

# **Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**

## **July 16, 2020**

### **Zoom**

### **Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Alan Alexander.

Guests and neighbors were welcomed.

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as circulated.

#### **Councilor Nordyke**

She reported that the city is moving forward with her proposal for a performance audit of the police department. Requests for proposals are being developed. The cost will determine if the audit is done or not.

She had a Ward 7 neighborhood chat at Fircrest Park this month and because of the success, she has scheduled another one from 5:30 - 6:30 Tuesday, August 18th at Fircrest Park. Bring face masks and your own chairs. She is calling it the Lemonade Hour.

A neighbor asked why city offices were closing after one week for limited in person business transactions. She indicated the city manager said it was because of a lack of citizens coming to city hall to conduct business.

A couple of neighbors asked about the survey about neighborhood hubs put out by the city. She commented it was put out by city staff and was part of Salem Vision. They said it appeared that the city was looking to put commercial businesses on residential streets not like our neighborhood hub along Liberty in the Sunnyslope Shopping Center area. She said there is room for comments and urged neighbors to take the survey.

She also urged anyone who uses Woodmansee Park to take the survey regarding the park.

She reported that the June 22nd staff report about a pedestrian/bike path through Pioneer Cemetery that would connect Rural and Hoyt streets is on line.

Chairman Alexander reported that construction has begun on Secor Park. The park will be closed for 4 months during construction.

### **Pat Norman - Friends of Pioneer Cemetery**

She gave a history of the cemetery as well of some of the people buried there. Information can be found on the website. (salempioneercemetery.org)

She explained the responsibilities of the entities responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery and their jobs including Salem Park and Recreation, City View Cemetery, Friends of Pioneer Cemetery and an independent contractor.

She reminded neighbors that the cemetery is on the Historic Registry. The cemetery has one access point and no dogs are allowed on the property.

She explained that the Friends of Pioneer Cemetery object to a pedestrian/bike pathway through the cemetery and explained the concerns they have. They feel the area is just too fragile.

A neighbor mentioned that there is no way to enforce the no dogs allowed in the cemetery. The neighbor also indicated that even without the pathway there are still problems in the cemetery.

### **Lockwood Property Rezone proposal - Brad K**

He shared an aerial view of the .15 acre property that currently has a storage shed on it and is owned by the same person who owns the Lockwood apartments. It is currently zoned single family residential and the owner will submit an application to rezone to RM II multi family. He thinks the property could hold 4 to 6 units. The application will be completed in July or at the latest early August. He thinks it will be 3 to 4 months before it comes before the planning commission. There are currently no site plans for the property.

A neighbor asked if the developer would be required to make any improvements to Browning Ave. Brad indicated that the developer will pay systems development charges, but did not feel they would be required to make improvements on Browning.

A neighbor asked about parking and was told the developer must provide adequate parking.

Chairman Alexander mentioned that the neighborhood association worked with tenants of the Lockwood Apartment on issues in the past including a flooded parking lot. He mentioned a previous proposal to put a second story on the property that never materialized

### **Rezone of Kurth & Browning Property.**

Chairman Alexander mentioned that as of Monday, July 13th the application for rezone was not complete. He mentioned that the place to stop a large apartment complex is during the rezoning process. Once the rezoning is approved the developer can develop the property as they please within the city guidelines.

Evan White and Chairman Alexander are collecting emails from those concerned about the proposed rezone proposal. Chairman Alexander mentioned that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association could call a special meeting to deal with the rezone if necessary before our next meeting.

A neighbor asked if the owner was required to take care of the property as it is now. He talked to someone who was on the property securing it. Chairman Alexander indicated that since the owner plans to develop the property the city may be more lenient.

A neighbor asked about the cul de sac at the end of Mesa that will be on the property. They were told that the city requires a pedestrian connection.

Several neighbors expressed the desire that the property remain zoned single family residential.

A neighbor asked if there were zones between single family and RM II. Geoffrey James (representing the developer) indicated that there was an RM 1 that limits apartments to 14 per acre. He also indicated that the state encourages multi family developments in single family zones. The city has not completed the ordinance that would allow 4 plexes on a property zoned single family residential.

A neighbor asked Mr. James if he had walked Browning and Kurth to become aware of the hazard these streets are to pedestrians and bicyclists. He said he had not.

### **Urban Trails Implementation Plan**

Chairman Alexander reported that the city would like support from Neighborhood Associations to apply for a state grant to develop an urban trails master plan.

Sally Cook moved and Evan White seconded a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association support the city of Salem's application for a grant to develop an urban trail master plan. Motion carried.

Chairman Alexander reported that on the August agenda will be a proposal for a rezone of property on Liberty Road south of Davis Road.

Evan White read a letter of support for the development of a daytime pedestrian/bike path through the Pioneer Cemetery as a means of connecting neighborhoods.

Sally Cook mentioned the need to include in the letter to support additional enforcement and engagement to protect the cemetery which might include occasional patrols by the city park ranger.. She will work with Evan on a final

support letter for a daytime pedestrian/bike path through the cemetery. The option for an email vote was discussed with the confirmation of the vote at our August meeting.

Chairman Alexander mentioned he hoped to have an in person meeting in September at Sunnyslope Park on September 17th. That will be our annual meeting where everyone has a vote and neighbors can volunteer to be on the board which gives them voting rights all year long.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM by Chairman Alexander.

Respectfully submitted

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Attendance (Corrections? Please email me at [bruceandlindamiller@gmail.com](mailto:bruceandlindamiller@gmail.com))

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bill Kelly

Bruce & Linda Miller

Evan White

Sally Cook

Russ Williams & \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Anne Schieffer & \_\_\_\_\_

Polky

Geoffrey James

Erin Kingsley (erink)

Nina Remple

Karen Delsman

Pat Norman

Cassie's ipad (2)

Michael Mann

Elena

Jeff & Victoria Clark

Jason DiSenso

Lisa Wilson

Kathleen

Vanessa Nordyke

Henry Neugass

Polly

Anna Persons  
Chrystal Freer  
Spoon  
Skyway