

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Minutes

May 17, 2018

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

Neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

The minutes were adopted as circulated.

Officer Juhasz

Officers have been doing more patrols on Davis Road. Please let the traffic division know of any specific times when there are problems with speeding vehicles.

A neighbor mentioned that they were hearing drag racing on Kuebler Blvd. heading toward Sprague High School. They hear it probably about 3 times per week between 2 – 3AM.

Sally Cook mentioned that she has heard drag racing on Cunningham Lane between 10PM to 1AM. She has not noticed a pattern of days.

Code Compliance Officer – Deb Romano

She has had 73 new cases in the area since her last visit. Cases deal with solid waste, junk and abandoned cars. There are no derelict buildings in the area.

May 1st begins tall grass and weed season. One officer handles the cases and they are a low priority. Grass must be 10 inches or taller or noxious weeds growing on to another person's property. A letter is sent first and that often gets the problem solved. If the tall grass and weeds are not taken care of, there are other steps than can be taken. Neighbors can go on line or call the main code compliance phone number to report problem properties.

She reported on derelict houses on Liberty Road next to the strip mall across from the Sunnyslope Shopping Center and the houses behind the mall on Hrubetz. If you see lights on or anyone entering the houses, please call the police. There should be no one in those houses. The property owner is attempting to sell the property,

She asks that neighbors call the police if they see the guy on a bike that has been mentioned on NextDoor app going into yards and or backyards. They have not been able to connect him to crimes. She has spoken to him.

They have caught two people in backyards taking screens off windows.

Parks are closed between 10PM – 6AM

Loud music at individual homes is a police issue.

Barking dogs are an animal control issue.

Watch out for kids throwing eggs. Her house had 2 dozen eggs thrown at it.

She urged neighbors to check their dryer lint traps. There was a house in the neighborhood whose dryer lint caught fire. The house is uninhabitable.

She reminded neighbors to call code compliance before removing trees or having them cut down. Red oaks and white oaks are protected trees in our city. Homeowners can be fined if they cut down protected trees without city permission.

City Councilor – Sally Cook

The assessment of the conditions of the bridges and streets owned by the Oregon Department of Transportation is ready to submit. Local streets are owned by the city.

The acid – Eco Ball at Riverfront Park needs refurbishing. The cost for the project is \$600,000 and fundraising for the project has begun.

The demolition of the site for the new police station is complete and 90% of the materials were recycled locally.

She thanked the neighborhood association board for the motions regarding speed on Davis Road and a stop light at Davis and Liberty Road.

She shared information about the relocation of the Union Gospel Mission and the Lone Oak Reimbursement district.

City Councilor, Tom Andersen, brought a motion to the city council about the city banning plastic grocery bags. The staff will bring back to council recommendations for a ban.

Alan Alexander brought up the issue of the city purchasing 42 acres of farmland for a city park in the Hazel Green area. He indicated that it appeared the city paid a high price for the land. He wondered if the city had had an appraisal. Sally will check into it and get back to Alan. She said the city did over pay for the Dogwood property.

Sally wants to hear from neighbors in her district. Contact her with your ideas and concerns at scook@cityofsalem.net

Sunnyslope Park – Bill Kelly (written report)
quick Sunnyslope Park update.

In my absence I thought it best to pass along a

The Salem City Park crews continue to maintain the park on a regular basis. Trash is picked up at least twice a week and safety inspections of the equipment are made at the same time. With the onset of warmer weather,

the sprinklers are now operational. The new structure has undergone some landscaping around the perimeter with barriers set up to protect the new grass. Four new picnic table have been delivered and placed near the structure. It is hoped that at least two of the tables will eventually be installed permanently under the roof. Also, the park entrance sign has been refurbished and reinstalled.

My only suggestion for future maintenance would be to resurface the basketball/tennis court as numerous cracks exist in the present surface.

Respectfully submitted,

William Kelly, SNA Vice-Chair & Park advisor

Land Use - Evan White

Evan spoke against the city reducing the set back for some townhomes on Davis Road across from Crossler Middle School from 20 feet to 12 feet. The city approved the 12-foot set back.

Alan thanked Evan for his diligence in this area.

Sunnyslope Community Garden - Jack Dalton

Norm Reiss is doing a great job managing the garden.

There is a new \$2,500 shed thanks to a grant from Food Share and a donation from Lowes.

They also have new hose end sprayers.

It is time for gardeners to confirm their plots.

Lots of bark chips have been dropped off and have been spread.

There is new soil and rabbit feces.

There is orientation for new gardeners with garden rules including keeping their plot looking nice.

There is a new, used mower and weed eater.

Eight to ten new beds have been added. There is room to add more beds, but it would mean expanding the irrigation system.

Alan reported that the garden is still on the city surplus property list, but no effort is being made to sell it. He continues to try to get it moved to the parks department. The parks department does come and mows where there are no plots. The support of the parks department is appreciated.

Reaffirmation of email vote regarding issues on Davis Road

Evan White moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion to reaffirm the email vote taken on issues regarding Davis Road. Motion carried.

The following are the motions approved by an email vote and forwarded to the city.

Linda Miller moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association request the city of Salem traffic department set the speed limit on

Davis Road from Liberty Road to Skyline Road at 25 miles per hour for the safety of students and residents. Motion carried.

Linda Miller moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association request the city of Salem traffic department install a stop light at Liberty Road and Davis Road for the safety of students and residents. Motion carried

The following response was received from Peter Fernandez, director of Public Works, city of Salem

Linda, thank you for your email to us and the City Council. I understand that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association's motion was in response to Tony Martin's suggestion at your recent meeting. Tony's understanding from the meeting is that the biggest concern of the area 30 MPH speed zone. According to the neighbors, vehicles are traveling at speeds exceeding 50 MPH. The motion supports the City pursuing changing Davis Road's existing 30 MPH speed limit to 25 MPH.

Staff is ready to begin the data collection for this effort. We will collect speed and volume data once the speed radar trailer is relocated. We will also make contact with ODOT to discuss the possibility of rescinding the existing speed zone order and creating a statutory 25 MPH residential district (if it meets the criteria).

With respect to the traffic signal installation at Liberty Road and Davis Road, we have been collecting money from area developments to fund its design and construction. To date, we have collected \$180,000. As a condition of a recent development case, there is one parcel that is required to construct the traffic signal at the time of development. Unfortunately, they have not yet proceeded to construction.

Thank you again for your email and quick action on the motions.

Peter Fernandez, P.E.

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The next meeting will be June 21st 7PM at Schirle Elementary. Alan reports that there will be a storm water/storm water management presentation.

Our annual meeting will be September 20th at Schirle Elementary.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance:

Officer Juhasz

Bruce & Linda Miller

Paul Leonard

Deb Romano

Brian Gumbs

Nicole Jackson

Irma Dowd

Jack & Kathy Dalton

Alan & Judith Alexander

Evan White

Sally Cook