



DRAFT Meeting Minutes July 11, 2024

SOUTH GATEWAY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

SGNA met in-person and via Zoom.

Board Members

Present _____ Absent

Dynee Medlock Chair
Dave McKenna Secretary
Kathleen Lempka Treasurer
Mike Hughes
John Ledger
Glenn Baly
Greg Macdonald

Community members:

John Miller Wildwood(Mahonia)
Amy Teagarden
Julie Yip
Coleen Olson
Roger Miller
Richard Berger
Rose Miller
Laura Robinson
Mark Fink
Jean Ottaway
Peter Alotta
Wolfram Ploetz
Lori Festa
Becky Ray
Ruth Lord

Guests

Deanna Gwyn, City Councilor, Ward 4
Officer Ben Morgan, Salem Police Department
Vanessa Nordyke, City Councilor, Ward 7
Irma Coleman, Neighborhood Program Coordinator, City of Salem

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Dynee Medlock. A roll call of Board members was performed. A quorum was declared. Minutes from June meeting were not approved, since they were sent out just before the meeting was started.

2. Treasurer Report

Kathleen said that Irma was to supply her with the info on the Engagement fund and the Communication funds, but she has not done so. Irma was not present when the Treasurer report occurred. She came later for eight minutes; but, did not get involved.

The Salem Seekers are present at Bryan Johnston Park and have been putting out the glass ducklings.

3. Officer Ben Morgan with Salem Police Update

There will be a Community Violence Response Initiative (CVRI) Meeting on July 19th at 6 pm at the Catholic Community Services Building at 3737 Portland Road NE. Is an opportunity for members of the community to meet with law enforcement to discuss what can be done about reducing gun violence in Salem.

Informed us that August 6th is the National Night Out and that neighborhood groups tend to have block parties on that night. Can get police presence there. To register for a block party go to <http://egov.cityofsalem.net/nno/>.

The roundabout by Costco has two lanes of travel. Only the right lane can be used for turning into Costco from the roundabout. There have been some issues. In the left lane you can continue on 27th Ave. Se and turn right onto Boones Road SE and there is a right that you can make for an entrance into Costco. The City has made up a You Tube video explaining how to use this roundabout.

There are volunteer opportunities available to do items such as lawn work, landscaping and car cleaning for the City. One neighbor suggested contacting the Marion County Master Gardening program for volunteers.

Responded to comment from last month's meeting on the turn light at Keubler and Boone Road being too quick. Was checking this out.

One neighbor said that there was a Lamborghini racing on Boone's Road and had a video; and, that the police should ticket this person. Need to get a license plate for police to respond.

Another neighbor said that there has been speeding in the area around Pringle Elementary. Officer Morgan said that this is on the Traffic Control Squad's radar. They have stopped some people speeding through that area.

4. Vanessa Nordyke Councilor Update

City Snapshot for July 2024

- Front Street grant award
- Revenue Task Force Recommendations go to Council
- City, County and Nonprofits partner to support cooling centers and services during heat wave
- Funding approved for 303 more affordable housing units
- Need for More Neighborhood Watch Programs

- Opioid Settlement Funds
- Commercial air service continues to soar

There will be another South Salem Town Hall with Councilors Nordyke and Gwyn speaking.

Tuesday, October 15
Doors Open 6:15 pm
Program 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Westminster Presbyterian Church
3737 Liberty Rd South
Salem Oregon

City partnership with United Way on “Cottages United.” \$500/mo. rent + electricity by the Swegle Elementary School. The property was sold by the City to United for \$20.

Funding Approved for 303 More Affordable.
Housing Units

- 183-unit apartment building at the intersection of Southeast Joseph Street and Aumsville Highway
- 120-unit development in northeast Salem at the site of the former Salem General Hospital

Library Stats for this past week:

- Circulation: 12,579 items checked out
- Door Count: 5,732 people
- Programs: 9
- Outreaches: 2

Commercial Air Service Update

- Salem Airport's new name is Salem-Willamette Valley Airport. The new name emphasizes the regional catchment area of commercial passenger service.
- Passenger load factors for all three destinations continue to grow, with the highest passenger counts going to and from Hollywood-Burbank Airport, next is Las Vegas, and then recently initiated Service to and from Santa Rosa -Sonoma County Airport.

