

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Minutes

March 21, 2019

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

Neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

Minutes of the February meeting were approved by consensus.

Police Report – Officer Juhasz

The police department is hosting a landlord/ tenant law class at Chemeketa Community College. It will be April 17th & 18th from 8AM to 4PM at Chemeketa Community College. Please register on the city website.

He reported that the police department reports crimes on spotcrime.com which is a google maps program. Those crimes that are currently being investigated do not appear. Neighbors can check the site for information.

He reported that thefts from cars is the most common crime in this neighborhood. Please keep cars locked and valuables out of sight!

A neighbor reported the issue of speeding on Joseph Street between about 2:30 and 3:15 when Sprague lets out. Officer Juhasz said he would pass the concern on to the traffic division.

Anthony Gamallo – City of Salem

The city has received a grant from the Oregon Department of Transportation for a pedestrian crossing in front of Liberty Elementary. It will have a pedestrian island, high visibility crosswalk and flashing school lights. The district plans to staff the crosswalk with a crossing guard if possible. The city is putting together an intergovernmental agency agreement and then the design process will begin. This is a fast track project with construction beginning in 2021. They plan to bring two updates to the neighborhood association regarding the project.

A neighbor asked about the progress of having the speed limit on Davis Road 25mph from Skyline to Liberty. It is currently 30mph on the Skyline end. Anthony said he would refer the question to the correct person.

Sally Cook – City Councilor

Planning is beginning for the space the police department will vacate at city hall when the new police station is done and how all three floors can be reconfigured. There has been a City Hall reconfiguration workgroup formed that will make recommendations.

There will be an insert in the April utility bill with information about water quality. The goal is transparency in reporting the quality of city water will reference to the city web page where residents can get updates on Salem's drinking water.

Salem is a HEAL city. HEAL provides support for healthy food access, active transportation, and workplace wellness policy implementation. HEAL Cities NW will be meeting in Salem on May 17th.

Through early March, the warming centers served 3,958 guests over 42 nights. The sites (First Presbyterian, Church at the Park, South Salem Friends Church) were open because 329 people volunteered 6,587 hours. The average temperature for the activated nights was 29 degrees.

Through a health grant, the city has received money for a bike repair station and 3 water fountains in parks.

The library retrofit committee is meeting to come up with possible large facilities to relocate the library during construction. Since no location will be perfect, they will look at having as much "pop-up" activity as possible.

As of March 13th, public records over 10 years old will no longer be available on the city website.

April 8th, the city council will be considering revisions to SRC 102 which deals with parking regulations. If approved, downtown residents who use the parking structure to meet their parking needs will be required to purchase a permit like downtown employees. Permit fees will contribute to the upkeep and maintenance of the parking structures.

April 22nd will be the first reading of updates to the Unified Development Code. Among the recommendations from the planning commission is allowing bees and ducks in neighborhoods.

The Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory board has decided that 3 of the trees on Division Street NE will be removed. The remaining 20 will stay with parking on Division Street becoming parallel rather than diagonal.

April 1st, the city- wide plastic bag ban goes into effect.

A neighbor asked about leash laws in Salem after an incident at Sunnyslope Park where an off-leash dog charged her on-leash dog. She and her husband were successful in protecting their dog and were able to leave the park safely. Sally indicated that in all Salem parks, all dogs are to be on a leash at all times. The only off-leash dog park is at Minto Brown. She indicated there is no solution for enforcement of this rule. Neighbors are encouraged to send ideas regarding this issue to the Salem Parks department. Owners not picking up their dog's poop is another issue.

Bill Kelly mentioned that someone from the parks department checks Sunnyslope Park almost daily.

It was mentioned that camping equipment including sleeping bags were observed on the property between Roth's and the apartments.

Liberty Road Property proposed rezone - Brandie Dalton & Natalie Janney - Multi/Tech

They are hired to represent the developer. The developer is requesting a zone change from RA (residential agriculture) which would allow for 79 homes to RM 2 which would permit 442 apartments. Currently, the developer is planning for 302 apartments.

