

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Zoom Meeting

May 21, 2020

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

Chairman Alexander welcomed neighbors and guests.

The minutes of the February, 2020 meeting were accepted as circulated.

City Councilors Report:

Councilor Nordyke congratulated Councilor Leung for her win in the primary for a seat in the Oregon House of Representatives.

Councilor Nordyke reported that the city has extended its Emergency declaration promoting social distancing where the city has authority especially on public sidewalks and parks.

She also reported that temporary homeless camps have been established at Cascade Gateway and Wallace Marine Parks. The city has established a cash for trash program at Cascade Gateway park where people are given yellow trash bags and can exchange a bag of trash on Tuesdays and Fridays for a \$10.00 Walmart gift card. It has made a big difference in the camps. She hopes to get the program extended to Wallace Marine. The streets in downtown Salem have been free and clear of campers and trash since mid March.

She reported that more help for the homeless will be coming on line including a navigation center and the expansion of the Union Gospel Mission.

The city is offering incentives for construction of affordable housing.

She reported that the budget committee has finished its work.

The financial situation of the city is changing by the minute. With our city being mainly funded by property taxes, the city is doing relatively well.

She reported that performance matrixes are in the works to evaluate city programs. These matrices will be available to the public.

Councilor Leung congratulated Vanessa Nordyke on being elected to serve as the city councilor for Ward 7.

Councilor Leung said she has been busy handing out masks. If someone needs a mask, please contact her. The distribution site for masks for Salem is the Salem Fire Department on 25th at the airport.

Both reported that Meals on Wheels needs volunteers..

Councilor Leung mentioned that there is rental assistance available through the mid Willamette Valley Community Action Agency.

Chairman Alexander asked if Salem was going to get any stimulus money. The councilors reported that the city will be getting between \$300,000 to \$400,000 and the council wants to support small businesses in the best way possible.

The councilors reported that the Community Action Agency has been putting up Covid positive homeless in motel rooms. They are hoping to be reimbursed by FEMA.

Development of property at Kurth and Browning - Geoffrey James - architect

Mr. James also reported that he serves on the board of the Morningside Neighborhood Association as land use chairman.

He shared the developers proposal for a 36 unit apartment complex housed in 4 buildings with 3 floors each on the 1.5 acre site which was the former home of a rehabilitation center that has been abandoned for years. It will require a zone change from single family residential to RM 2 which would allow for up to 48 units. With the existing utilities in place, the plan is to keep as many trees as possible. Buildings will be set back 30 feet from neighboring property lines The developer will be required to make ½ street improvements along the property lines on Kurth and Browning which will include sidewalks. They will also be required to construct a 90 foot turn around on their property for Mesa Street.. There will be entrances off Browning and Kurth with 2 parking spaces per unit. These will be market rate units. A neighbor asked if any would be affordable units. Mr. James indicated that developers cannot afford to build affordable housing units. Site plans were shared with the group.

Capital Improvements at Sprague High School - Joel Smallwood & Karma Krause

This project at Sprague High School is part of the voter approved \$619 million bond where work will be done on every school.

Site plans are being worked on now with construction beginning in June 2021 with construction taking 15 months with completion in the fall of 2022. All portables will be removed. Additional classrooms will be added and the office will be moved forward from where it is now allowing controlled access to the building. The commons will be expanded out over part of the gym area courtyard. There will be seismic upgrades. There will be a new drop area with a turn around. Buses will continue to exit out the back gate. A neighbor asked about where staging would be for the construction. It was explained that until a contractor is selected they will not have that information. (Thanks to Joel Smallwood and Chairman Alexander, I was able to post the proposed site plans on the app

NextDoor) (Bill Kelly will post copies of the site plans for Sprague on the bulletin board at Sunnyslope Park)

Schirle Elementary construction will also begin in June 2021. Several new classrooms will be added with portables going away. The cafeteria and kitchen will be expanded . There will be security upgrades.

(To find out information about bond work go to the district website, community, bond projects, click on the school you would like more information about and at the top right you will find a link you can click on that will give you more information)

Parks - Bill Kelly

Sunnyslope Park is in good shape. Most adults are using the path to walk through the park. There has been some usage of the playground equipment which the city has put off limits. The cost for resurfacing the sports court is fully funded.

The bids for phase 1 of the Secor Park improvements are currently being awarded with construction beginning this summer. The projects will be completed this summer.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Linda Miller
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary**

Those in Attendance:

(Apologies in advance of anyone I missed or any misspelled names. Feel free to contact me with corrections)

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bruce & Linda Miller

Bill Kelly

Evan White

Jason & Jennifer DiSenso

Joel Smallwood

Jackie Leung

Cheri Posedel

IHenry Neugass
Geoffry James
Karma Krause
Vanessa Nordyke
John Wolfe
Pete & Carol
Jack