

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Meeting

Thursday, October 15th

Held via zoom

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

Neighbors and guests were welcomed.

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Councilor Nordyke

She cannot comment on the Costco decision by the city council because of pending litigation.

The council approved 10 million dollars in urban renewal money for the downtown core which will include money to purchase a building for a navigation center for assisting the houseless. Operating funds will need to come from other sources,

The police audit is underway. The process of selecting a new police chief is well underway and has been narrowed down to two candidates. Both are from out of state.

She attended the ribbon cutting for the new police station and it is set to open soon.

She toured the new United Gospel Mission facility which is located across from the police station. It will accommodate 220 shelter beds and will offer classes and help with mental health issues. They will offer a hand up not just a hand out.

She is working to identify other shelter locations. Shelter locations are limited. There is a lack of affordable housing and hotel rooms because of the wild fires.

Check her facebook page for a video on the basics of working with insurance companies.

She has taken training so she can do some pro bono work helping fire victims dealing with FEMA.

In late November, council is expected to receive a staff report regarding the daylight pedestrian pathway from Hoyt to Rural either through Pioneer Cemetery which is city owned or the private City View Cemetery.

She plans to bring a motion before council in November regarding adding a mobile unit staffed by a medic and a mental health counselor after the staff report comes to council on October 26th.

A neighbor mentioned how helpful she found Councilor Nordyke's facebook recap of the highlights of the city council meetings and her Ward 7 neighborhood meetings. Her next meeting is Wednesday, October 21st from 5:30 - 6:30 via zoom. This month she will have 3 guest speakers.

Redwood Crossing - Jessica Blakely City of Salem Housing Authority

This is a permanent supportive housing facility with few barriers located at 4107 Fisher Road. They are single occupancy rooms that share a bathroom with another unit. On the first floor a variety of services are offered to residents including counseling, classes and a large kitchen for classes. There are 6 transitional units on the first floor that clients are referred to from Salem Health to spend a limited amount of time before returning to camps after being released from the hospital. The county is not contributing to the cost of providing services. They receive city, state and federal funds for the facility.

(Google Redwood Crossing and you can view a youtube video of the facility Councilor Nordyke also has a video tour on her facebook page)

The Salem Housing Authority has hired a Housing Navigator to go directly into homeless camps to connect people to services.

Yaquina Hall and Sequoia Crossing are projects being worked on.

Parks - Chairman Alexander

Secor Park - Phase 1 of construction is getting close to completion. They still have a bridge over the creek and the playground equipment to install.

Sunnyslope Park - The striping on the sports court still needs to be done.

He checked with park staff regarding the cost of adding a volleyball net on a grassy area of Sunnyslope Park. The cost would be \$3,000, The neighborhood association will apply for a Salem Parks Improvement Grant. If awarded it will cover 75% of the costs. The neighborhood association will need to fund the rest. If the grant is awarded, he will apply for a Salem Parks Foundation grant.

Land Use:

701 Lockwood Lane - Brad Kilby Senior Planner Harper Houf Peterson Righellis Inc
The property owner is applying for a rezone from single family to multifamily for the 6,000 square foot piece of land adjacent to the current apartment complex that he owns at that location. Currently the property has a storage shed on it and acts as additional parking for the apartment complex. The plan is to put 4 to 6 units on the property. The access to the property would be through the current apartment complex parking lot. As of this meeting the application is not complete. Chairman Alexander asked about a proposal the neighborhood association became aware of several years ago about adding a second story to the existing single story complex while renters still occupied units on the first floor. Mr. Kilby indicated such a plan was not on the table. Chairman Alexander asked that besides the required notification to neighbors about the rezone that the renters also be notified of the plan.

Costco Relocation - Chairman Alexander

He reviewed the history of the Costco relocation to Kuebler Blvd. near the freeway. Since the city accepted money from the developer to make improvements to Kuebler Blvd in the area of the commercial development, the city council had no choice, but to approve the relocation. The rezoning of the property occurred 11 years ago. The site plan was approved in September. The building permit has not been issued.

Slavic Church at 1746 Davis Road

Chairman Alexander reported that they have received conditional approval to add to the church building. They will be adding a multipurpose building and increasing the number of parking spaces.

OLCC Application 4565 Matthews Loop S for a Brewery First Location

After asking questions of the applicant, Isabel Joslen, via email, Linda Miller shared her answers with the board and interested neighbors including the amount of beer to be brewed, the days of operation, how she will handle the bi products as well how supplies will reach the location and the product will be sold. Neighbors shared concerns about the location of the property on a blind corner at the top of a steep hill with little on street parking, in a neighborhood of single family homes and one block from Sunnyslope Park. Concerns were also expressed over the size of the brewing tanks that were submitted with the application. Concerns were expressed about what the license would allow above and beyond what the applicant plans to do including on site sales and tastings. The city manager will make the final decision before sending it back to the OLCC.

Evan White moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association oppose the issuance of a Brewery First Location to Wandering Dog Brewing Company located at 4565 Matthews Loop S. Chairman Alexander asked Evan White to email our official objections to issuance of this OLCC license to our city manager. Neighbors are welcome to send their own emails objecting to the issuance of the license.

Kurth & Browning Property

Neighbors reported seeing an excavator, dumpsters and at times dump trucks on the property. (Since the the meeting was held a board member found out the owner has been issued a demolition permit and demolition on the buildings have begun)

Chairman Alexander indicated goals for the neighborhood association will need to be decided on at our November meeting.

He will be seeking ideas at the November meeting on how the neighborhood association should spend the \$1,200 to \$1,500 of communications funds provided by the city. The goal, with the funds, is to educate neighbors about our neighborhood association. He shared things that have been purchased in the past including pens, pencils and stickers to hand out at Back To School Nights.

Future meeting location: The city community development department will pay the rental fee for the neighborhood association to use Schirle Elementary when it is safe to do so. The district ended the program that allowed city sponsored groups to use school district facilities and district groups to use city properties for free.

Chairman Alexander reported that the Irma Dowd, Neighborhood Services, provides new board member orientation. If she has not reached out to you, please let him know.

Chairman Alexander will ask a city senior planner to attend our November meeting to talk about how the city will implement House Bill 2001.

Our next meeting will be November 19, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Miller
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Chairman

Those in Attendance:

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bruce & Linda Miller

Jessica Blakely

Ann

Bill Davis

Evan White

Mary Anne Schieffer

Karen Delsman

Julia Stewart

Bill Kelly

Brad Kilby

Councilor Nordyke

Elena Guevara

Henry Neugass

Gary Knighten
Ben Batson