

**Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2021**  
**Meeting Held via Zoom**

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

Neighbors and guests were welcomed.

Sally Cook moved and Karen Delsman seconded a motion that the minutes be accepted as circulated.

Lt. Jason VanMeter - Salem Police Department

He wants the community to know that the police department is ready to protect its citizens 24/7.

They expect to be busy with protests over the next few weeks. On Sunday, April 18th there is a protest and march planned for 11:30 with about 1,000 in attendance. They plan to keep the traffic disruptions to a minimum. Several groups plan protests for May 1st.

He reported that many of their calls involve people experiencing a mental health crisis..

Regarding speeding along Liberty Road near Davis, several tickets have been issued. He has been enforcing school zone speed limits.

A neighbor reported seeing the speed board on Liberty at Davis Road.

He will report on the red light/speed on green cameras installed at Commercial and Madrona later on.

Patricia Farrell - Planning Manager, City of Salem Bush/Deepwood Cultural Landscape Management Plan

She explained the difference between a park master plan and the cultural landscape plan for Bush/Deepwood Estates.

She went over the significance of this 96 acres that is on the National Registry of History places. She shared a presentation that included the process that went into coming up with the plan including the goals of the plan, the research into the history of the site and tribal and public engagement. She shared the results of the August, 2020 survey and a second one that was done later on. She indicated that they are looking at relocating the Art Fair booths from underneath the white oaks to other parts of the park

to protect the oaks. Early in May the draft plan will be posted on the city website. The plan will go to the city council on June 28th.

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/bushs-pasture-park-and-deepwood-gardens-cultural-landscape-management-plan.aspx>une 28th! This the link to the information about the plan on the city website

Sally Cook reported that the city has its summer recreation opportunities in our city parks on the city website. Sunnyslope Park has some programs scheduled. There are several 5k walk/runs scheduled at different parks during the summer and the cost is only \$5.

Councilor Nordyke

She shared a powerpoint presentation There is an Iron Man competition coming to Salem in July 2021

She shared information about the Pallet Shelter in Portland Road. Amenities the Pallet Shelters provide include an electrical power kit that includes electrical outlets, heat and light, shelves and a shelf for a bed. The shelter is staffed 24/7 and also provides car/RV camping. There is also campground clean ups along the Willamette Slough

Community members ask the city to fund a mobile response team which would include a medic and a mental health professional. The cost would be \$400,000 - \$500,000 per year to employ 2 teams each including a medic and a mental health professional. They would respond to calls of someone having a mental health crisis. A police officer would also be dispatched if a weapon was involved..

She reported that the city is in a strong fiscal position. The bond rating has saved the city 1.74 million dollars on the bonds.

The city will receive federal money to cover the deficit they incurred in 2020 regarding the pandemic.

The city is set to receive \$8 million dollars from the American Rescue Plan. They are waiting to receive clarification on how they can spend the money. She shared how much the county and state will receive from the plan and urged neighbors to contact the city, county and state leaders with suggestions on how the funds should be spent.

The proposed city budget is just shy of 658 million dollars.

She is a member of the Rotary Club that has built the Gerry Frank Amphitheater at Riverfront Park. The city is setting up a fee and permit schedule. The plan is for two fee schedules, one for local groups and one for professional organizations bringing entertainment to the amphitheater.

She reminded neighbors that there are about 16,000 unsheltered in Oregon with about 1,600 living in Salem. She reviewed the facilities available for the unsheltered and ones that will be coming on line. Salem will be getting a navigation center.

She was asked about a pedestrian/bike path through Pioneer Cemetery. She reported that the city does not have an easement to connect to Johns Street S. The owner of the property refuses to sell an easement. She was asked about condemning the property which she did not think was a good idea. The public pathway connecting the two neighborhoods is off the table.

There were more questions about the unsheltered. She indicated that you must provide them a place to stay. If you wish to move them, you must have a place to redirect them to. She said the camp at Market Street & I 5 is ODOT property and they refuse to enforce their no trespassing policy. A question was asked about HB 2367 which would prevent criminalization of people who sit, lay down or occupy any public space. The status of the bill was unsure

She reported that there is consideration of reducing speed limits in certain parts of town. This is in the exploratory phase with a cost/benefit analysis needs to be done before it is included in the Climate Action Plan. A discussion followed on how to slow vehicle traffic Sally Cook shared with board members proven ways to slow traffic down.

Chairman Alexander will follow up with the traffic engineer about speed limits on Liberty Road near Davis Road and the speed limit concerns on Davis Road.

Bill Davis moved and Karen Delsman seconded a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association supports a mobile response unit be included in the 2021-2022 city budget. Motion Carried.

Kathy Martin-Willis, legislative aide to Rep Paul Evans, indicated that there is legislation pending to fund these mobile response units statewide

#### Land Use Subcommittee

Chairman Alexander thanked the committee for their great work!

Henry Neugass reported that the property at Kurth and Cunningham is for sale. He has also heard a rumor that the developer of the property at Kurth and Browning is planning a scaled up development that will connect to Mesa.

Henry reported that he is contacting Eunice Kim about the concept of neighborhood hubs that the city wants to establish. He wants documentation regarding the establishment of these hubs.

On April 30th from 12 - 2PM there will be an Our Salem zoning subcommittee meeting. (This information has been forwarded to the neighborhood association board and posted on NextDoor)

Eunice Kim will be contacted about sidewalks and bike lanes along the property at Kurth & Cunningham where there is none.

Bill Davis was commended for the excellent survey he sent out to the board regarding Land Use issues. He had 5 responses and shared those with the board. He was asked to put the survey out on NextDoor.

Kevin Willingham is willing to help establish a communications/outreach subcommittee. Chairman Alexander declared the communications/outreach committee as a subcommittee of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association. He indicated subcommittee members do not need to be board members.

Chairman Alexander reported that the grass volleyball court at Sunnyslope Park has been fully funded by the Salem Parks Improvement Grant.

A neighbor reported that the 3 missing trees along Croisan Scenic Way next to Schirle Elementary have been replaced.

Sally Cook reported that a refuge family has been connected with a plot at the Sunnyslope Community Garden.

It was asked that Chairman Alexander try to schedule Eunice Kim for our May meeting. Chairman Alexander reported that our police chief plans to attend our May meeting.

Our next meeting will be May 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Miller  
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those attending:  
Alan & Judith Alexander  
Bruce & Linda Miller  
Lt Jason Van Meter  
Councilor Vanessa Nordyke  
Kevin Willingham  
Sally Cook  
Bill Davis  
Henry Neugass  
Karen Delsman  
MaryAnn Schiffer  
Tony Vasallo

Kathy Martin-Willis  
Marilyn & Bob Edwards  
Gary Knighten  
Sylvia Dawson  
Larry & Bonnie Dodds  
Elena Guevarra