Save the Dates! Community Violence Response Initiative (CVRI) will be meeting on the following dates:

Friday, July 19, 6 pm

Wednesday, July 31, 6 pm

Thursday, August 22, 6 pm

- Empower Initiative will help establish a CVRI working group or steering committee that will help guide our collaborative efforts.
- During a second combined city council/county commissioner work session in November, we hope to share a report produced by Empower Initiative and additional crime data currently being compiled by MCSO.

One of these meetings will be held in Spanish. Then there will be a follow-up meeting to discuss the results in November.

CVRI UPDATE

Salem Police and several partner agencies will collaborate to reduce the risk of violence in northeast Salem during the summer months, specifically emphasizing youth safety during the summer break from school.

The community will see **increased law enforcement presence in areas at high risk for violence**, police engagement at community events in the most affected neighborhoods, and collaboration with public safety partners on focused deterrence.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT UPDATES

The City received about \$2.3 million in settlement dollars and anticipates receiving another \$500,000 per year through FY 2030. These dollars can only be used for purposes outlined in the agreement, relating to the impacts of opioid addiction.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND USAGE

Initial funds will:

- Refocus the Youth Services Coordinator work on substance prevention for vulnerable youth, and build awareness with parents, schools, and the community
- Increase availability of naloxone at multiple City departments to interrupt overdoses
- Funding for two special projects outreach coordinators for one year to help homeless individuals impacted by substance use
- Provide health equipment and training for first responders

IRONMAN RETURNS JULY 21ST

The 70-mile racecourse includes:

1.2-mile swim in the Willamette

56-mile bike ride through South Salem to the Ankeny Nature Preserve and back.

13.1-mile run through Minto-Brown Island Park, finishing at the Rotary Amphitheater in Riverfront Park.

Millions in tourism dollars

Watch for road closures

REVENUE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Revenue Task Force has concluded its meetings and advanced its list of revenue recommendations to City Council.

Staff will present the recommendations to City Council on July 15. Stay Tuned.

START A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRAM

Increase the safety of your block by joining with your neighbors to start a Neighborhood Watch group in your area.

Create a watch-out-for-each-other atmosphere

Active Neighborhood Watch groups help to reduce opportunity of crime on their block through communication, that is, communication between neighbors and police. Residents who spend time getting

to know each other and building relationships create a network of information-sharing resulting in a watch-out-for-each-other atmosphere.

To help you get started, an officer from the Salem Police Department Community Engagement Section provides neighbors with the tips and techniques to keep crime away.

5. Deanna Gwyn Councilor Update

There will be interviews in August for anyone interested in becoming a member of the Planning Commission or the Budget Committee.

6. New Business

Kathleen said she has 48 signs in her garage for advertising when our meetings occur. Contact her to pick them up.

Mark Fink is hosting a Neighborhood Night Out on Salal Street. Handed out 120 flyers to neighbors to advertise event. They had 60 people show up last year. They will be having live music. A police officer will be present. He is paying for this one out of pocket, however, they are looking for potential future funding from the Neighborhood Association for the \$700 - \$1000 that it ends up costing. Would like to grow it more. Interested in inviting others from the neighborhood association.

Another neighbor said that they also host a Neighborhood Night Out with similar provisions and that they were wondering is there any type of grants available from either the City or the Neighborhood Association. Dynee said we would need to check with Irma on this.

Richard Berger of Neighborly Development said he would like to talk. He that they are in the early stages of working on a future development of family affordable housing on a site that is next to Baxter Hill Community Hall. They are currently under contract for purchase of the property which is a 10 acre site of which they are planning to use 5 acres of the site for affordable housing. They are seeking to house refugees, seniors and homeless people. It will be owned by the non-profit Catholic Community Services. He was there with Laura Robinson from their group Neighborly Development. He said if anyone has questions that he can be reached at: richardb@neighborlydevelopment.com.

Dynee and Jackie have resigned from the board. They were thanked for their service. Glenn Baly said that he would be willing to be the Chair thru the end of the year. He was nominated and elected to be chair by the board. Dynee said that she would help him with setting up the Zoom for the meetings. Deanna Gwyn said that she would help with opening up the building.

7. Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12th at 6:30 PM at Baxter Hill Community Hall and will be a hybrid meeting with Zoom.