

# **Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**

## **Zoom Meeting**

### **August 20, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:11 by Chairman, Alan Alexander after he was able to remove the required password,

He welcomed neighbors and guests.

With no corrections, the minutes were accepted as circulated.

Officer Garland - Salem Police Department

He patrols the South Salem area on a late swing shift.

A neighbor asked about car clouts and he said they are still an issue,

A neighbor thanked him for his service during these very challenging times and expressed support for all of our police officers.

Someone asked about the new police station and he indicated construction is on track and he is excited about moving into the new facility.

A neighbor asked about the school zone flashing signs with schools starting on line and the possibility of daycare meeting in buildings. He did not have knowledge of how they worked. Sally Cook said the city/county coordinates with the school district about setting the signs up. She reminded neighbors to go the speed limit when they are flashing and/or when children are present.

Councilor Leung

She reported that Councilor Nordyke, at the last city council meeting, asked city staff for information of the pedestrian/bike trail through Pioneer Cemetery. No deadline was set for the report to be done.

At the last city council meeting, they set aside money to help residents struggling to pay their utility bills. Neighbors should apply as soon as possible.

The city council is meeting virtually at this time and neighbors can sign up to testify on the city's website.

Chairman Alexander mentioned at the last emergency legislative session that the city received a 20 million dollar grant for improvements to the water filtration system.

Councilor Leung mentioned that the Salem Housing Authority will be opening Redwood Crossing which is a supportive housing development to help address the houseless community. They offer units for single person households with a private sleeping/living area and a kitchenette with a shared bathroom and foyer for every 2 units. She will be touring the facility before it opens.

A neighbor asked if she was aware that 84% of Salem's projected housing needs have been met in just 5 years. The information is based on growth. She said staff had not made her aware of that information.

She encouraged neighbors to take surveys put out by city staff regarding the vision for our city.

Public Pathway through Pioneer Cemetery - Evan White

He reported that Councilor Nordyke asked staff for a more detailed report for a possible daylight pedestrian/bike path through City View Cemetery and/or Pioneer Cemetery.

He also said the SWAN and SCAN neighborhood associations are in favor of this daylight pedestrian/bike path through the cemetery. He plans to share the information with the Faye/Wright neighborhood association.

Evan read the resolution printed below. Evan White moved and Sally Cook seconded a motion to accept the resolution in support of a daylight pedestrian/bike path through Pioneer Cemetery. Motion carried unanimously.

**"Whereas *"bicycle and pedestrian use," "walk and transit friendliness", and "reduction of air pollution from travel"* have been adopted as goals for the City of Salem;**

**"Whereas a recent City of Salem report indicates that the City of Salem is not meeting the targets that it has set, is falling behind other similar cities in these areas, or seems to be moving in the wrong direction;**

**"Whereas Pioneer Cemetery and City View Cemetery present a barrier of more than three thousand feet to pedestrian or bike travel between the Fairmount and Candalaria neighborhoods, requiring a one-mile detour along Commercial (3,700 feet one-way);**

**"Whereas a Hoyt-Rural pedestrian and bicycle path appear on the current City Transportation Plan and have been discussed for thirty-five years;**

**"Whereas at its regularly scheduled meeting on May 17, 2012 the board of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association voted unanimously to oppose any further City of Salem efforts to vacate a right of way which would enable a Hoyt-Rural pedestrian and bicycle path;**

**"Whereas the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association supports the preservation and protection of the historic Pioneer Cemetery, including periodic park ranger patrols, as may be necessary;**

**"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association renews its support for a daylight only Hoyt-Rural pedestrian and bicycle path."**

Salem Keizer Schools - Chairman Alexander

He indicated that representatives from the district were invited to attend with information about the construction schedule for Schirle Elementary,

Also work has begun on the cross walk with a refuge island in front of Liberty Elementary has begun and will be completed this summer.

