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Meeting NOTES
February 1, 2022. 6:30pm

Location: [Zoom](#)
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<p>Welcome – Ted Burney, SWAN Chair <i>Introductions of Board members.</i> <i>Ted Burney –Chair P</i> <i>Allison Houck -Co-Chair. P</i> <i>John Lattimer- Land Use Chair P</i> <i>Ron Eachus Board Member, Land Use Team P</i> <i>Leonard Nelson, Board Member</i> <i>Pat Norman, Parks Committee Chair P</i> <i>Carol Grimwood -Board Member, Watershed & Land Use Team P</i> <i>Darren Howard-Board Member, Land Use Team P</i> <i>Becky Miner-Board Member, Past Chair</i> <i>Ken Freeman-Secretary/Treasurer P</i></p> <p>INVITED Guests: <i>Sergeant Demmer, SPD P</i> <i>Courtney Knox Busch. Salem City P</i> <i>Jeanine Stice, SWAN Chairperson, Emeritus P</i> <i>Councilor Nordyke , Salem City Council. P</i></p> <p>Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Earth Day Community Services Project.</i> ● <i>Consider SWAN priorities as you hear our feature presenter.</i> ● <i>Community Service Project on Earth Day.</i> ● <i>Unified Code Amendments comments submitted.</i> ● <i>Library Strategic Planning: Ken Freeman, volunteer.</i> 	<p>5 min</p>
<p>Minutes Approval - January 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>January 2022 approval</i> ● <i>SWAN Board Quorum</i> ● <i>Motion Made to approve minutes as submitted.</i> ● <i>Motion Seconded.</i> ● <i>Motion Carried.</i> ● <i>January Minutes Approved.</i> 	<p>5 min</p>

<p>Police Report, Salem Police Department Sgt Demmer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● #1 Hot Topics: New set of links in the Salem City website. https://www.cityofsalem.net/police The Police Department is working on trust building with the community via a “transparency” portal. This has launched, but will be developing in the coming weeks. ● #2 Body Camera Update: SPD is in getting ready to evaluate unit for use in the field. ● Question: Regarding Body cameras, will SPD check in with other departments to see what they are using: A: Yes. ● Question: Gilbert Street progress? We are making progress, but will continue to patrol. ● Question: What about the traffic and noise? ● Question: Can we get a report about what is going on? The information is anecdotal at best. Best course of action is to call the non emergency line with information and observations. Pictures and video may help. 	<p>15 min</p>
<p>City Council Update Ward - Councilor Nordyke (vnordyke@cityofsalem.net)</p> <p>Thank you Sargent Demmer for your efforts and response to what has been happening here on Gilbert Street.</p> <p>Things going on in Salem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our City Manager is stepping down Yaquina Hall Groundbreaking Point in Time Count Community Improvement Bond Climate action plan, coming to Council on February 14th Historic Home toolbox Grants Unified Development Code Update readings Siletz Casino Proposed Development site. <p>Dog Park at Minto: I have asked that this get looked at by City staff.</p> <p>City sponsored Micro-Shelters: These are not unsupervised facilities and are staffed 24/7 with services available.</p> <p>We have some grant money coming from the recent federal legislation.</p> <p>We may have a significant resource coming Salem, as the proposed OPIOID Settlement, now in talks is \$329 million dollars for the state of Oregon. While we have a ways to go, this could be a significant boost for our efforts in dealing with things like Accidental Overdose.</p> <p>We have some statistics on Unintentional Overdose.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% are suffering from a diagnosed mental illness 14% are experiencing houselessness. <p>Significant factor is substance abuse and achohol use.</p> <p>Support for a sidewalk up Madrona to Nelson Park as part of future work</p> <p>As a Note regarding Siletz casino project that she pointed out - The Salem City council does not decide if a sovereign nation can build a casino on tribal land. It is up to the US Department of Interior and the Governor to decide.</p>	<p>10 min 5 min q/a</p>

<p>Program: Salem Infrastructure Bond plans with Courtney Knox Busch Context: Salem Community Improvement Bond</p> <p>The City Council is considering an infrastructure bond measure for the November 2022 ballot that would provide up to \$300 million in projects without an anticipated increase to the City's targeted tax levy rate for bonds.</p> <p>The City has approximately \$2 billion of infrastructure assets that need routine maintenance, improvements and expansion. Due to previous bonds expiring over the next several years, the City is in a unique position to issue \$300 million in general obligation bonds over the next 10 years without increasing the City's property tax rate. The general obligation bond measure requires voter approval.</p> <p>The most urgent bond-eligible need is replacement of the City's fire trucks and apparatus, and equipment. Following the investment in fire protection, project categories are streets, bridges, and sidewalks; parks and recreation facilities; affordable housing and shelter; public facilities; and information technology infrastructure. Many of these priority spending areas will be defined through community engagement.</p> <p>Summary: We are proposing a 300 million dollar bond to the voters in the coming election. We are collecting input of what kids of things we would like to that money invested into. Present plans include capital equipment like Firetrucks, IT infrastructure, a new firehouse, park improvements and a significant investment in streets and sidewalks. 26 Million dollars was the estimated expenditure for replacement fire equipment.</p> <p>Board discussion included a lengthy conversation about process and how the projects would be prioritized. Many examples of partially completed projects be it sidewalks from nowhere, to nowhere and streets that were inherited from the county decades ago that were never improved to modern standards were given. Our ideas are due to Courtney Knox Busch in early March.</p>	<p>20 min</p>
<p>Land Use Update & Reports, John Latimer, Land Use Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on proposed Schurman street apartments. We need to petition city staff about traffic from facilities and proposed developments: these need to include a traffic study of the cumulative effects of higher density housing and how this will be integrated with the transportation plans, before a permit is issued. • SWAN Board member Ron Eachus is being interviewed for a position on the planning commission. • Transportation options; Transit stop on River road?The Cherriots Board of Directors and staff invites you to a virtual ZOOM open house on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 from 6:00-7:00 PM to present to you options for redistricting seven subdistricts in the Salem and Keizer area, for a time to answer your questions and receive your comments. 	<p>20 min</p>

Committee Updates: Parks- Pat Norman, Parks Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiosk update: Our application is in. 	5 min
Community Input and Neighborhood Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much traffic and noise, late at night. • Notice about a car parked and overnighting in a neighborhood, across from business. Some concern that this may create an unsafe situation for all. How to address and approach the city with a suggesting for limited parking was discussed. • 	

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