

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting
Held via Zoom
September 17, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Chairman Alan Alexander.

Guests and neighbors were welcomed.

Chairman Alexander reminded neighbors that since this is the annual meeting everyone is eligible to vote.

The August minutes were approved as circulated.

Police Report - Lt. Van Meter

The Salem Police Department has been providing support in the Santiam Canyon for disaster relief and looting suppression.

With rain expected tonight, things could be treacherous in the canyon with falling trees etc.

Police officers are practicing social distancing and mask wearing as much as possible especially if they have to enter a house. There are times masks are not worn,

He lives in the neighborhood and works the graveyard shift. He will provide his cell phone number and email . Neighbors are welcome to contact him directly with concerns.

He is excited about moving into the new police facility. Once the police department is all moved in, there will be a series of open houses so the community can see the facility they have provided for the police department.

He reported that police are responding to more people who are in emotional distress in the evenings and they are able to get them help.

He was asked about car clouts. He reported that there are about the same number. In the past, car clouts usually increase in November and December and then again in the summer. He told neighbors to assume someone will check your car doors each evening and to leave nothing in your car.

The police want to know about any suspicious people in your neighborhood. They like to make contact with them if possible.

Parks - Bill Kelly, Alan Alexander

A neighbor, Julia, has asked that volleyball equipment be added to Sunnyslope Park. They identified a fairly level spot on the grass that a net could be installed, but were not able to get an idea if it was possible or a cost estimate since park personnel were not allowed out in parks during the poor air quality.

Bill Kelly moved and Evan White seconded a motion to submit a letter of intent to apply for a SPIF (Salem Parks Improvement Fund) grant for a volleyball net to be installed on the grass field at Sunnyslope Park. Motion carried unanimously.

The city has set aside \$60,000 this year in the Salem Parks Improvement Fund.

Bill Kelly reported that one week ago a subcontractor spent the day refurbishing the sports court at Sunnyslope Park without having to remove any of the nets. The court still needs to be stripped.

Alan reported that construction of Phase 1 is well underway at Secor Park. The cost for phase 1 is \$900,000 and is being paid out of the systems development funds that developers pay into. Phase 2 will be less expensive and the neighborhood association needs to make sure it gets on the construction schedule.

Salem/Keizer Schools - Karma Krause

She shared site plans for the \$5.4 million dollar remodel/expansion of Schirle Elementary School. A new cafeteria/kitchen will be built with the covered play area next to the cafeteria being relocated. The portable classrooms will be replaced with a classroom addition. A new, secure entrance will be built with 2 sets of doors. The covered area along Justice

will remain. There will also be additional improvements to the building. A new fire access lane will be built. The project will start in June of 2021 and will be completed in 14 months.

Improvements to Liberty Elementary are scheduled to begin in June, 2022

Neighbors asked about the 3 missing trees along the sidewalk on Croisan Scenic Way South. Chairman Alexander indicated street trees are the responsibility of the city. Someone asked about the trees in the median also along Croisan Scenic Way South. Chairman Alexander will check about the trees in the median. He indicated sometimes they are the neighborhood responsibility and sometimes the city is responsible.

Chairman Alexander reported that there is a 6PM meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd regarding the Our Salem Project. There is no public testimony being taken, but citizens can watch on CCTV 21, Facebook or YouTube. (As secretary I saw that Councilor Nordyke recorded a video of take a ways from the meeting on Facebook)

Land Use

Chairman Alexander reported that the application for the rezone for the property at 4120 Kurth Street has been withdrawn. Chairman Alexander and Land Use Chairman Evan White met with the developer, John Wulf and architect, Geoffrey James. The developer believes, in a year once the city of Salem sets guidelines for House Bill 2001 dealing with the number of units being able to be built in areas zoned single family housing to help with the need for housing, that he will be able to build even more units on the land than he would have if he had been granted the RM II rezone on the property and being able to build units without any on site parking.

