

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

October 18, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by chairman, Alan Alexander.

Police Report – Officer Luconti

He reminded neighbors to close garage doors, lock your door and do not leave your car running to warm it up. They have already had one car stolen when an owner started a car and then went back inside.

There is a Halloween dress rehearsal on Saturday, October 27th from 4 to 6 PM at the City Center Plaza.

There is a bin outside the police station at City Hall that is available 24/7 to drop unwanted drugs in.

On October 17th the city did a domestic violence sweep.

Chairman Alexander mentioned that speeding on Browning and Cunningham continues to be an issue.

Code Compliance – Officer Romano

She has had 89 new cases since she last attended our meeting in May.

The property at Liberty and Hrubetz was purchased by a local developer and the buildings demolished. She believes the developer is planning to build mixed use building (s).

She asked neighbors to keep their eyes on any empty houses. The weather is getting colder and the potential for unauthorized occupancy increases. Call the non-emergency police number if you notice any suspicious activity.

She has connections with the department of corrections for inmates to come out and help neighbors who cannot to maintain their properties. The inmates are supervised and the

residents are not responsible for supervision or contact with the inmates. Please contact her if you know of someone who needs help or are willing to help out neighbors

Chairman Alexander mentioned that property at Kurth and Browning that has a gutted building. He found out they have an active building permit. It was deemed by Code Compliance not to be a derelict structure. Officer Romano checks the property often and has met with the owner. She will check with them again.

She handed out information on creating an accessory dwelling unit on your property. Check with the permit application center planning desk for more information.

Parole & Probation – Officer Jackson

Encouraged neighbors becoming familiar with the Marion County wanted page which is updated frequently. It gives, besides pictures, identifying tattoos and scars. If you see a wanted person, do not approach and call authorities. Google Wanted Offenders Marion County to view the page.

A neighbor asked about gangs in our area. Officer Jackson indicated that gangs are mostly located in the Lancaster area, North Salem and Woodburn. Gangs in the Salem area are mostly Hispanic. They often come up from California. The Salem Police Department has a unit that deals with gangs and school resource officers work to steer students away from gangs and into productive activities.

City Councilor – Sally Cook is on vacation and sent the following report to Chairman Alexander

Some dates of city meetings of importance to the community:

Wed. Oct 24th Town Hall where community input was sought for community priorities;
November 19th City Council work session where the council will review the community input;
January 23, 2019 City Council work session- Council's Policy Agenda
March – April 2019 – Citizen++++++- Budget Committee – annual budgeting process
June 2019 City Council Hearing to consider and adopt the 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year Budget

Warming Centers will open when the temperature falls below 32 degrees any night November 1 – March. There will be 3 around town. It takes up to 48 volunteers per night to staff warming centers. The Community Action Agency is coordinating volunteers.

The west Salem fire station will be fully operational in January, 2019.

Pers rates are going up which will impact the city budget.

There is a city task force to look at revenue to cost to provide city services which can exceed revenue. The task force is looking at ways for additional revenue and at raising fees.

Danie Wren – Candidate for Marion County Circuit Court Judge

He explained his current position as a judge pro tem with the Marion County and his background.

Friendship Brigade (Community Care and Nursing Home Visitor Program) – Heidi Miller

She is working to recruit 100 volunteers to go into 12 different nursing home facilities in teams of 8 to 10 for 2 hours per week. Teams of 2 will go in and visit with seniors. About 50 volunteers have been recruited so far. 27 have been placed. She is reaching out to local universities as well as 11th and 12th graders thanks to permission from Salem/Keizer Public Schools. A background check is required at a cost to the volunteer of \$12.00.

Isolation of seniors is an issue that is on the increase. This is a new, homegrown program that is run through the City of Salem Senior Centers.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Heidi Miller at hmiller@cityofsalem.net

Land Use – Evan White

Although not within the boundaries of our neighborhood association, Evan reviewed the request for an electronic sign by Trinity Covenant Church at the corner of Boone and Liberty. Evan will report that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association has no objection to the installation of the sign.

Mike Ellison candidate for the Oregon State House District 19 talked about his qualifications and reasons for seeking the position.

Sunnyslope Park – Bill Kelly

Nothing new to report, but the maintenance has been amazing with someone from the city visiting the park almost daily.

The park is open sun up to sundown.

One of the basketball nets was torn down, but was replaced quickly.

Chairman Alexander found out that there is an old master plan for Secor Park. Thanks to Sally Cook, the development of an updated master plan has been moved up on the 2019 agenda.

Chairman Alexander reported that he has sent a letter to the city supporting applying for a state Safe Routes to School grant for a crosswalk across from the front of Liberty Elementary School across Liberty Road.

2019 – 2020 Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Goals

To have a finalized master plan for Secor park and begin seeking funding for park amenities.

To continue our community outreach by having information tables at Schirle, Liberty and Crossler back to school nights and to use communication funds to order leopard stickers to hand out at Liberty Elementary and Crocodiles at Crossler Middle School.

To continue to focus on traffic and pedestrian safety on Davis Road and other neighborhood streets.

Thursday, October 25th, Bruce and Linda Miller will represent Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association at a neighborhood association training regarding parks.

With Chairman Alexander and Vice Chairman Kelly unable to attend our regular November meeting, a decision will be made whether to hold the meeting based on any agenda items that might need action. An email vote is another option if any items need action.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those attending (please excuse misspelled names)

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bill Kelly

Bruce & Linda Miller

Evan White

Dan Wren

Deb Romano

Officer Jackson

Phil Dean

Crawford Strong

Heidi Miller

Mike Ellison

Officer Luconti