

**Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes**  
**November 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by vice chairman, Bill Kelly.

Linda Miller handed out Crosswalk flyers and encouraged neighbors to sign up for the walk at Riverfront Park on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10AM. Proceeds go to the Victims Assistant Fund administered by the Marion County District Attorney's office. Funds raised help those in Marion County who have been victims of violent or traumatic crimes.

Neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

**Officer Moreno**

He mentioned the vacation home check offered through the police department where neighbors can sign up 2 times a year for a maximum of 4 weeks each time to have trained volunteers come out and check on their house. This is for homes located in the Salem city limits. (go to the city website and in the search bar type Vacation Home Checks)

He urged neighbors to make sure any vehicles parked in their driveway or on the street are locked with garage door openers and any items removed.

Neighbors are urged to keep an eye out for packages. Packages stolen from porches is a problem, especially this time of year.

Complaints about dogs, especially barking dogs, should be referred to Marion County. Neighbors can call the non-emergency police number to report an issue with a barking dog. If the police hear a dog barking for continuously 10 minutes, they will contact the owner and can cite them for a noise ordinance violation. The police department takes seriously reports of animal abuse and will forward the complaint to Marion County.

**Land Use – Evan White**

He reported that there is a group working on/ advocating for a bike path between Hoyt and Rural. It is a pedestrian right of way but is fenced off so cannot be accessed. Evan will testify at the city council meeting regarding the issue. This property is in the SWAN neighborhood association.

**Changes to SPIF Grant Request – Bill Kelly**

At the October meeting, it was voted apply for a SPIF grant for a new bike rack at Sunnyslope Park. There has been an ongoing discussion about the need for the resurfacing of the sports court. A phone vote changed the SPIF grant from requesting money for a new bike rack to money to resurface the sports court. It was reported that there were 7 applications for SPIF grants. The grant, if approved, will fund 70% of the project. It will be up to the neighborhood association to fund the rest. Alan and Bill will go out with the SPIF grant committee and view the proposed project.

By consensus, neighbors requested that we have someone from Marion County attend our neighborhood association meeting and update neighbors on recycling dos and don'ts.

**Krishna Namburi – IT Director City of Salem**

She handed out flyers "Revenue to Fund Essential City Services" (Go to the city of Salem website and type in the search bar Revenue to Fund Essential city Services) She explained that Salem is growing, but funds for essential services is not growing at the same rate, hence a deficit. The city council

voted to add an operational fee to help make up the deficit. The fee will be on the February 2020 utility bill. Home owners will pay \$8.00 per month, multi-family units will pay \$6.40 per unit and commercial and industrial accounts will pay \$38.56 per month.

The city council has referred an employee-paid payroll tax option to fund public safety to the voters. The proposal will appear on the May 2020 ballot. She indicated that if the payroll tax does not pass, the city will not be able to add resources

Councilor Nordyke said she had reached out to Police Chief Moore who indicated there has been 485 aggravated assaults in the city. Chief Moore told her that the response time to respond to high priority calls has gone from 5 minutes to 8 minutes. She learned that fire response times have also increased.

**Councilor Leung** is home sick with the flu. She sent an email with information to Sally Cook.

### **Councilor Nordyke**

She reported on the sit/lie ordinance to be voted on at the November 25<sup>th</sup> city council meeting. It would ban camping (setting up tents and shelters) on city streets and leaving possessions unattended on city property. She reported that she has been meeting with those who are addressing the needs of the homeless.

She reported that the city will learn about the Cahoots (Crisis Helping out on the streets) program where a team with a mental health professional and a medic respond incidents that are not to the point of criminal activity. It saves the city of Eugene 5 million a year. The team is able to transport people to services and the program has a good record of getting people off the streets. The United Way and Arches plan to bring the program to Salem for a cost of \$500,000 per year. How to pay for the program is yet to be determined. She mentioned that 49% of the homeless population in Salem are women.

Sally Cook reported that Temple Beth Shalom on Cunningham Lane has requested approval to install solar panels. They have received a grant for the project. The solar capacity would handle most of the Temple's electrical needs. CERT has a cache on the property and in the event of a natural disaster would provide electricity for emergency needs. The design for the installation of the solar panels has not been finalized.

### **Sunnyslope Park – Bill Kelly**

He reports that periodically (5 or 6 nights per month) the park is being used at night with people sleeping under the picnic shelter. They appear to be teenagers and it is usually 4 to 6 individuals. They have skateboards and are usually gone by 7AM or earlier.

The parks are on winter schedule with less care and fewer trash pick-ups.

Neighbors discussed requesting a crosswalk on Skyline between Joseph St and Liberty Road. There is a lot of foot traffic in that area,

### **New Business**

It was reported that the Library is moving temporarily while the building is being retrofitted. They are relocating to the Capital Press Building located at 1400 Broadway St NE. The library is currently 500,000 square feet and will temporarily be in 15,000 square foot space. Last day for the library at the current location in February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will reopen in the Capital Press building on February 18<sup>th</sup>. On line books (eBooks) audio books etc. will not be impacted by the move.

Neighbor, Reid Sund, who works for Salem Health reported that the WVP medical group has been acquired by Salem Health. The Doctors Clinic at Skyline and Kuebler is part of the group and neighbors will notice the rebranding.

Irma Dowd, city of Salem Neighborhood Services handed out updated Who To Call sheets with all the city phone numbers.

By consensus, the December neighborhood association meeting is cancelled.

January 16, 2020 will be our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Miller  
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance:

Bruce & Linda Miller

Bill Kelly

Sally Cook

Irma Dowd

Henry Fuqua

Gary Knighton

Reid Sund

Officer Moreno

Jason DiSenso

Evan White

Krishna Namburi

Vanessa Nordyke