Evan White reported that single family housing is under attack and neighbors/the neighborhood association needs to be vigilant regarding this and speak up when the opportunity becomes available regarding how the city implements House Bill 2001. Height requirements, set-backs, the number of units allowed on land zoned single family, areas that can be zoned multi family in single family zoned areas, expansion of housing

choices including accessory dwelling units and off street parking requirements will be issues the city will decide with the implementation of this House Bill.

Chairman Alexander shared details from the Salem Housing Analysis report. He said the report indicates that the adding of housing units is on schedule, but the development of acres is behind schedule.

Neighbors and the neighborhood association will keep an eye out on the property at Cunningham and Kurth that has just had the property lines readjusted for a potential rezone request.

A neighbor reported that 6.5 acres at 4505 Croisan Way Scenic South that is currently zoned residential agricultural and has a large house and a pole barn on it has recently sold. It abuts the Croisan Trail.

Chairman Alexander reported the developer asking for the rezone of the .15 acres at 700 Lockwood will be with us at our October meeting. He will put up new signs on the property after learning his first set were too small. The property currently has a storage shed on it and is used for over-flo parking for the Lockwood Apartments.

Sally Cook reported that you can see councilor committee assignments by going to the city website and looking at the council.

Chairman Alexander reported that no one was available to talk to us about the city homeless programs because of dealing with the housing issues with the loss of housing in the Santiam Canyon. This will be on the agenda at a future meeting.

Alan read the following letter of appreciation from the Neighborhood Association that will be sent to Police Chief Moore.

The Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association congratulates Chief Gerald "Jerry" Moore on his pending retirement and offers thanks for his dedicated service to the citizens of Salem. Chief Moore has served with the Salem Police Department for over 40 years including 15 years as chief. During his career he gained experience in all five police divisions and created Salem's first "Street Crimes Unit".

A graduate of the Oregon College of Education [Western Oregon University], the FBI National Academy, Oregon Executive Institute, and Leadership Salem, Chief Moore is recognized throughout the Northwest for this professionalism, compassion, and "down to earth approach" to public safety policies.

He serves on the board of Family Building Blocks, the Governor's Re-Entry Task Force, the State Child Welfare Advisory Committee, the Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council, and the Marion County Children and Families Commission.

During Jerry's tenure as chief, he has focused on building and recruiting a professional police force, maintaining a high standard of training, and creating a broad-based program of outreach to the Salem community. Through a variety of civic opportunities, Chief Moore has encouraged the public to interact with the Police Department through positive experiences such as the "ride along program", "coffee with a cop", public safety programs, police attendance at neighborhood meetings, and the Citizens Police Academy.

Chief Moore's administration is recognized for maintaining as a central priority the well-being of the community, and support of safe and livable neighborhoods.

Sally Cook moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion to support the letter of appreciation to Chief Moore who is retiring. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Alexander read a letter of appreciation for Bill Kelly for his years of service to the neighborhood association as vice chairman and parks chairman.

Sally Cook moved and Evan White seconded a motion to print the letter on the nicest paper. Motion passed unanimously.

2020 - 2021 Board Members

Chairman Alan Alexander (willing to server for 1 more year)

Vice Chairman Bruce Miller

Secretary Linda Miller

Land Use Evan White & Henry Neugass

Parks Julia Stewart

Members at large

Judith Alexander

Karen Delsman

Bill Davis

Kevin Willingham

Sally Cook

Gary Knighten

Ben Batson

Board members were unanimously approved.

A neighbor asked about the school district ending the cooperative use agreement between the Salem/Keizer School District and the city of Salem. It means city groups must pay to use school facilities and school groups must pay to use city facilities. It would mean our neighborhood association would have to pay to meet at Schirle Elementary in the future. There are no funds to pay for that. Chairman Alexander will investigate why the agreement was ended.

The next meeting will be October 15th. Someone from the planning commission will attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Miller
Secretary

Those Attending:

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bill Kelly

Bruce & Linda Miller

Evan White

Sheila Cunningham

Pete & Carol

Lisa Wilson

Mary Anne Schieffer

Mike & Jennifer Quisenberry

Karma Krause

Lt Jason Van Meter

Bill Davis

Kevin Wilson

John & Kat Hill

John

Julia Stewart

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