

# Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

## Minutes

October 17, 2019

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

Neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

Sally Cook moved and Bill Kelly seconded a motion to accept the minutes of the August and September meetings as distributed. Motion passed.

Officer Moreno

He reminded neighbors of the Police Halloween Dress Rehearsal, Saturday Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 4 - 6PM at the Police Station in City Hall.

National Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. 10AM - 2PM on the Commercial side of Peace Plaza or at the Marion County Courthouse. A receptacle is available 24/7 outside the Police Department at city hall.

A reminder to stay with your vehicle while warming it up. There is an increased number of stolen vehicles this time of year when vehicles are left unattended while being warmed up.

A neighbor mentioned speeding issues on Cunningham Lane, Liberty Road and Davis Road.

He mentioned that home owner security cameras are helpful to police in identifying suspects. They even have recorded auto crashes. You can register your camera on the city website. Look under public safety and police department.

Parole and Probation - Officer McNeil

A release orientation is offered for families of those who will have family being released from jail/prison. It offers resources and information on what to expect for a family member post incarceration. The public is invited to attend

these sessions that are offered at the Transition Center at the Marion County Jail on Aumsville Highway at 6:30 in the evening. It is the building before the jail. The next session will be Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. These sessions are offered every 3 months.

He mentioned that he and others are working on implementing a program that offers more services to support those when they are released from incarceration including jobs, housing and clothing. He indicated that about 53% of those released find employment. He reported that employers care more about employees showing up on time and doing their job rather than the fact that they spent time in jail. Amazon reserved 100 jobs for felons. The job market is good for those being released. Those that are not working are choosing not to work. For many, it is a choice of drugs over work.

Union Gospel Mission, Simoka Place and the Salvation Army provide post - incarceration support.

He reported about 1 in 5 are repeat offenders.

Also, release planning is almost non existent in Marion County They are working on a program. Parole and Probation goes into the local prisons once a month and those who will be released in 6 months can attend sessions where information is on resources are available.

Salem Alliance Church provides hygiene kits for women being released from incarceration. Officer McNeil indicated that hygiene kits for men being released would help, especially those that do not have housing after they are released.

#### City Councilor Leung

On Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup> the city council will interview 3 candidates to fill the Ward 7 seat vacated by Sally Cook. The 3 candidates are Bonnie Heitsch, Reid Sund and Vanessa Nordyke. The council must have a quorum of 5 councilors to decide who will fill the Ward 7 seat.

A Sit/Lie ordinance will be on the city council agenda the last meeting in November. This is a behavior ordinance and applies to everyone throughout the city during certain hours of the day. You cannot claim city property by putting up a tent.

(The city council agenda is on the city website. City of Salem Connection email newsletter also includes the council agenda. Their facebook page also provides information)

It is goal setting time for the city council. If you have ideas, please email the council.

#### SPIF (Salem Parks Improvement Fund) Grants - Alan Alexander

It is time to apply for a grant. Sunnyslope Park would be eligible. Some suggestions would be more fall protection under the playground equipment. Sally suggested that this is a maintenance issue and will email parks maintenance to replace fall protection for both play areas.

Another suggestion was the resurfacing of the sports court and a new bike rack.

Sally Cook moved with Bruce Miller seconding a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association apply for a SPIF grant to replace the bike rack at Sunnyslope Park. Motion carried.

#### Secor Park - Alan Alexander

He shared a map of the master plan for the park.

He thanked those that took the time to give input on the playground equipment and reported that the parks department is moving forward on the playground design. It will take a few months.

#### Sunnyslope Park - Bill Kelly

He reported that an inmate crew spent two days on their semi-annual park clean-up which included some removal of ground cover along the east side of the park.

He also reported that the picnic shelter is well used by many different groups, The picnic shelter cannot be reserved.

#### Neighborhood Association Goal Setting - Alan Alexander

Suggestions included: Increasing the awareness within the community of the Neighborhood Association, Advocating for a crosswalk on Skyline Blvd between

Joseph St and Liberty Road ( based on the volume of walking traffic to Circle K and those attending Liberty Elementary School via the alley way and the Liberty Christian Church parking lot), advocating for signage for the Croisan Trail so people know where the trail is and is not, continue to promote development of Secor Park and promoting involvement in the neighborhood association with additional people volunteering for the board and increasing the attendance at meetings. Alan will work on the wording of goals and send them out to the board members.

Vanessa Nordyke introduced herself. She has applied to fill the vacant Ward 7 seat and will file to run for the seat,

Chairman Alexander invited anyone who runs for the Ward 7 city council seat to attend our neighborhood association meeting to give information about themselves. Please contact him to get on the agenda.

Neighborhood Association Communication Funds - Chairman Alexander

He explained how the neighborhood association receives funds and how they have been used in the past. He indicated he will work at getting school mascot stickers for Crossler Middle, Schirle Elementary and Liberty Elementary to hand out at Back To School nights. Neighbors are asked to think of other ideas of how to use the funds to promote our neighborhood association. There was a suggestion of purchasing hand sanitizers.

Leaf Haul brochures were handed out. Leaf Haul dates are November 16<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup> at Brown's Island Demolition Landfill. Volunteers are needed.

Bruce and Linda Miller invited everyone to join them on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the River Front Park carousel for CrossWalk which raises money for the victim assistance fund which is a part of the Marion County District Attorney's Office. As soon as the registration information is available, they will be sharing it!

Our next meeting will be November 21<sup>st</sup> and Bill Kelly will be chairing the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Miller

## Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

### Those in Attendance:

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bill Kelly

Bruce & Linda Miller

Evan White

Karen Delsman

Officer Moreno

Jackie Leung

Sally Cook

Dan Joynt

Gary Knighten

Officer McNeil

Henry Fuqua

Vanesa Nordyke