

**Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes**  
**June 17, 2021**  
**Held via zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman, Alan Alexander.

Neighbors and guests were greeted.

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

Police Officer Mark Jantz

He shared that he deals with public relations and crime prevention in his role as a police officer.

As he looked at crime statistic for the area he noticed mail theft was a problem and made the following suggestions:

\*As with any crime, mail theft needs to be reported. An officer may not come out, but it is important to report so they can track incidents that will hopefully end up in an arrest.

\*Be sure to collect mail and packages regularly

\*He suggested signing up for the postal service informed delivery where you get an email with pictures of mail that will be delivered.

\*Use the tracking services of other delivery services

\*Get a locking mailbox, if possible, even though those are still broken into, it is a little more difficult.

Other ideas to prevent/discourage thieves

- Do not leave garage doors cracked open
- Do not leave car windows cracked open and do not leave anything in your car. Even a cheap pair of sunglasses can be attractive to a thief
- Window air conditioners need to be installed correctly and fortified even ones installed on the second floor

Applications are being taken for the Citizens Police Academy. Plans are for the program to start on September 8th and will meet on Wednesdays from 6 - 9PM for 13 weeks and 3 Saturdays. You must be 18 years old, have a driver's license, and pass a background check. To sign up go to the city website, police, get involved, scroll down to Citizens Police Academy

The police are back on the radio, KBZY at 6:45AM on Tuesdays

The lobby at the new police station is open. Masks are required.

Eventually they plan tours of the new facility. Because of security, it will not be the open house they had planned pre Covid and before moving in.

### Police Chief Womack

He shared highlights of his almost 30 year career with the Stockton Police Department and the skills gained that will help him as police chief.

He also shared his career goal of becoming a police chief and his desire to relocate to the Pacific Northwest.

He has been on the job for 6 months. Upon arrival, he engaged in relationship building meeting as many people as possible. He is finishing up with an internal assessment. Finally he will be working on a strategic plan which will include the principle of policing including who the police department is and the character and values of the department and finally smart policing policies.

He was asked about the new law that allows possession of a small amount of illegal drugs. They are working through the new law. He indicated heavy cartel and drug traffic is a concern.

### Councilor Nordyke

She shared a powerpoint presentation that included:

Plans to bring a professional basketball team to Salem that would be a step below the National Basketball League. The Salem Capitals will play at the Salem Armory and tickets will range from \$5 - \$10. The team will launch in March 2022 and will be a part of a 30 teams nationwide league.

She reported that Salem makes its own chlorine and our water is safe.

See her facebook page for her tour of the Home Youth Resource Center.

The city council has approved establishing a Mobile Response Unit which will send a mental health professional and a medic to respond to a person in crisis unless a weapon is involved then a police officer will also be dispatched. The city will apply for matching funds from a Federal grant. There is no guarantee they will receive the money. If House Bill 2417 passes there will be an opportunity to apply for a matching grant.

You have the opportunity to make your voice heard. Go to the city website, Our Salem Project, Our Salem Project zoning subcommittee.

The city is addressing homelessness with funds from the American Recovery Act. Funds have been used to purchase a motel, will be used to establish a navigation center and the old Union Gospel Mission site will be used as a temporary shelter.

### Eunice Kim Senior Planner city of Salem Long Range Planning Our Salem Project

She gave a brief update on the status of the comprehensive plan.

The city council has accepted the vision for planning for growth and moving forward. Now the city is working on refining the policies.

They released an interactive proposed zoning map on the city website and received 1,500 comments. It is still possible to comment as the city refines the zoning. The zoning subcommittee is focusing on specific regulations including how we focus on reducing greenhouse gases.

The goal is to come to the planning commission and city council for work sessions on the proposals in October. The adoption process would begin by the end of the year.

She addressed neighbors concerns over neighborhood hubs and indicated they would be taking a second look at those designations, The planning team has walked and is walking many of the areas proposed for neighborhood hubs.

Neighbors asked about the rezoning of the property east of Sprague High School along Kuebler Blvd. west of Skyline that currently is zoned residential agriculture and is being proposed to be rezoned multi-family. She explained the different multi family zones and the number of units per acre that could be built. She explained why the property was selected to be zoned multi-family including the location near schools and parks and public transportation Neighbors can send their concerns to Eunice Kim [ekim@cityofsalem.net](mailto:ekim@cityofsalem.net) She did not have an answer when asked if the city had any regulations on dedicated green space.

Planners are working with public works on where sidewalks and bike lanes are needed. All over Salem are neighborhoods with missing sidewalks and bike lanes. Currently in areas zoned single family middle housing no sidewalks or bike lanes are required..

Chairman Alexander mentioned that the neighborhood association has been advocating for sidewalks and bike lanes on Browning Ave for at least 10 years. Eunice promised to look into it!is

She talked about House Bill 2001 and the impact that has on residential agricultural zoning.

Land Use Subcommittee Henry Neugass & Bill Davis

Henry reported that he has connected with the Land Use Network

Bill Davis reported that the city adopted goal of reducing greenhouse gasses is unreachable and Eunice Kim and her team are doing their best, but are put in a difficult situation.

Email vote

On June 10th the following email vote was taken

Bill Davis moved with Julia Stewart seconded a motion that the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association's position on proposed zoning for neighborhood hubs be hubs should be located where there is sufficient infrastructure on collector streets that are appropriate width with parking available, of a height that is compatible with adjacent development and that is not close to an existing shopping center etc.

Motion carried

Bill Davis will submit testimony on behalf of the Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association

Henry Neugass moved and Bruce Miller seconded to confirm the email vote. Motion carried.

Chairman Alexander got the following email from Temple Beth Shalom

Hello Alan,

I think I checked in with the neighborhood association when we began researching the feasibility of this project back in 2018 and I wanted to bring you up to speed. We are planning to install a rooftop solar array on our building by the end of 2021. In conjunction with this project, we will be installing EV chargers and batteries in part so that we can serve as a hub and place of refuge in times of disaster. The ice storm in February brought a stark realization that this project would have been immensely beneficial to the community as a place to get warm, cook a meal, and charge devices. We are very excited to offer a place for electric vehicle owners to charge vehicles if there is a need. I hope there will be no concerns from the neighborhood association, and if there is no objection we would appreciate a letter of support. We are applying for a grant through PGE and they are asking that we include letters of support for our project, specific to the EV chargers in a residential neighborhood. Would this be something that you could provide for us? If so, we would need it by July 1.

Thank you so much,

Amber Giddings  
Operations Manager  
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Henry Neugass moved with Bill Davis seconded a motion to send a letter of support for Temple Beth Shalom to install EV charging stations and solar panels. Motion carried. Alan Alexander will write the letter of support on behalf of the neighborhood association.

Chairman Alexander reported that the next meeting will be July 15th and will be held via zoom. We will discuss when we will be comfortable meeting in person again. Alan will follow up with the city to see if they will pay for us to use Schirle Elementary. Also we will have a presentation regarding the climate action plan developed by the city.

Neighbors were thanked for attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Miller  
Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association Secretary

Those in attendance:

Alan Alexander  
Bruce & Linda Miller  
Jean Caldwell  
Officer Mark Jantz  
Police Chief Womack  
Evan White  
Karen Delsman  
.Karol  
Councilor Nordyke  
Councilor Leung  
Gary Knighten  
Eunice Kim  
Bill Davis  
Henry Neugass  
Kathy Shukla  
Elena Guevara  
Teri Romanini  
Robin Spidell  
Chris Romanini  
Sachin Shukla

