

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2019

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

Guests and neighbors introduced themselves.

The minutes of the October, 2018 was approved by consensus.

City Council Report – City Councilor, Sally Cook

The Oregon Department of Transportation, through a grant, is funding a crosswalk, refuge median and a flashing beacon on Liberty Road in front of Liberty Elementary School.

She shared information about the Dogwood Subdivision with construction plans for the public infrastructure for Phase 1 (Croisan Scenic Way S / Spring St) is under review and is expected to be approved soon. Construction of the infrastructure will also begin soon. Grading and tree removal have begun for the 20 lots. The city is processing a subdivision modification for Phase 2, 3 and 4. Look for the opportunity for public comment in the next few weeks

The Croisan Scenic Trail will get a larger (6 foot or wider) sidewalk to provide connectivity to Nelson Park. More information will be provided at future meetings.

The updated master plan for Secor Park is moving forward

She is delighted that Salem received a Connect Grant.

She is the city budget committee chair.

It was mentioned that there is a significant uplift of the sidewalk along the playground of Schirle Elementary. It is marked with white paint. Other areas have been ground down. She will call public works about the issue.

She understands that many short-term rentals have not registered with the city and are not paying the city taxes.

She hopes to develop some sort of streamlined way for businesses to register so we are aware of the businesses located in our neighborhoods.

Sunnyslope Garden – Norm Reiss will be having a meeting with stakeholders in the garden the last Wednesday of the month. They are considering limiting garden plots until more leadership steps up.

Ellen Stevens – Salem Public Library Foundation

She wants neighbors to know that there are three separate library citizen boards which are the Friends of the Library, the Library Advisory Board which makes the big decisions for the library and the Library Foundation which raises money for the library and is responsible for Salem Reads.

She talked about the Salem Reads book for this year - Good Morning Midnight by Lily Brooks-Dalton. There is a book give away on Tuesday, January 29th at 5:30 PM. There are 400 copies available on a first come, first serve basis to library card holders. There is also a contest for teens and adults to write an epilogue for the book. Copies of the Salem Reads brochure was made available to neighbors.

Salem Public Library Foundation – PO Box 325 Salem, Or 97308 – 503.588.6183 – www.splfoundation.org

A question was asked about where the library would be relocated to during construction which will last for 1 ½ years. She indicated that city staff will make that determination. She indicated that some would like to see it relocated to NE Salem where they would like to open a branch library in the future. The relocated library will be a scaled down.

She was also asked about book vending machines. She indicated they are very expensive and did not indicate any plans for them.

Jessica Preis – City of Salem - Salem Connects

The city received a grant for the program which focuses on social and mobile connectivity. Jessica oversees South Salem Connects. Just Walk Salem/Keizer is supported by Salem Connects. The Sunnyslope Community Garden has been supported in the past.

Salem Connects meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at noon at Westminster Presbyterian Church. You can sign up for emails for Salem Connects at CPT@SalemLF.org. Jenn Palanuk is responsible for emails. You will receive 3 emails per month: agenda for meeting, minutes of meeting and events and volunteer opportunities. If you have a volunteer opportunity, you can contact them.

The city will continue to support neighborhood associations.

Chairman Alexander reported that the city is reconsidering multi family design standard. Alan will keep the neighborhood association informed regarding this issue. He also reported that there is a meeting in council chambers on Feb. 25 regarding changes to site development charges at 6PM.

City Councilor – Jackie Leung

She plans on holding listening sessions each month at the South Salem Senior Center during their monthly breakfast. She also plans to have sessions at the Beehive Food Truck center when the weather improves and is looking for other locations.

She let us know she gardens at the Sunnyslope Community Garden.

Alan Alexander reported that the Temple Beth Sholom on Cunningham Lane is applying for a conditional use permit to be able to rent some of their classrooms to the private Silver Leaf School. The plan is for the school to have 15 to 20 students. They are seeking the neighborhood association's support for this permit.

Evan White moved and Bill Kelly seconded a motion that the neighborhood association support the conditional use permit being applied for by the Temple Beth Sholom. Motion carried. Alan will let the hearings officer know of our support.

Bill Armstrong – Rezoning request for 5821 Liberty Road S

Bill is the owner of the 2.6 acre property and wants to rezone from single family to RM 1 which would allow a maximum of 14 units per acre. His plan is to keep his existing home that has a driveway on to Liberty Road and develop the other 2 acres. He is thinking of townhome with double car garages. He is in the early stages of planning. He handed out maps. He indicated that the city wants the development to exit on to Mariel Place, then on to Joynak and finally on to Davis Rd.

Once he files with the city, the neighborhood association will have a chance to comment on the development. Chairman Alexander asked him to come back and keep neighbor association informed about plans.

Chairman Alexander reported that he has heard about a proposed development of 15 acres just south of 5821 Liberty Road South property. He has heard that the proposal would be for 26 units per acre which would mean 309 apartments. The city has deemed the application for a zone change incomplete. The developer has chosen not to involve the neighborhood association. Once the application for a zone change is complete, the neighborhood association will have the opportunity to comment on the zone change.

Neighborhood Concerns:

A neighbor brought up concerns about a neighbor on Fieldcrest Ct. Concerns are about people living in trailers on the property and the coming and going of visitors. Code Compliance Officer Romano has been very helpful and suggests reporting more details like times and license plate numbers. Other neighbors have registered complaints. Problems have been going on for approximately 6 months. He commented that Code Compliance officers only work 8AM to 5PM and most of the concerning activity happens in the evening. It was suggested that neighbors keep submitting complaints to code compliance via their on-line form. It was suggested that sometimes the number of complaints will elevate the concerns and the head of Code Compliance has been known to come out after hours to evaluate a situation. It was mentioned that Code Compliance has a huge workload and is short staffed. The police department deals with crimes and they do work together referring issues to each other. Another suggestion was that the neighbor contact the police department crime prevention unit with license plate numbers and check with Marion County Parole and Probation. The neighbor was encouraged to come back to the neighborhood association and keep neighbors informed about the issue.

Secor Park Master Plan – Chairman Alexander

He handed out a copy of a 34 year old master plan for the park. An updated plan is on the agenda for this year. He and Bill Kelly will be meeting with the parks planner tomorrow, January 18th to encourage expediting the plan.

While at city hall, they will check to see how the traffic study is going regarding the speed limits on David Road.

Salem Parks Foundation – Chairman Alexander (member of the parks foundation board)

They have a grant program, but it is too early to apply for grants for Secor Park. We will have to wait until the master plan is complete.

He had bags from the Bottle Drop available. This is fundraiser for the Parks Foundation. To designate funds for a particular park you can make a donation directly to the Parks Foundation PO Box 5764 Salem, Oregon 97304

McKay Park has been deemed the worst park in Salem and the foundation has been raising money - \$90,000 total for a new play structure. They have almost met their goal. The city has agreed to provide the infra structure.

Their annual fundraising walk at Riverfront Park will be held the Saturday before Mother's Day – May 11th.

A neighbor who lives on a private road, Quail Run Lane indicated he and his other neighbors are concerned about the surveying that they have noticed on property on the lane which was just annexed into the city last year. They are concerned about multi-family housing going in when now there are 4 single family houses on the lane. The neighborhood association will not be able to give input until permits have been filed. Neighbors also can testify before the city sharing any concerns at that time.

The next meeting will be February 21st.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance:

Sally Cook

Jackie Leung

Bill Armstrong

Jessica Preis

Nathan Edgecomb

John Emery

Tom Clark

Bill Kelly

Evan White

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bruce & Linda Miller

Ellen Stevens