

## **Faye Wright Neighborhood Association**

**March 11, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Blake Shelide, Bryant Baird, Shawn Range, Susan Hecox

**City of Salem:** Lt. Jason Van Meter, Salem Police; Brian Haney, Public Works; Toni Whitler, Park Planner; Treavor Phillips, City Council (Ward 3); Vanessa Nordyke, City Council (Ward 7)

**Community:** Carol Snyder, Salem Parks Foundation; Annie Battee; Sally Cook; Jeanette Stoudenmeyer

### **Welcome**

- The meeting, conducted via ZOOM, was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- Attendees introduced themselves.
- The meeting agenda was accepted.
- Meeting minutes from the February 11 meeting were approved.

### **City Reports**

- **Lt. Jason Van Meter, Salem Police**
  - The department has been very busy over the past few weeks due to the ice storm. He noted that the Public Works Department deserves special thanks for their efforts to deal with the impact of the storm.
  - He noted the importance of making a list of the serial numbers of all the valuables and equipment in our homes given an increasing number of thefts.
- **Vanessa Nordyke, City Councilor, Ward 7**
  - Reported that the library will reopen this summer. Councilors Nordyke and Phillips are supporting a plan for 3-hour free parking.
  - Explained how the shelter at the Fairgrounds works and described other homeless programs that the City is undertaking.
  - Reported that the City is working on a Climate Action Plan and is about half done. Detailed information about the plan is available on the City website:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/climate-action-plan.aspx>

- **Trevor Phillips, City Councilor, Ward 3**
  - Reported that he had toured the shelter at the Pavilion at the Fairgrounds which is scheduled to close on March 31.
  - Reported two major actions by the Salem City Council:
    - Adopted a vision for Comprehensive Plan updates.
    - Finalized the Strategic Plan for 3-5 years.
  
- **Toni Whitler, Park Planner, Public works**
  - Provided an overview of the masterplan update for Woodmansee Park and outlined the community engagement process for getting input
  - Detailed information about the plan is available on the City website:
   
  
<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/woodmansee-park-master-plan-update.aspx>
  
- **Ben Haney, Public Works**
  - Reviewed the proposed improvements to the **Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) System** including
    - Treatment upgrades
    - Increased capacity
    - Distribution improvements
    - Woodmansee Park Master Plan Update
  - Reported that a new waterline will be installed along Sunnyside Road from the Woodmansee Park entrance to Boone Road. Work will begin in April and is scheduled to finish by August.
  - More information on improvements to Salem’s drinking water system is available on the City’s website:
   
  
<https://www.cityofsalem.net/woodmansee-park-improvements>

**Other Business**

- Carol Snyder reported that the Salem Parks Foundation is offering grants of \$2-6000 to neighborhood associations for improvements to parks in their areas. Applications are due by May 31, 2021. The need for additional picnic tables and benches in several parks was mentioned.
- It was noted that tree limbs and a utility wire that came down in the February ice storm along Commercial St. SE between Winding Way and Welcome Way have not been removed. City staff will investigate.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM**