

Draft Meeting Minutes – WSNA – 2018-03-19

(To be voted on for approval at the 2018-04-16 Meeting)

Jim Allhiser called the meeting to order at 7PM. 55 people signed the roster, but more were present including participants on our candidate panel and their supporters. The secretary did not attempt to record an actual attendance number versus how many work, live, or own property within WSNA boundaries.

Mike Evans moves to approve minutes – second by Craig Evans. All aye, no nay, no abstain.

Presentation: Linda Bierly – Salem Parks Foundation Grants

We have had success in the past, such as the improvements made at Ellen Park, and we hope that we can have success again. To apply for a grant, the park:

- Has to be a neighborhood park
- Has to have an existing master plan with the City of Salem
- Has to be approved by neighborhood services.

Reports:

Difference Makers – Craig Evans

2 different parties nominated the same couple! Jeremy & Heidi Mackay. On the executive board at the Salem Dream Center. They manage the ACE Hardware store on Wallace Rd. The quantity and quality of community service these two have provided is endless.

Salem Police – Officer Wilson

Coffee w/ a cop – 22nd of March at 2:30pm – McDonalds on Broadway/Salem Parkway

City Councilor – Cara Kaser

Downtown homeless solutions task force – 3rd meeting – Anderson room 6PM – 8PM. Specific Solutions will start to be discussed. Email Kristen Rutherford at Community Development. Police Facility Town Hall – March 21st – 6PM. Broadway Commons. Riverfront Park Master Planning – April 24th – Pringle Park Community Center- 6PM, 3rd meeting. Downtown Streetscape Planning – Courthouse Square – April 18th – 6PM. Homeless encampment on the center street bridge pedestrian bridge – cleaned up today by a team of city staff, ODOT, Salem police, and more.

City Councilor – Jim Lewis

Last Friday at the demolition ceremony for the new Police station – Police Chief Moore started the demolition himself. State of the City – March 28th – Salem Convention Center.

Land Use – Wes Hill

Wes disclosed that he was an attorney, and stated that he does not represent and will not represent the WSNA. He is just getting oriented to Land Use. He plans to set up a Listserve/virtual meeting place for transparency and expediency

Traffic & Infrastructure – no report

WSBA – no report

Transit – Steve Evans

Wanted to introduce Chi Nguyen Ventura as a transit budget committee member.

Parks – Gary Deming

Current goings on are: New Trail at Orchard Heights that will go around the perimeter of the lower dog park area. Improving the dog park parking lot at Minto Brown, to upgrade from gravel to asphalt grindings. Constructing a new trail at Minto Brown.

Edgewater – Jessica Preis

New “tree walk” starting at Urban Grange, with some tree pruning demonstrations on March 25th, 3PM, meet at Urban Grange. Landlord/Tenant panel at Kingwood Bible Church Wednesday April 11th – 7PM. 5th annual super Saturday event, at Boys and Girls Club - June 16th.

Watershed – E.M. Easterly

Nothing other than “the water keeps flowing.”

Old Business – Zoning Code Cleanup – Bryan Colbourne

Kathleen Dewoina – I’d like to ask that we defer the vote until next month, as we have a presentation that will include more information.

Steve Anderson – possible zoning compatibility issues and a mobility concern we’d like to try and see some more work on.

Craig Evans – is this for all of the areas?

Bryan C. – yes 3 areas – Central Business District / Craft Industrial Corridor / Edgewater Mixed Use Corridor

Craig Evans – I’ve heard nothing but supportive comments.

Additional discussion. **Motion:** Steve Anderson – WSNA supports the work as has been presented regarding the Zoning Code Cleanup project, with the caveat that we continue to work on the aforementioned issues. Seconded by Steve Evans. **Vote:** Most – Aye, 1 – No, 2 – Abstain (some people present did not vote, as they live outside the boundaries of the WSNA)

New Business – Candidate Forum

Statement from the WSNA Secretary -

The secretary has chosen not to record the statements made by candidates, mainly because I don’t believe it would be fair if I paraphrase and unintentionally change the meaning, quote someone in error, or worse, selectively hear some opinions that I personally do or do not agree with. I will list the candidates that were present to speak, and the office they are running for. I apologize that no provisions for recording this forum were made. Please feel free to contact the candidates directly with the contact information below.

Kevin Chambers – Oregon State House District 20 – kevin.chambers@kevinfororegon.com – 503-884-7827

Selma Pierce – Oregon State House District 20 – selma@selmapierce.com – 503-930-2472

Craig Pope – Polk County Commissioner Position #2 – cpope2010@gmail.com – 503-551-6929

Terry Taylor – Polk County Commissioner Position #2 – taylor4polk@yahoo.com – 971-208-8856

Mike Ainsworth – Polk County Commissioner Position #3 – ainsworth.mike@co.polk.or.us – 503-554-2334

Kathy Martin-Willis – Polk County Commissioner Position #3 – kmartinwillis@gmail.com – 503-949-9157

Jim Lewis – City of Salem Councilor Ward #8 – jamesjlewis@comcast.net – 503-569-4738

Micki Varney – City of Salem Councilor Ward #8 – mickivarney@gmail.com – 503-947-6237

Jane Aiken – Salem Municipal Court Judge Position – jane.aiken.barristersglasswork@gmail.com – 503-580-9553

Melissa Parker – Salem Municipal Court Judge Position – melissaparkerforsalemjudge@gmail.com – 206-240-3135

Questions Asked:

For Judge Candidates:

The strategic plan requires funding. How do you plan to garner the funds needed to make the judicial department more effective?

For City Councilor Candidates:

Regarding affordable housing - Would you support replacing systems development charges (SDCs) with Tax Increment Financing for infrastructure?

If elected will you have the city look at the 2nd street issue again? At-level, overpass, underpass?

All:

If elected to the office you seek will you actively support the position WSNA has taken on the Salem River Crossing? Please answer YES or NO. (Judge Candidates did not answer this question)

Voters clearly passed legalization of marijuana. Do you support upholding the will of the people?

Why do you think you are more qualified than the other candidates? What is your main differentiator?

Adjournment:

The meeting concluded at 9:07PM. Chair Jim Allhiser invites you all to continue the Q&A on the WSNA Facebook page if you are so inclined. Jim will ask the remaining questions that were submitted to our candidates via email, or on the Facebook page. Answers to those questions will be posted. Alternately if you have any questions you'd like answered, contact the candidates with the information above.

Respectfully submitted – Chris Wilhelm – WSNA Secretary