

September 10, 2019 Meeting
South West Association of Neighbors
(SWAN)

Attendees

Becky Miner, Connie Jones, Jeanine Stice, Randy Johnson, Robert Chandler, John Lattimer, Deb Romano, Bill Dixon, Allison Houck, Garth Jenke, Carol Grimwood, Darren Howard, Charles Richards, Scott Stice, Rosemarie Brooks, Pat Norman

The meeting was called to order at 6:40pm by Becky Miner

Guest Speakers

Debbie Romano, Code Compliance Officer
Sally Cook, City Councilor, Ward 7
Robert Chandler, Chair – 2019 Salem Rotary Multi-sport Riverfest
Vanessa Nordyke - YMCA Building Project
Jeanine Stice – Salem Heights Advisory Group Report
Follow-up to Neighborhood Concerns/Closing

Minutes Approval

May 7, 2019 minutes approved and seconded by Board.

Debbie Roman, Code Compliance Report

- 159 new cases since May primarily involving property maintenance, solid waste/ trash concerns and abandoned vehicles. Reminder that fences and sheds require city planning approval and should not be built without getting their approval first so that they do not need to be needlessly torn down due to code violations.
- Permits from the city are required for parking RV's in driveways. Certain legal requirements apply regarding tarping and visibility and they are not allowed to be lived in.

Officer Pinkerton, Police Report

- Know your neighbors and tell them when you are going on vacation so they are watching your home for you. This also helps the police by providing a contact if a situation arises.
- Door cams can be registered with police to help catch criminals if desired.
- Concern for increased traffic on Madrona - reader boards and motorcycle stops may be requested.
- Some red lights can track speed and are being tested on high volume intersections.

Sally Cook, City Councilor

Upcoming events –

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration and Open House, September 13, 5-7pm, 555 Liberty St. SE

Salem Rotary Riverfest – September 15 at Minto Park (more details below)

Salem Vision – Comprehensive Plan, October 16, 6-8pm, Pringle Hall, 606 Church St. SE

October 17, 6-8pm Crossler Middle school, 1155 Davis Rd. S

October 25, (Spanish Only), 6-8pm, Chemeketa Comm. College,
Bldg, 8, Lancaster Dr. NE

Walk at Belcrest Cemetery – September 15

Update on other issues:

Graffiti abatement position filled

Utility Rate Relief Program renewed with 327 current recipients, up from 193.

Robert Chandler, Chair – 2019 Salem Rotary Multi-sport Riverfest

Multi-sport event on September 15th at Minto Park put on by the Rotary along with 40+ other sponsors as a community service featuring Olympic Triathlon/Duathlon swim-run-bike, Sprint Triathlon/Duathlon bike-run, 10K, 5K and family run. 230 signups to date.

Road closures from 6-11am on River Rd, Mission and Commercial.

Vanessa Nordyke - YMCA Building Project

The old YMCA is scheduled for demolition with construction beginning on a new 15,000sf facility in spring 2021 to be located at Cottage and Court St. slated for completion in 18 month. The new Y will continue to provide youth development, disability services, veterans housing and preschool/ summer school classes. 75% eligible for matching funds and any and all donations will be greatly appreciated.

Jeanine Stice – Salem Heights Advisory Group Report

Jeanine, along with 7-9 other members met in June to form a project advisory committee for the purpose of developing a Salem Heights Avenue S street refinement plan that focuses on improved safety and utility of Salem Heights for all users, reflects the existing character of the neighborhood and results in a project(s) that can be adopted into the Salem Transportation System Plan and implemented as resources are available. The scope of the work will involve, among other objectives, collection of data and map preparation, analysis of current conditions and recommendations for preferred alternative(s). 3-4 meetings are anticipated with a city hosted website to follow progress.

Funds spent by group member Ron Eachus for communicating this effort via a flyer to neighbors was asked to be reimbursed which was approved.

Follow-up to Neighborhood Concerns/Closing

Chuck Richards, a new Cherriots board member and new SWAN member, provided information on a 6 week free ride program and is offering to provide us with updates on the bus transportation system.

Board members voted and agreed to meet monthly starting in October with the next meeting on October 8th.

Officers and Board member elections will be held at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned by Becky Miner.