

# Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

April 18, 2019

## Minutes

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

Neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

### **City Councilor – Sally Cook**

She mentioned that there are grants available for Secor Park, although at this time there is no master plan.

The Sunnyslope Community Garden is growing.

65 new CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members have been trained with help from Gregory Walsh, Salem Emergency Manager and SAIF has trained an additional 30 members. The next training will be in January, 2020.

There will be water quality/testing information in our April water bill. Salem is certified for in house water testing and has ozone and charcoal activated water treatment options.

The city took a stand on some legislation dealing with clear cutting and pesticide use in a water shed area.

The city budget process begins April 24<sup>th</sup>. She explained the process with more information available on the city website. Chairman Alexander urged neighbors if they have a passion about a budget issue to attend a public comment session and sign up to speak.

The city is considering some revenue raising options including a utility fee, employee tax which the city manager does not favor and a gas tax. There is a sustainable revenue taskforce that is looking into revenue options to bring before the voters. Sally reported that the proposed budget does not include growth in the areas of fire, police and park staff.

A neighbor asked about volunteers. Sally indicated that there are lots of volunteers working in the library and parks.

There is one full time person that supports all 18 neighborhood associations.

Sally reported that all departments are very lean on staff.

Sally Cook gave permission to include information from the April 23<sup>rd</sup> City Manager's report

City staff and inmate crews continue clean up of the softball fields at Wallace Marine and trails where possible. Some trails near the river remain closed. The Willow Lake Wastewater Plant has increased its capacity over the last 4 years from 75 million gallons per day to 120 million gallons per day. Building and development: More new single family and duplex permits were issued in the first 9 months of the fiscal year than in any entire year of any year of the past seven years. Economic Development: The newly renovated Gray Building (downtown) has the following tenants so far - House of Huckleberry, Ponderosa & Thyme, and Tailwind Visuals. State: There is an estimate from Oregon Department of Transportation for the seismic retrofit of the Center Street bridge for \$100 million. Construction would not begin until 2024- 2026 and would provide resiliency against a magnitude 8 plus Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. Projects: The pedestrian safety crossing on Commercial St SE at Royvonne Ave. SE will be completed by August, 2019.

Chairman Alexander thanked Councilor Leung for joining us. She represents part of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association on city council.

#### Parks Volunteers

Chairman Alexander reported that volunteer work in our parks is not done very often.

Jessica Preis, city staff, is helpful in organizing park work parties.

City staff check on the parks often.

#### Land Use – Evan White

May 7<sup>th</sup> will be a hearing before the planning commission regarding the rezoning of 15.8 acres on Liberty Road south of Davis Road. The application now proposes 442 apartments.

Serge Serdsev – owner/developer of property along Quail Run off Skyline north of Davis Road

The proposal is for 19 homes on 4,000 square foot lots on property he owns and 3 additional homes by another property owner that connects to his property. He hopes

to break ground in 18 months with completion of the development in 1 year after breaking ground.

The city has agreed to his pre application. The city will require him to put in a center north bound turn lane and improvements along his property that borders Skyline Road.

He listened, as neighbors who have homes on Quail Run, shared their concerns. He handed out his business card and urged them to come to his office to continue the discussion about concerns and work toward solutions.

He is developing other properties along Davis Road and will be required to make improvements along the road. He believes, in the next couple of years, Mildred will go through to Skyline.

Concerns were brought up about the speed limit from Davis Road to Kuebler Blvd. along Skyline being 45 miles per hour. It is a downhill stretch with cars often speeding making exiting from Quail Run a challenge and dangerous at times. That portion of Skyline is in the county. There has not been a traffic study for that portion of the road in a number of years. The neighborhood association can request that the county do a traffic study on Skyline from Davis Road to Kuebler Blvd. with the goal that they see the need to reduce the speed limit on that section of Skyline.

Bruce Miller moved and Bill Kelly seconded a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association request Marion County do a traffic study of Skyline Blvd. from Davis Road to Kuebler Blvd for consideration of reducing the speed limit for that section of Skyline Blvd. Motion carried.

Evan White brought up the proposal by the developer of 15.8 acres south of Davis Road requesting a zone change from Residential Agricultural to RM 2 which would allow for 442 apartments. He mentioned that an RM1 would allow for 220 units

Evan White moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion requesting Alan Alexander draft a letter to the city planning commission, on behalf of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association, requesting that the zone change request to RM 2 be denied and that the planning commission approve a change to RM 1 on the 15.8 acre property south of Liberty Road based on safety of vehicles and pedestrians, schools and traffic the RM 2 would create. Motion carried.

Secor Park

Alan, Bill and Sally walked the park and did an audit that included the entrances from Rock Creek and Stockton. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be another meeting at Crossler Middle School with a single design for the park for the community to consider. There will be an opportunity for input from the community concerning the design.

Alan Alexander invited neighbors to participate in "Take A Walk in the Park" at Riverfront Park on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9AM put on by the Salem Parks Foundations. It is a family friendly event that raises money for the Parks Foundation. Participants can get passports that they can get stamped along the route. Check the event out on their facebook page.

The Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association annual meeting will be held September 19, 2019.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance: (apologies for any name misspellings)

Bruce & Linda Miller

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bill Kelly

Sally Cook

Jack & Kathy Dalton

Jackie Leung

Serge Serolsev

Jessica Preis

Nathan Edgecomb

Mike Patterson

Jay Clark

Keith Weaver

Bev Nodzak

Cynthia Herron