Land Use:

Rezone proposal for Sprague High School - Chairman Alexander

He reported that several years ago the schools and parks separated their properties. The city traded the ball fields at Sprague High School for 9 acres of school district land in another part of land for a park in another part of the city. The rezone should have happened at that time. The proposed rezone is for that area from public amusement to public/private education.

Proposed rezone 5871 Liberty - Chairman Alexander

The proposal is for 66 apartments. It is currently zoned developing agriculture and is undeveloped land. There are apartments bordering one side of the property. The proposal for rezone is not yet on the planning commission agenda. This proposed rezone will be on our August agenda.

Proposed rezone of the property at 4120 Kurth St..

Chairman Alexander reported that he received notice yesterday that the application is deemed complete. The proposed rezone will be on the agenda for the planning commission meeting on September 15th. The meeting will be held at

5:30 PM via zoom. August 26th notices will be mailed out to neighbors. Brice Bishop, project manager, indicated that he has 46 email addresses that he will mail a copy of the notice to. September 3rd at 5PM is the deadline to submit written testimony to be included in the staff report. You can email testimony to [bbishop@cityofsalem.net](mailto:bbishop@cityofsalem.net). You can sign up on the city website on the day of the meeting from 8AM to 3PM to share testimony at the meeting.

Evan White reported that the planning commission could say yes or no to the rezone. Bryce Bishop, city of Salem, indicated the planning commission could modify the rezone to RM I multi multi family.

Chairman Alexander told neighbors that now is the time to act to fight this proposed rezone and to make sure all areas are covered

Neighbor, Kevin Willingham indicated he had reviewed the application and the claims regarding the comprehensive plan are outdated.

Chairman Alexander also reviewed the application and felt liberties were taken with the nearness to transit and shopping.

Evan White moved that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association oppose the rezone of this property from single family to multi family RM II. Sally Cook and Judith Alexander seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Land Use Chairman Evan White working with others will submit testimony to the planning commission opposing this rezone.

#### Parks - Bill Kelly

Secor Park Phase 1 construction has begun. He went to the site yesterday and the playground curbing is in and pathway construction has begun.

Sunnyslope Park is being well taken care of. Inmate crews have been working in the park. Resurfacing of the sports court has not yet happened. It was reported that the resurfacing is still an active project and is scheduled for late summer/early fall.

Chairman Alexander thanked Bill for the years of service he has given to the neighborhood association as vice chair and parks chairman. His last meeting will be our annual meeting on September 17th and we will be looking for someone to fill those positions. Others joined in in thanking him for his service to the neighborhood association.

Chairman Alexander reported that our annual meeting will be September 17th and at this time it will be a zoom meeting. Everyone has a vote at this meeting and it is the opportunity to volunteer to serve on the neighborhood association board for

the coming year which gives you an opportunity to vote all year. (Please contact Chairman Alexander at [awa8025@aol.com](mailto:awa8025@aol.com) if you would like to volunteer for the neighborhood association board)

Chairman Alexander reported that the school district ended the cooperative use agreement between the city and the school district. We have not been charged to meet at Schirle Elementary in the past, but now will be charged. We will need to find another place to meet once we can meet safely in person. Sally Cook suggested the neighborhood association find out more information about the cancellation of this agreement. We all pay taxes to support the schools. She feels we should speak up against this cancellation.

Sally Cook announced she is engaged and has moved to the Faye/Wright area. She still owns her home in the Sunnyslope Area, Neighbors offered their congratulations. Chairman Alexander said he believed as long as she owns property in the Sunnyslope area, she can still serve on the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Miller  
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance:

Alan & Judith Alexander

Bill Kelly

Evan White

Bruce & Linda Miller

Sally Cook

Victoria & Jeff

Jason DeSenso

Cassie's iPad

Officer Garland

Kevin

Geoffrey James

Henry Neugass

MaryAnn Schieffer

Brenda Varty Bly

Kurt Rupprecht

Elena Guevara  
Councilor Jackie Leung  
Kevin Slater  
John  
Nina Remple  
Bryce Bishop  
Sara  
John  
Skyway  
Sam  
Dan Joynt