

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

December 17, 2020

Minutes

Held via zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by chairman, Alan Alexander.

He greeted neighbors and guests.

Minutes were accepted as circulated

Lt. Van Meter - Salem Police

He lives in the area and works the day shift.

He reported the police department said goodbye to retiring Police Chief Moore and welcomed the new Police Chief Womack.

They have moved into the new police station and look forward to Covid restrictions being lifted so they can give tours to the public.

Package thefts were discussed and he said a neighbor said in another neighborhood they lived in, neighbors put tracking devices in packages. They also left out packages of smelly stuff. It discouraged thefts. Outdoor lights and cameras are deterrents. He urged neighbors to develop relationships with neighbors and be observant.

Neighbors are welcome to contact him jvanmeter@cityofsalem.net
503.932.1474

He appreciated Irma Dowd, neighborhood services, getting the information about the U-Haul pickup, including the license plate number, involved in porch thefts.

A neighbor asked about cars left parked on the street without moving for long periods of time. He said to email him the details and

he will forward the information to code compliance or neighbors can contact code compliance directly. (city website, community resources, my neighborhood, report a concern)

Neighborhood Associations Chairs Meeting & South Salem Connect Meeting

Chairman Alexander reported he attended both meetings. If anyone has ideas for topics for the next Neighborhood Association Chairs meetings, which are held quarterly, let him know!

The new Salem Police Chief, Chief Womack, attended the South Salem Connect meeting. Chairman Alexander invited him to attend a future Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association meeting. Chief Womack is focused on neighborhood trust and neighborhood connections.

Covid Concerns

Henry Neugass reported that he received word a neighbor has Covid and shared concerns about the seriousness of the disease.

Sally Cook, who works for Marion County, shared that she is not on the vaccine committee. She reported that the Oregon Health Authority is prioritizing health care workers and assisted living facilities. The county is working with marginalized groups regarding making sure the vaccine is available to them and to combat any misinformation that is circulating. The county has a dash-board with Covid information, testing sites, etc. (Go to the Marion County website, at the top, click on Covid-19 highlighted in red)

Councilor Leung

The first budget meeting is January 20th at 6PM and will be held via zoom. Other budget meeting dates are April 14th, 21st, 28th and May 12th if necessary.

She reported that there is currently help for residents to pay their water bill. So far no one has applied.

The council has extended camping for the unsheltered in city parks until June, 2021. Steve Powers, city manager, will come to council with suggestions for expanding camping to other parks. Cascade Gateway park has at least 300 campers. There has been lots of issues at the park including harassment of park staff. Chairman Alexander reported that there are lots of compassion and concerns regarding unsheltered individuals.

Council Leung reported that councilors are now free to talk about the Costco relocation plan. The site plan was approved by council 8 to 1. Olivia Dias, city of Salem, reported that the zone change was approved in 2007 and went in to more details about the timeline of the project,

Land Use

It was reported that the rezone from single family to multi family at 700 Lockwood was approved. This is .15 acre piece of property which is owned by the owner of the Lockwood Apartments.

It was also reported that the request to divide the property at 4204 Kurth was approved and is being withdrawn. It is being appealed based on the $\frac{1}{2}$ street improvements required by the planning commission.

Olivia Dias, city of Salem, at 5871 Liberty Road

The developer plans to divide the 16 acre property into 45 lots for a townhome development. They are asking that lots be longer than the code allows and the streets be allowed to be 52 feet wide rather than

60 feet the code requires. The street width would make the street landscape smaller and would be the same width as Joynak which the streets will connect with. She mentioned parking would meet the same requirement as apartment complexes and the townhomes would probably have garages with parking. The complex will connect to Davis via Joynak and Mildred via Big Mountain. There will be no access to the development via Liberty.. The developer will pay systems development fees which will go to the traffic lights at Davis and Liberty and Mildred and Liberty. She reported that a light at Davis and Liberty would be the first to be installed. The planning administrator will make the decision and comments are due by December 18th at 5pm

Discussion followed with neighbors expressing concerns over the speed limit which is 45mph and it was felt it should be 35 mph on Davis Rd. Olivia will mention it to the traffic engineers. Another concern shared by neighbors who have driven Joynak is how narrow the street is. With parking on both sides, traffic flow is restricted.. One neighbor noticed a delivery truck blocking the flow of traffic.

Bill Davis moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion that Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association submit concerns about this development in regards to allowing the streets to be narrowed and the need for a traffic light at Davis and Liberty. Motion carried unanimously. Kevin Willingham will write up the testimony to be submitted to the planning administrator.

Olivia is willing to send out the entire application on any land use issues to anyone requesting them.

Chairman Alexander will check into getting a traffic engineer to attend a future meeting.

Evan White - Pathway through Pioneer/ City View Cemetery

Evan reported that a pathway through either Pioneer or City View Cemetery connecting Hoyt and Rural has been discussed for 35 years.

City staff shared a report with the city council several months ago about the establishment of a path. Evan shared highlights of the report. Councilor Nordyke asked staff to look further into establishing a path. Staff reported that it would cost almost \$500,000 to construct a path. Evan questioned some of the expenses. Bill Davis moved and Bruce Miller seconded a motion that Evan submit the following questions about the staff report on behalf of Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association.

Three Questions for City Staff

It has been estimated that it would cost about \$5,000 to professionally install a gate along the northern fence line, including a small earthen ramp to account for any difference in elevation (Tony Vassallo, retired engineer, with extensive trail-building experience and former Sunnyslope NA Land Use Chair).

- 1) There are two parallel gravel roads, upon which cars drive. Could the costs of construction, engineering, archeological, historical permitting and 30% contingency (\$324,113 to \$351,321) be avoided if one of these roads is chosen as the Hoyt-Rural neighborhood path?
- 2) If the path is not paved and upgraded to ADA standards, would a person still have the opportunity to travel down to Commercial Street?
- 3) If the gate is locked at night, as is current practice, would there be a need for solar lighting (\$59,400)?

Land Use Sub- Committee Chairman Alexander

Evan White, Henry Neugass, Kevin Willingham and Bill Davis have all agreed to serve on this committee. Karen Delsman is still considering serving.

Chairman Alexander suggested one thing the committee might want to look into is neighborhood hubs which is part of the Our Salem project. The zoning would be R 4 which would allow businesses like bike shops, hair salons and day care facilities to locate in areas zoned single family residential. It is still in the phase that input can be given.

Chairman Alexander will put the sub committee members on the list for land use notifications.

Gretchen Bennett, city of Salem human rights manager, will attend our January meeting to discuss the city's response to how Salem is handling the unsheltered. The problem is growing and providing shelter has been complicated by Covid restrictions.

Chairman Alexander will ask about the purpose of the metal board at the Stockton entrance to Secore Park. Bruce and Linda Miller noticed the board when they visited the park looking for a place to post neighborhood association meeting notices and minutes.

The next meeting will be January 21, 2021 7pm held via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Miller
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in Attendance;
Alan & Judith Alexander
Bruce & Linda Miller
Evan White
Bill Davis
Kevin Willingham
Dan Tucker
Olivia Dias
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Sally Cook
Tony Vassallo
Lt. Jason Van Meter
Henry Neugass

Karen Delsman
Jackie Leung
Leora Berger

12/29/2020

Motion and vote via email. This motion will be confirmed at our meeting on January 21, 2021

Bill Davis moved and Linda Miller seconded a motion that the neighborhood association support the city's requirement that street improvements be required to divide the property at 4204 Kurth Street and that Bill.Davis submit testimony on behalf of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association.nmn Motion carried via email vote

