

012020 West Salem Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 20, 2020 7:00 PM

Attendees: See sign in sheet

Meeting Called to Order by Kevin Chambers at 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

Additions to agenda from the body - none

Approval of minutes - correction of Tim Klar's name

Approved/No Nays

PRESENTATIONS

Brandie Dalton, Land Use Planner - Orchard Heights Road, E of Doaks Ferry; 34 lot subdivision

Not present

Reports:

Salem Police - Officer Walker

One big issue being run into on W side and DT areas - transient issues; sleeping on front porches and doors of business.

Been catching one or two individuals that say they know the owner and owner is OK with this as long as they are out and cleaned up by 6 AM

If business owners want trespassing enforced on properties, it must be all or nothing...

Armed robbery call earlier - Officers Walker and Scott are patrolling our neighborhood

Attendee reported she had 2 AM visitor that stole things off her cart; she caught them on video; took to City of Salem PD - no traction there. How to show video to patrol officer in W Salem. Only 1 officer in W Salem at a time (we are District 5). Call non-emergency # and report it - share footage and request officer visit house to collect information. **503 -588-6123**

Where are business allowing this (allegedly)? Dentist office by Roth's, behind Dollar Tree and Safeway area (manager of Dollar Tree gave person permission to sleep between dumpster and building). Also a couple of smaller locations DT.

City Councilors

Jim Lewis:

No report. 2 meetings at City Council

First, tomorrow night, 1/21 at 6 PM

2 Homeless emergency clauses - 6 o'clock at City Hall, or on CCTV streamed on YouTube

1. Women's shelter to expand without usual process
2. Council to entertain using Pringle Hall through 3/31 to house additional 700 people

City is doing everything it can for homeless situation. Homeless issue is very complex.

Second meeting is strategy session to help city manager prepare his budget; priorities, etc.

Attendee advised Salem Hospital director was not aware of plan to house homeless next door.

Land Use

Steve will update land use this page.

Received notice from Capitol Manor - 30 -45 days until final application. Looking to add addition to basement level.

Have spoken to Olivia regarding subdivision on Orchard Heights. That is also still under review.

On 1/27, there will be a public hearing at City Council chambers at 6 PM to revise standards for multi-family design.

Received notification that McDonald's on Wallace, is requesting variance for pre-sell boards at drive thru.

Received notice that there will be March workshops for the Our Salem plan , 3/16 meeting and 3/17 at Courthouse (555 Court Street), and 3/17 at McKay high school

Steve will make sure all this information and details get on the Salem Land Use page

Parks

1/15 had second meeting on Eagle's View Master Plan; moving forward; there is an online survey - please check it out

Master Plans - Battle Creek, Salem Parks and Rec advisory board with presentation on details for the Battle Creek Master Plan

Urban Forrester will be coming on board for City; canopy was 21%, now up to 24%; result of way survey was conducted and trees have grown - in City of Salem Forestry Strategic plan, goal was 28%. City pays for tree canopy survey to be performed within UGB. As Tree City USA, we want to increase trees here as much as possible. Planning more outreach with private residents - something in home purchase packet to include ways to improve tree growth

Salem Parks Improvement Grant - met with Jake Snell from Parks and performed Walk Through - will be leveling and widening trail at Chandler Nature Park - new sign as well

City of Salem Trespass Letter of Consent program (TLC) - business owner can sign location up (online and via form) for legitimate people at business after hours. That letter gives police automatic permission to act on trespassing if person isn't on "the list".

Traffic and Infrastructure

There was a citizen that asked about Glen Creek right before Kingwood - concern about adequacy of turn there (school bus). Following up with School as well.

On Next Door - concerns about pedestrians crossing on Wallace Road - City put up some barricades there - not much we can do

Bush at Parkway and Orchard Heights - will follow up on this

Question about traffic light on Wallace and Michigan City Avenue...this is an ODOT question as they have jurisdiction on Wallace Road

There was a traffic study but no solid plan yet - this is a longstanding issue, but will follow up

Transit

Not present

West Salem Business Association

Nothing new - took down holiday decorations

Edgewater

Partners do monthly walking cruises - 1/26 at 3 PM meeting at Book and Brew - walking down to Reader's Guide

Redevelopment Board asked the group to come up with ideas to improve the area

Doing a Paint Walk - meeting at Boys and Girls Club (sometime in February)

Glen-Gibson Watershed

Ian Easterly presenting

Flyers provided (see attachment) - Winter Report

Little box under a picture of flood in Wallace Marine Park; proposal for study of Willamette River and floodplain from Hayden Island to Windsor Island to identify and prioritize preservation and restoration opportunities

City of Salem has agreed to provide some funds for this evaluation; assessment could happen for a little under \$22K

This study will also cover land on either side of river

On March 7 at Orchard Heights Park, Friends of Trees will have a tree planting event (City sponsored)

Chair Announcements

Invited Gregory Walsh, City of Salem Emergency Mgt contact; he will present at our February meeting

Also invited Arches to discuss options for helping the homeless

Vice Announcements

Bridge Committee Update

Met Saturday 1/8; discussed multiple crossing opportunities

Jim has been working on crossing on one option

Another option in Keizer through Zena road

This will alleviate commercial traffic, beach visiting traffic, and folks commuting N for work

Met with several people at ODOT - studies performed

Next bridge committee meeting 2/8 @ 9 AM

Need to firm up plans with Army Core of Engineers and City of Keizer

Did not do vote for this meeting in order to give more time for neighbors to review options and have an opportunity to join next Bridge Meeting on 2/8 at 9 AM

We will have a vote in February - also planning to send a mailing survey to all Salem addresses to confirm support for the bridge - provide opportunity for input - we'll send emails to those we have Suggestion to have meeting where neighbors can put "dots on the map" where they'd like the bridge; this is a great idea; the mailer we propose would ask for this feedback

We are also working on Next Door and Facebook pages to keep information updated

Mark will try to get ODOT, Core of Engineers, Land Use, etc. etc. to committee meetings

Can get federal money if we intersect with Brooks interchange

Also requested every project for next 5 years in Salem from Troy Thompson

Current bridge is not earthquake proof - 100M available and ODOT committed to rest if city can get it done

Can also post studies and information on WSNA Facebook page

Need neighborhood alert email to be sent to notify of meetings - TAMMY

State Representative Report

Not present

Rep Evan having emergency preparedness meeting at Brew Coffee and Tap House on Edgewater 1/30
@ 6:00 - 8:00 PM

State Senator Report

Not present

New Business - None

Old Business - None

TAMMY NOTES - remove from public meeting 13,872 W Salem addresses