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Meeting Minutes, September 10, 2020
SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Zoom Meeting

Note: SGNA met via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Board Members

Present

Glenn Baly, Chair
Mike Hughes, Vice chair
John Ledger, Secretary
Jake Krishnan, Treasurer
Sylvia Machado
Jerry Sachtjen

Absent

Chip Davis
Trevor Elliot

Guests

Jackie Leung, Salem City Council
William E. Barrow P.E, (WA, OR, CA, ID & MT, Civil Engineer)
Jeremy Grenz for Waln Creek Apartments

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by Chair Baly. Attendance was taken and a quorum was declared present.

2. Approval of Minutes

August 13, 2020 minutes approved.

3. Police Officer Report

None.

4. City Councilor Report

City council member Jackie Leung discussed the city's efforts to deal with the catastrophic fire situation. The Salem Fire Department is helping with the fire fighting and many displaced persons are being sheltered at the fairgrounds. There was a discussion about means of donating supplies or money through such organizations as the Red Cross. There were further discussions about air quality and possible impacts on Salem's water supply.

5. Battle Creek Area Flooding

John Shepard, resident, spoke about perceived flaws in the city's flood control planning such as using inadequate modeling to predict flooding events and general lack of action. He further spoke about the need to implement policies that will require new development to cause no net increase in stream flow. Various means of doing this were discussed. After discussion by the board it was decided to invite Mr. Robert Chandler to a SGNA meeting to discuss the city's plans for storm water control and the need for special zoning. Mr. Shepard requested that the SGNA board take some action approving the proposal.

BOARD ACTION

Motion made, seconded, and passed to: (A) write a comment letter to the Salem City Council regarding problems and issues still needing to be addressed in the proposed storm water control plan, especially as it pertains to south Salem; and (B) contact council member Jackie Leung to bring these problems before the council and appropriate city staff.

6. Proposed Development - carried over from August meeting

Waln Creek Apartments Development Proposal, 6000 Block of Woodside Drive

Jeremy Grenz gave a presentation regarding a 24 unit development at the southwest corner of Woodside Drive and Mildred Lane. Expected to commence construction during 2021, with a comment period open in December 2020. Discussion about storm water impacts on Waln Creek, traffic, and surrounding developments. General discussion by board regarding parking policies.

BOARD ACTION

Motion made, seconded, and passed to: (A) approve the proposal as described to the Board; and (B) contact the city to express SGNA's concern that while the impact on traffic, wastewater, runoff, etc are required to be addressed for larger proposals, the cumulative impact of smaller projects is not being adequately addressed.

7. Proposed Development

Subdivision (1705 Barnes Ave. near Stroh Lane)

William E. Barrow P.E, (WA, OR, CA, ID & MT, Civil Engineer)

Barrow described a proposed development of two lots. One lot has an existing house and will have a new house added; the other undeveloped lot will have three new houses. Total combined size to be about 1.1 acres. Zoning is, and will be retained, single family. Rain water to be collected and held in detention pipe, then catchment basin, then into city sewer. Private street will be off Barnes. Proposal not finalized due to the need for a geotechnical study.

BOARD ACTION

Motion made, seconded, and passed to approve the proposal as described to the Board with the understanding that the new homes will have fire sprinkler systems, as required by city, as fire truck access is limited to one point of access.

8. Adjourn