

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Meeting
Minutes
Thursday, November 19, 2020
Held via zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by chairman, Alan Alexander.

Neighbors were greeted.

The minutes were approved as circulated.

Communication Funds: Chairman Alexander

The city provides \$200 per year in funds to help promote the neighborhood association. There are also other volunteer opportunities that add to the fund like promoting neighborhood associations at Back to School nights which did not happen this year. We have approximately \$1,200 to use. We have purchased picnic tables for parks and pencils, pens, stickers, magnets, glow in the dark stickers and notepads to hand out at Back to School events. He is looking for suggestions on how we can spend the money to promote our neighborhood association. Money must be spent by June, 2021.

Sally Cook - Safe Routes to School

She shared improved crosswalks that will be constructed near the following schools Highland, Mary Eyre, Swegle/Blanchet, Auburn and Four Corners. ODOT must still give approval for these projects.

Neighborhood Association Chairs meeting - Alan Alexander

He reported that 8 or 9 neighborhood associations were represented. As part of the police audit, which has just started in the past 10 days, community policing was discussed. Most of the attendees reported being pleased with the service they are getting from the police department. They would like to have the same

police officer attend neighborhood association meetings if possible. It was reported that many of the police calls center around homelessness.

He reported that the police have moved into their new facility and virtual tours will be available in the near future.

Eunice Kim city of Salem House lead on House Bill 2001

She reviewed some of the parameters of House Bill 2001 which was adopted in June, 2020 by the state legislature to address the housing crisis in the state and to give more housing choices in areas that have excluded them in the past. Depending on the lot size in areas zoned single family this bill allows cottage clusters, duplexes, triplexes, quad-plexes and auxiliary dwelling units.

The state legislature has not yet finalized the implementation of this bill for large cities, so there is still time to impact policies at the state level. The state will adopt implementation requirements for large cities in December, 2020.

Neighbors expressed concerns over parking requirements which are dropped to 1 on site parking space per unit for multi family units in Salem. The city has dropped parking requirements in certain core areas of Salem along transit routes. Neighbors urged the city, which Eunice Kim is the lead on, that when the bill is implemented to keep the requirement for 1 on site parking spot for multi family units.

City staff have not made recommendations on how to implement the bill and there is not a lot of "wobble room" in implementation. The city council will adopt the final codes regarding this bill.

There was a discussion of system development fees that developers pay when developing housing projects which pays for the initial costs of infrastructure improvements like missing bike lanes and sidewalks along property lines versus the utility fee that is on all utility bills that pays for on-going services.

Eunice Kim is willing to come back to future meetings regarding this issue.

Chairman Alexander and Land Use, Chairman Evan White will meet to set up a land use sub-committee to stay informed about this land use issue and others.

4120 Kurth Street - Evan White

He reported that the developer had contacted him proposing a zone change to RM I which would allow up to 24 units. Evan told him there was no enthusiasm for this rezone and invited him to attend this meeting. The buildings have been demolished.

Sally Cook reported that the property across from Sunnyslope Shopping Center is owned by an out of state developer with no connections to the city/neighborhood.

Chairman Alexander reported that he received word that the city has approved the division of the property at the corner of Kurth and Warren which is .35 acres. There is currently no application for a rezone.

Chairman Alexander reported that the city council approved the site plan for the Costco Warehouse on Kuebler Blvd.

Neighborhood Association Goal Setting - Chairman Alexander

Sally Cook moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion that the 2021 goals for the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association are as follows: Establish a subcommittee to interface with decision makers at the city, regional and state level; to promote the construction of Phase 2 of the master plan at Secor Park; having representatives from the neighborhood association attending the neighborhood association chairs meetings and South Salem Connects meetings; to increase the numbers and diversity of association board members and to improve communication within the neighborhood regarding the neighborhood association. Motion carried unanimously.

Parks Update : Chairman Alexander

He reported that the installation of a grass volleyball court at Sunnyslope Park has been accepted as a viable project by the city. January 21, 2021 is the deadline to submit the grant application and he reported that it is looking good to have it installed during the summer 2021.

More information from the Neighborhood Chairs meeting that Chairman Alexander attended

The city will be housing unsheltered individuals at a property on Portland Road. Neighborhood chairs asked the city to let them know where else they plan to shelter the unsheltered. It was reported that 200 trees have been cut down in our city parks and park staff have been harassed by city staff maintaining the parks.

The city has hired a new police chief to replace Chief Moore who is retiring. The new police chief is from Stockton, California. The chairman of the neighborhood associations would like him, once settled in, to attend each neighborhood association meeting to meet neighbors.

The next meeting will be December 17th at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance;

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bruce & Linda Miller

Karen Delsman

Kevin Willingham

Gary Knighton

Bill Davis

Henry Neugass

Elena Guevara

Frank Howard

Jason Disenso

Sally Cook

Evan White

Sally Hawes

Pam McClain

Julia Stewart

Kathleen Hoonhout

Eunice Kim

Bill Kelly

Kathleen Hill