

# **Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**

## **Zoom Meeting**

### **Minutes**

#### **June 18, 2020**

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

Attendees and guests were acknowledged. Attendees were asked by Bruce Miller, board member, to check their name on their zoom picture so an accurate attendance could be recorded. He explained how to do that. (Linda Miller, secretary also put a request in two places on Nextdoor to respond if they attended the meeting)

The minutes were approved as circulated with the correction of the name John Wolfe which should be John Wulf.

Police Officer -Lt. Van Meter

He stressed social distancing, the importance of wearing masks and being kind to one another;. He attended to listen to neighbors.

Parole & Probation - Officers Kayla Thompson & Steve McNeil

They shared that recidivism rates are declining and they have a reduction of clients. A neighbor asked if the governor's release of inmates has impacted them . They responded that very few have been released. Any released go on their client list.

Councilors Leung & Nordyke

Councilor Leung reported that she is the democratic nominee running for state house District 19.

At the city council meeting on Monday, June 22nd, the council will vote on the city budget. There will be a chance for public input prior to the meeting. The council will be considering the relationship they have with the Salem/Keizer School District regarding school resource officers. Also, Councilor Anderson plans to ask for a council work session to discuss the use of city funds for non criminal matters that are currently handled by the police. (Council agenda can be found on the city website)

She indicated that in July the council will meet in person.

Councilor Nordyke said that the council will hear the staff recommendations for a path through the Pioneer Cemetery. She suggested that the proposed pathway be put on our July neighborhood association agenda. She indicated she was not ready to make a motion before council about the pathway.

She reported that the city budget must be approved by June 30th and can be amended anytime during the year.

She indicated she is going to request, via a motion, at council that a performance audit of the police budget to be completed during the next year to be completed by the next budget cycle. It would look at the cost of programs and the outcomes.

She reported that the city received a trickle of funds from the CARES Act and will be used to award grants to small businesses of 5 employees or less that have not received any other financial help.

With JC Penny closing their downtown store, she said she would like to look at other options for the space rather than leasing it to another big box store.

She reported playgrounds will reopen June 19th along with sports courts, drinking fountains and restrooms. City park reservable spaces will be available for small groups. There is no date for splash pads to reopen because of a lack of staff for appropriate cleaning. A neighbor asked about Salem/Keizer Schools playgrounds. She did not have that information.

Parks Projects : Bill Kelly, Alan Alexander

Bill Kelly reported that Sunnyslope Park is in good shape with the parks department maintaining it on a weekly basis. It has been in use the entire time of “shelter in place” order with picnicking, playground and field use. The swings will be unlocked. The contract for the resurfacing of the sports court has been slow to be awarded because of the pandemic. The resurfacing will occur sometime this summer.

Secor Park phase 1 The bids have been received and the contracts are in the process of being awarded. The project will include a playground and picnic area. The pandemic has slowed the process down.

Land Use::

Proposed 4120 Kurth St multi unit development - Bryce Bishop - City of Salem Project Manager

Numerous neighbors objected to the discussion of the proposed rezoning of the property from single family to RM II which allows up to 42 units at a zoom meeting. They said it violated SRC 300.320 and the discussion should wait until an in person meeting can be held.

Neighbors expressed concerns that such a rezoning issue is being fast tracked through the system.. Neighbors expressed concerns about the density of the project and the safety of vehicles and pedestrians using Kurth and Browning which are both narrow roads with no bike lanes or sidewalks. They indicated concerns about the impact that this large development would have on the character of the neighborhood which is made up of single family homes and the security concerns over that many new neighbors.

