

**Minutes**  
**Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**September 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Chairman Alan Alexander.

Neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

The approval of the August minutes will be deferred to our October meeting since they were just distributed.

**Police Officer Schofield**

He was asked about the hit and run that occurred earlier in the day in the area. It happened before his shift started and he returned later in the meeting reporting that the car was registered in the county and there was property damage, but no one was hurt.

Bruce and Linda Miller mentioned, when they represented neighborhood associations at the Liberty Elementary Back to School night, a parent mentioned illegal parking on Liberty Road at pick up time for the school. Officer Schofield will inform the traffic division of the issue.

Neighbors mentioned speeding on Davis Road by Crossler Middle School at opening and closing times.

Councilor Sally Cook mentioned that, in the neighborhood on one evening, doorbell cameras caught a suspect twice. Two different police officers contacted the individual, but because the incidents were not connected, the suspect was let go. She mentioned the police program SCRAM (Surveillance Camera Registration and Mapping program) It is voluntary and only used by Salem Police. ( Go to the city of Salem website, public safety, police, get involved to find out more information.)

**City Councilors - Jackie Leung & Sally Cook**

Jackie reminded neighbors about the Secor Park Playground open house on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Crossler Middle School.

Sally Cook mentioned the volunteer recognition that was held last week where volunteers walked the red carpet. She mentioned some highlights from the city managers report including the Hispanic Heritage Open House and that September is National preparedness month. Neighbors should be prepared to take care of themselves for 2 weeks in case of a natural disaster. CERT training is recommended for neighbors. The city has 2 staff dealing with graffiti. She also mentioned the Salem Public Workshops that will give feedback on how neighbors want the city to grow. Workshops are October 16<sup>th</sup> 6 - 8PM at Pringle Hall, October 17<sup>th</sup> 6 - 8PM at Crossler Middle School and October 25<sup>th</sup> which is a Spanish only and will be held

at Chemeketa Community College. (More information about this and other events as well as the city manager's update is available by signing up for the Salem Connection newsletter on the city website. Email neighborhoodservices@cityofsalem.net)

Sally reported that she has turned in her resignation as city councilor effective October 1<sup>st</sup> because of the needs of her family. Chairman Alexander expressed appreciation on behalf of neighbors for her service on council.

Chairman Alexander mentioned that the neighborhood association represented neighborhood associations at Back to School Nights. Bruce and Linda Miller were at Liberty Elementary, Alan and Judith Alexander and Bill Kelly were at Schirle Elementary. Bruce and Linda Miller and Alan and Judith Alexander attended the Crossler Middle School Back to School Night.

Secor Park update: Alan Alexander

The parks department hopes (no promises) to install the playground equipment in the spring. It will be located near the school. The park will be developed in three phases. Plans include development of two entrances, one at Rock Creek and the other at Stockton with a light at each and the creek bank will be made safer so children can play near the creek. All the trees will remain. A picnic shelter, a pollinator garden, community garden and walking paths are all part of the master plan.

Land Use - Julie Warncke - Senior Transportation Planning Manager City of Salem

She handed out maps of the Croisan Scenic Trail and explained that the property owner who blocked access to the trail through their property had every right to do so. There is an informal trail that goes through Belcrest Cemetery property and she is not sure how the cemetery feels about neighbors using the trail. The city of Salem has purchased 4.25 acres of the hilly area of the Dogwood Heights subdivision with the idea of building a trail and preserving the natural area. She was asked about bike and pedestrian pathways to connect South Salem to downtown that would go through the Pioneer Cemetery and involve Rural and Hoyt streets. She said it is a controversial part of the city's transportation plan. Neighbors will need to work together to come up with an agreeable plan.

Our Salem Planning Process - Evan White & Alan Alexander.

Alan and Evan met with the leader of the Our Salem Planning Process. Neighbors are urged to attend one of the meetings either October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8PM at Pringle Hall or October 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 - 8PM at Crossler Middle School to give input on how we want our city to look in the future.

Costco Update - Alan Alexander

The developer had plans for a new Costco on Kuebler Blvd. approved by the planning commission. The city council rejected the plan. The developer appealed the decision to LUBA (land use board of appeals) which sent it back to the city council. The developer then appealed to the decision to the Court of Appeals. No decision has been made if the court will hear the

case or not. If the court does not hear the case, there is a time limit that council must act on the issue. In the meantime, the developer has filed a lawsuit against the city for monetary damages.

Alan Alexander reported that the city council will consider, at their September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, an operating fee to help with the budget deficit. The fee would be attached to resident's utility bill and would be \$8.00 per month for a single-family homes, \$6.40 per unit for multi family units and \$38.00 for industrial and commercial buildings. There is the potential for the council to raise the fee each year. Linda Miller will make neighbors aware of this issue on the NextDoor app.

The May 2020 election will give voters a chance to vote on a payroll tax for anyone who works in Salem.

It was reported that PERS costs are up 28% and the five year financial outlook for Salem is not good.

Chairman Alexander asked that neighbors think about goals for our neighborhood association for next year. Goals will be decided on at our October meeting.

Chairman Alexander made neighbors aware of bus tours sponsored by Salem Leadership Foundation on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are required.

#### Elections of Officers:

Judith Alexander made a motion and Evan White seconded the motion to retain Alan Alexander, Judith Alexander, Bill Kelly, Evan White, Bruce Miller and Linda Miller on the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Board and to add Dan Joynt, Gary Knighten, Sally Cook (when she is no longer on city council) and Karen Delsman to the board. Motion Carried

Bruce Miller made a motion and Evan White seconded the motion to retain the following board positions: Alan Alexander - chairman, Bill Kelly - vice chairman, Linda Miller - secretary and Evan White - Land Use. Motion carried

Chairman Alexander reported that Just Walk Salem/Keizer hosted a walk through Belcrest Cemetery where those attending learned about the history of the cemetery, the vegetation found on the grounds and some of the well-known people buried there. Alexanders, Millers and Sally Cook were some of those who enjoyed the walk. It was learned that the 17 acre plot where the informal cemetery trail is located is slated for future expansion and acts as a buffer with neighbors.

Reid Sund announced he has filed to run for the Ward 7 council seat. The election will occur in May 2020.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2019 7PM at Schirle Elementary.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Miller  
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance:  
Alan & Judith Alexander  
Bill Kelly  
Bruce & Linda Miller  
Evan White  
Sally Cook  
Henry Fuqua  
Dan Joynt  
Reid Sund  
Gary Knighten  
Jackie Leung  
Officer Schofield  
John Hill  
Kathleen Hill  
Julie Warncke  
Karen Delsman