis Road speeding issue - Neighbors living in the area

Speed at the Skyline end is 30 mph while at the Liberty end of Davis it is 25 mph. Neighbors reported cars are going faster and faster.

A neighbor reported contacting the police department asking that officers patrol the area during times when most of the speeding occurs. The response was that there are not enough patrol officers available.

Neighbors' suggestions for reducing speeds on Davis Road include stop signs at Bella Cresta and Red Leaf, speed bumps on the road, reducing the speed for the entire road to 25 mph and using cameras to issue speeding tickets.

Neighbors complained that, at times, Davis almost becomes a one-way road because it is so narrow. They also mentioned the lack of bike lanes and sidewalks along the entire road.

Officer Menges indicated that this is the first time he has heard about the problems and that neighbors had lots of good ideas. He indicated the police department can help with education and enforcement, but the rest is up to the city traffic engineering department. He will pass on the information he heard to the police traffic department.

A neighbor asked if there was a school resource officer assigned to Crossler Middle School that could help with safety during arrival and dismissal times. Officer Menges indicated that there is not someone assigned to Crossler, but there is an officer that deals with issues that come up, so a resource officer would not be available during those times.

Toni Martin - City of Salem Traffic Engineering Department

He explained the rules for installing stop signs. They are used to assign right of way and not to reduce speed on a road.

He explained that Davis Road is a collector road and speed bumps are not put on collector roads for fire and safety issues.

Salem only has red light cameras and the legislature must approve the use of cameras to issue speeding tickets. Salem does not have that authorization.

As homes are being built along Davis Road, developers must put in sidewalks. He indicated that the city acquired Davis Road from Marion County. It would take a bond measure to widen Davis with sidewalks, bike lanes and street lights. Because of the recession, it will take another 3 - 5 years before Mildred is completed to Skyline. Mildred is a minor arterial and is expected to relieve some of the congestion on Davis Road.

Sally Cook, city councilor, called the police department to ask officers in the area if they have paperwork to do or need a place to chill to do it along Davis Road.

Toni Martin indicated that he will investigate reducing the speed to 25 mph for the entire length of the road. He said speed zones are determined by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Another suggestion was to eliminate parking along parts of Davis Road. Toni indicated that neighbors would have to agree to give up parking in front of their properties. There would be a public hearing and the neighborhood association would be asked to give input. It is a lengthy process, but not impossible.

Neighbors asked about a permanent, solar powered "Your Speed" sign. Toni Martin indicated that they cost \$10,000 each and the city budget has funded 2 of them for next year and both of them already have installation locations.

Bill Kelly suggested Davis Road area residents form an ad hoc committee to continue to deal with the issues in the area.

Toni asked that the neighborhood association have a motion requesting that the speed on Davis Road be 25 mph for the entire road. There was not a quorum at this meeting. Instead of waiting until the May meeting, Bill and Linda agreed we would take a vote by email. Linda will write up the motion. Another suggestion was for the neighborhood association to request a stop light at Davis Road and Liberty and a crosswalk for the safety of students and neighbors.

Sally Cook thanked Toni Martin and neighbors for coming to discuss the issues. She brought the Salem Transportation System plan and read from part of the plan. She said the challenge is to move from what is in the plan to get it in the budget. She indicated that there have been concerns about traffic on Davis Road since Crossler Middle School was built.

Sally urged neighbors to keep putting pressure on the city to address the Davis Road problems. She indicated the best way is to email citycouncil@cityofsalem.net. Your emails will go to the city council and city departments.

Sally Cook - city news -She indicted that the last section of the Dogwood development will not be developed. The city has purchased the property and it will become part of the Croisen Trail.

Land Use - Evan White

He indicated that a developer on Davis Road wanted to decrease the setback from 20 feet to 12 feet to build some townhomes. He sent a response against it. If it comes to a hearing, he will speak against decreasing the set back.

Anthony "the bear" Behrens, who is running for Marion County Judge Position 5, shared his qualifications for the position and handed out campaign literature. To find out more information about him: Behrens4judge.com. He is also on facebook, Instagram and twitter - Behren4Judge

Judge Aiken, candidate for Salem Municipal Court Judge, also shared her plans if reelected and handed out campaign literature. To find out more information: www.judgejaneaiken.com

Sunnyslope Park - Bill Kelly

The covered picnic shelter is coming along. It is missing 2 ADA accessible picnic tables. There is a pipe at the structure that is either for power or water.

Old Business -

The Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, September 20th 7PM at Schirle Elementary.

Next meeting will be May 17th at 7PM At Schirle Elementary.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance: (apologies for any misspelled names)

Bill Kelly

Sally Cook

Bruce & Linda Miller

Harvey Johnson

Dale Engstrom

Carlene Engstrom

Jim Krueger

Chip Hutchings

Steve Seilhel

David Saunders

Carolina Hooper

Susan Foote

Warren Foote

Kathy Power

Janet Bain

Jane Aiken

Susan Taylor

Jenifer Hood

Paul Leonard

Peter Lee

Christine Larson

Officer Menges

Michele Cahaletti

Jeanne Goldsmith

Evan White

Dave Power

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