Neighbors shared concerns that they were not notified about this project until signs appeared on the property. Linda Miller, secretary, said that neighbors can receive minutes and agendas sent directly to their email boxes by signing up with the city. She said that as a courtesy to neighbors, she posts minutes under documents on the app NextDoor as well as an agenda, the Sunday or Monday before the meeting. She will start a group on NextDoor call Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association News to make information easier for neighbors to find in the future

Bryce Bishop explained that developers have the choice of hosting an open house or appearing at a neighborhood association and how this meeting meets the requirements. He explained comments are not required to be recorded in the minutes at this meeting He explained the process a developer must go through to get a zone change. Once the completed application is received by the city it is sent to the state and the city then counts 30 days and then it goes on the planning commission agenda. He indicated this would not be on the agenda until August. Neighbors within 250 feet of the property will receive written notice of the request for rezoning and signs will appear on the property. He offered to send out emails when it appears on the planning commission agenda. Neighbors just need to email him at [bbishop@cityofsalem.net](mailto:bbishop@cityofsalem.net). Any comments emailed to the planning commission 7 days prior to appear on the agenda will be included in the staff report. He offered to submit any written testimony neighbors send him. There will also be an opportunity to offer testimony at the meeting.

Evan White, Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Land use chairman who has been involved in land use for 10 years and has offered testimony at the planning commission and before city council, said as land use chairman he will have 5 minutes to offer in person testimony at the planning commission. Neighbors have 3 minutes. He suggested that neighbors get organized with testimony making sure important points are covered. He offered to help facilitate that process and keep neighbors up to date on where the process of seeking the rezoning is. His email is [epwhitehouse@comcast.net](mailto:epwhitehouse@comcast.net) He indicated if the planning commission approves the rezoning request the neighborhood association can request the permit be pulled and considered by city

council. He also said the city just went through the process of making it easier for developers to build apartment complexes to help meet the housing needs of the city.

Geoffrey James, architect for the project, indicated that he appeared at the May meeting and presented the project at the request of Chairman Alexander and is happy to appear at future meetings.

Chairman Alexander indicated the project will appear on the July agenda.

Chairman Alexander reported the owner of the property at Kurth and Warren is petitioning to divide the property into 2 lots.

Costco Relocation - Chairman Alexander reported that the latest news he received from the city is that they expect a new proposal from the developer which will go directly to city council for consideration. There are unresolved lawsuits over the relocation.

Property at 4895 Skyline - Chairman Alexander said there is a proposal for a 20,000 square foot professional building. The zoning for the property is commercial,

Chairman Alexander said that the date of the annual meeting will be set at the next meeting. At this meeting everyone gets to vote and neighbors are urged to formally become board members at that meeting.

A neighbor wanted to recognize Terri Jo Shields for the 42 years she has been coordinating the up keep the medians on Joseph Street and Croisen Scenic.

Our next meeting will be July 16th at 7PM.

In the absence of Chairman Alexander, secretary, Linda Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:03PM

.Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Miller  
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance:

. (As per instructions at the beginning of the meeting, neighbors were asked to make sure names appeared correctly on the zoom list and on how to correct them. Linda also put out a request on NextDoor for those who attended.. If you want your name

corrected, please email me [bruceandlindamiller@gmail.com](mailto:bruceandlindamiller@gmail.com) and I will post a corrected attendance list)

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bill Kelly

Evan White

Bruce & Linda Miller

Sally Cook

Jackie Leung

Vannessa Nordyke

Lt. Van Meter

Officer Kayla Thompson

Officer Steve McNeil

Diane Stevenson

Bryce Bishop

Geoffrey James

Todd & Candice Clark

Maryann Schieffer

Chrystal Freer

Larry & Bonnie Dodds

Sheila Cunningham

Cassie

Gretchen Stone

Todd & Candice

Kevin & Gail Slater

John & \_\_\_\_\_

John

Danjo

Joel & Sarah

Jennifer & mi

Elena Guevara

Kevin Willingham

Backyard deer

Brenda Varly Bly

Emily Marchant

Nina Remple

Skyway

Spoon

Victoria & Jeff Clark

Tom Etzel  
Russ Williams  
Paul, Lyn Sundermier & Eri  
Joel Batmale  
Jennifer & Mike Quisenberry  
Jason Disenso  
Hill  
Henry Neugass  
Chris Morris  
Brad & Johanna Dehler  
Judy Marnn  
Barbara Owen  
Lisa Wilson  
Danjo