

Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

May 19, 2022

Minutes

Meeting held via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by co-chair, Sally Cook.

Neighbors were welcomed!

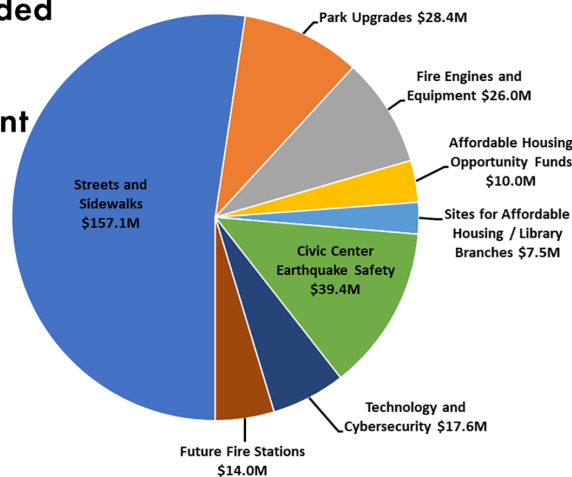
No police officer present

Councilor Vanessa Nordyke

She reported that votes from the Tuesday, May 17th election are still being counted.

Her powerpoint included the Center Street micro shelter project has permission to proceed, city budget meetings have concluded, listed affordable housing projects the council contributed funds towards, shared money disbursed to agencies helping with the homeless and an approved a tax rebate for workforce housing for a 157 unit building downtown at the site of the old Nordstrom building. She discussed the proposed city bond measure that will appear on the November ballot. Final details of what is in the measure will be finalized on May 23rd.

Recommended Salem Community Improvement Bond Purposes



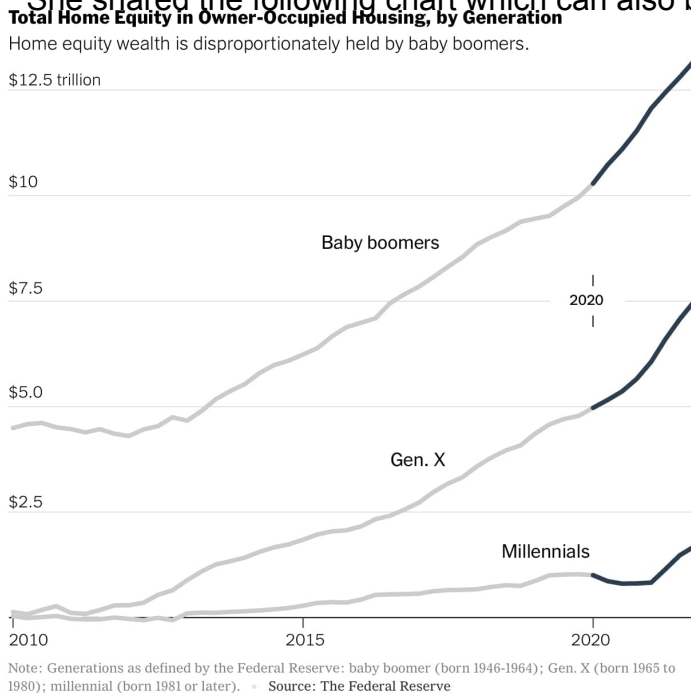
She indicated that none of the funds for streets and sidewalks is planned for use in Ward 7. She is working behind the scenes to make sure Ward 7 receives some of the money Neighbors mentioned the dangerous intersection at Liberty & Madrona. Sally Cook requested that funds be secured for Davis Road improvements including the purchase of land for a shoulder so pedestrians can walk safely from Liberty to Skyline

along Davis Road as well as infrastructure for traffic calming. This bond measure is addressing projects the city has wanted to do for years, but have not had funding for.

A neighbor asked about the proposal to include protected bike lanes in the bond measure. Among the proposals is such a lane which appears would reduce Liberty Road from Browning to Commercial Street to one lane in each direction. With all the housing units being built out south on Liberty Road and Skyline Road and the Cherriots bus stops along that route, reducing lanes for cars would create a traffic nightmare. Both Councilor Nordyke and Councilor Leung will look into the proposal.

A neighbor is advocating reducing the speed limit on Liberty Road South to the city limits to 35mph

She shared the following chart which can also be found on her facebook page



She reported that vendor selection for the purchase of body cameras for Salem Police is underway. They are on schedule to deploy body cameras this summer.

She shared about Urban Renewal Areas. Salem has 7 Urban Renewal areas scattered throughout the city where tax dollars are used to improve the area.

Councilor Leung reminded neighbors about the Friends of the Library book sale that ends on May 22nd. There will be a new councilor for ward 4

Sally Cook shared how our Neighborhood Communication Funds have been used in the past.

A vote was taken on the new logo. Logo C won by one vote. Sally will contact Irma Dowd, Neighborhood Services about our decision.

Land Use

On Davis Road the Green Acres Property had been rezoned to RM 2. No information was available as to whether they will be required to make ½ street improvements or just contribute to Systems Development funds to fund further improvements.

Sally will invite a representative from Salem Bike Vision to speak at a future meeting to explain their vision for bike corridors.

The February, 2022 and April 2022 minutes were approved as circulated.

There is no update on the Eagle Scout Tree planting project at Secor Park.

There was discussion on how to create enthusiasm and participation in our neighborhood association. We want to make sure our meetings are engaging and enjoyable.

Linda Miller moved and Evan White seconded a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association set up a table at Sunnyslope Park and Secor Park on National Night Out which is on Tuesday, August 2nd to engage with neighbors and give away city SWAG. Motion carried Sally will notify Irma Dowd and will ask that when neighbors sign up for night out festivities that they will be urged to stop by either Sunnyslope or Secor Park. Details will be worked out at our June meeting and via email!

Our next meeting will be on June 16th and our July meeting will be canceled.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Miller
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those attending:
Sally Cook
Bruce & Linda Miller
Evan White
Henry Neugass

Karen Delsman
Gary Knighton
Tony V
Cathy
Councilor Nordyke
Councilor Leung