The development of this property would warrant a signal at Davis and Liberty. The developer would be required to pay their share of the cost of the signal.

The plan is for residents to exit the development to Joynak and then on to Davis and on the south the exit will be on Mildred. At some point Mildred will connect with Skyline. No driveway is allowed on Liberty Road. The prediction is that about 100 cars will be leaving the complex in the morning and returning in the afternoon. Traffic congestion times are during Crossler Middle School drop off and pick up times.

A neighbor asked about the feeder schools. The Multi Tech representatives did not know because that is not in their job description.

The process is just beginning and the Multi Tech representatives were asked to keep the Neighborhood Association informed about the proposed development.

Liberty Road Development just south of the community garden.

The first house is being built. There are one-way signs up for the driveway for the project. Four more homes will be built on the property. Olivia Glantz, a city staff, indicated that codes indicate they can only be a story and a half.

Property at Kurth & Browning

Deb Romano, code compliance officer, sent a report that there is no active building permit for the property and the house next to the old nursing home at Kurth and Browning. The house, that faces Kurth, is vacant. The property is up for sale although there are no signs on the property. At this point the buildings and the house are not classified as derelict. Officer Romano plans to keep an eye on the property. If neighbors notice anyone in the house call code compliance immediately Her direct line is 503.540.2488 and the main office number is 503.588.6421

Proposed Quail Run subdivision concerns – Nathan Edgecomb (neighbor living on Quail Run)

He brought some concerns about the proposed 26 homes planned for the property. Quale Run is about ½ mile south of the Kaiser Permanente off Skyline and is a one lane gravel road. His concerns are about the size of the proposed lots (4,000 sq. ft) compared to the other lot sizes on this gravel road, the number of trees being cut down, where people will park in the neighborhood, only one exit via Qual Run on to Skyline and the safety of turning left on to Skyline heading north with the speed of 45mph coming down hill from Davis Road with no center island.

Olivia Glantz, city of Salem staff, indicated that the developer will have to make improvements along Skyline Road that borders their property. The developer is proposing a private street and will pave the road on their property. The developer is proposing 28 homes and is getting close to completing the application. An RM1 code allows for 4,000 sq. ft. lots. The city traffic engineers will not allow another entrance/exit off Skyline. The developer is required to keep 25% of the trees. Garages are required with a 20 foot driveway (allowing for 4 cars to be parked on a lot) She reported that the neighborhood association could write a letter to the planning commission. A neighborhood association can appeal a planning commission decision at no charge while for neighbors, there is a fee.

Our next neighborhood association meeting is April 18th and the association has asked the developer to attend the meeting.

Secor Park -Rob Romanek – Salem City Parks

Secor Park has been a city park for 40 years.

April 3rd at 6:30PM at Crossler Middle School is a public workshop where information will be given about what is allowed in a neighborhood park and an initial design concept based on the results of the on -line survey with the opportunity for public input. There were 54 surveys as of March 20th.

At the May 15th meeting, a single design concept will be presented. In early summer, they will come to the neighborhood association with the final design. If nothing significant is removed or added to the original master plan of 1994 -1995, the design will not go to city council. He reported that the city is about 2 years from beginning work on the park.

He let neighbors know that in a neighborhood park, restrooms are not built since those using should be close enough to use their own bathrooms. A single skateboard element could be installed in the park.

New Business:

Discussion continued about the development of the Quail Run property. It was brought up of the possibility of asking for a reduction of the speed on Skyline from Davis Road to Kuebler Blvd. and the installation of a turn lane for the safety of residents entering and exiting the Quail Run development.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance:

Bill Kelly

Evan White

Bruce & Linda Miller

Sally Cook

Olivia Glantz

Keith Weaver

Rob Romanek

Officer Juhasz

Karen Delsman

Henry Fuqua

Alice Howard

Michael Patterson

Anthony Gamallo

Brandie Dalton

Natalie Janney

Nathan Edgecomb