

**Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes**  
**September 16, 2021**  
**Held via zoom**

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

Neighbors and guests were welcomed Trevor Smith, who works for the city of Salem in communications for the public works department, is attending the meeting on behalf of Irma Dowd, neighborhood services.

Minutes were approved as circulated.

Councilor Nordyke is unable to attend so Chairman Alexander shared her power point which included; some of things that happened this summer in the city including Our Salem Public meetings, connecting the homeless to housing and jobs, the Climate Action task force cost/benefit analysis and the delayed opening of the library and Center 50+ due to Covid cases were among the activities she shared. For some of the activities she went into more detail. Neighbors were urged to sign up for the new city alert system The city is hosting free emergency preparedness workshops September 22 - November 3rd Check the city website for more information (If you would like a copy of the powerpoint, please email me [bruceandlindamiller@gmail.com](mailto:bruceandlindamiller@gmail.com))

The new Union Gospel Mission facility is open.

There was a discussion of the unsheltered camping along Cunningham Lane next to the Sunnyslope Shopping Center. It appears it is back to its baseline.

Chairman Alexander reported that Cascade Gateways Park is closed for cleanup and restoration. The unsheltered have attempted to come back to camp. He reported that the restoration will take a year to a year and a half.

Evan White indicated that there was a demonstration of Pallet Homes (tiny shelters) at Riverfront Park. The cost of each shelter is \$5,000 Donations toward these shelters can be made to Church at the Park who will be setting up and managing camps where these shelters will house the homeless.

Chairman Alexander reported that the city is urging neighborhood associations to go back to virtual meetings with the surge of the Covid cases.

Chairman Alexander reported that the deadline for the SPIF (Salem Parks Improvement Grants) is October 29th. By that deadline the neighborhood association needs to submit the name of the project and what they would like to see. Details are not required by the deadline. Grants fund 75% of the project. The Salem Parks Foundation has some funds designated for the Sunnyslope Park, but he feels they could be applied to a project at Secor Park. Neighbors are urged to make suggestions. One suggestion was a communications board at Secor Park like we have at Sunnyslope Park. Ideas will be discussed at our October 21st meeting.

#### Land Use:

Henry Neugass reported that he has made contact with a landowner south on Skyline Blvd who plans to partition his 20 acres into 4 or 5 lots with the potential of developing more at a later time. This property is located south of the tree farm, is in the city limits and is part of our neighborhood association. No formal action has been taken by the landowner at this time.

5871 Lot 35 which is zoned RM2 will be developed into 3 story apartment buildings with 153 units. This property connects into Joynak on the north and Big Mountain and then to Mildred on the south. This development will trigger a light at Mildred and Liberty. There is no infrastructure to support this large development with no shopping etc nearby. The neighborhood association has no grounds to object to this development.

#### Old Business:

Communications Funds: Chairman Alexander that we have \$1,200 of funds to be spent by June, 2022. He asked the question, how can we use the funds to make neighbors aware of the neighborhood association and the work we do? He is looking for suggestions from neighbors. One suggestion was to host a party at Secor Park and another at Sunnyslope Park.

Chairman Alexander urged neighbors to sign up for the new Salem Alert System. They have merged with Marion/Polk County alerts. Neighbors must reregister to receive alerts. Chairman Alexander and others got emails about signing up for this new alert system.

Chairman Alexander reported that the realignment of a small portion of the Skyline Trail to go along the border of Sprague High School Property rather than on to the property has been approved.

#### New Business:

October 21 will be our next meeting and will be held via zoom. Chairman Alexander suggested that our annual meeting could be held in November. During Covid, the city is waiving some of the requirements for things like annual meetings for neighborhood associations.

It was reported that on October 5th at 5:30, the planning commission is holding a meeting on middle housing. There are lots of changes to codes to areas zoned for residential housing.

Chairman Alexander thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Miller

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bruce & Linda Miller

Trevor Smith

Julia Stewart

Gary Knighten

Evan White

Henry Neugass

Karen Delsman

Cathy

Sally Cook

Noel Bryant