

## **Draft Meeting Minutes – WSNA – 2018-04-16**

(To be voted on for approval at the 2018-05-21 Meeting)

Jim Allhiser called the meeting to order at 7PM. 31 members signed the roster. Sarah Duval moves to approve minutes – second by Herb Shaw.

### **Presentation: Jennifer Kellar, Tibby Larson, Toni Whitler “SPIF” – Salem Park Improvement Fund**

Jennifer Kellar - Wallace Marine Softball Complex – Asphalt Replacements, New Backstops, New Benches, New Lights on all fields, Turf Renovation on 5 fields, Turf renovation at the soccer fields. Playground equipment next to the soccer field, in 2020. Orchard Heights – within the next couple of weeks – Baseball field renovations. Tennis Courts renovation (complete) at Orchard Heights. Irrigation between Tennis Courts and Ball Field. Suggested Projects at Brush College and West Salem Park. Brush College – Disc Golf basket, picnic tables, barbecue, trail enhancements, wetland restoration. West Salem Park – benches next to play area, restroom paint and maintenance. Feel free to provide feedback at any time. Business cards left on the back table.

Toni Whitler – Park Planner – Salem Park Improvement Fund, new grant round coming up in July.

Fund established in 2006, a matching grant fund project, for local park improvements. For example, you could apply for matching funds for a Disc Golf basket. Submit a “letter of intent” by Oct 2018. A process that includes review to make sure it matches comprehensive plan requirements, and the requirements/goals of the park begins. Additional discussion within the parks department. Awards are usually in January, so you would then have from Jan 2019 through Jan 2020 to implement your project.

Tibby Larson – SPIF projects can be implemented through volunteerism. The “labor” hours translate to funds with the city that can be matched with the SPIF grants. For example, if you volunteer an hour, which counts as \$24.14 credited to WSNA’s account, those funds can be used for matching from the skif grant.

Question from Les Margosian – Is the Salem canopy project included with the parks department? Parks is at the table, but that is managed through urban forestry and natural resources department. We work together however.

### **Reports:**

#### **Salem Police – Officer Slipkopf**

Stay diligent. Lock your car doors, don’t warm up vehicles unlocked, don’t leave garage doors open. A landlord training is coming up. I am part of the grounds committee regarding the new police facility. There’s lots of brainstorming and ideas floating around being discussed. Possibly a fallen hero’s memorial on the creek facing side.

Community questions – transients in Pioneer Village or in Roth’s parking lots. Discussion about how it is frequently the officer’s discretion on whether to release a transient on site, or transport them to Marion or Polk county jails.

Community requests more neighborhood patrols to deter the car rummaging.

#### **Difference Makers – DeWayne Hilty**

A West Salem Roth’s employee for 28 years, part of the West Salem Rotarians for past 4 years. Marcus Elmer nominated Randy Kautz. Some of Randy’s volunteerism and support of the community has shown up in Cookies for Dream Center, Rotary Food Drive, Schoolhouse Donations, West Salem Little League, Titan Auction, Hoopla, Riviera Christian Auction, and many more places.

#### **City Councilors – Cara Kaser & Jim Lewis**

Absent (at council work session) / Absent (at council work session, arrived late)

#### **Land Use – Wes Hill**

Land Use committee – transparency on Facebook Group. A calendar will show when comments are due. The Land Use committee will deliberate and consider comments made on each action on the Facebook page. Please do comment in a productive and positive way. 4 items are currently up for discussion.

Sarah DuVal – Who can be on the committee?

Committee is appointed by Jim, and currently consists of chair Wes, Tyson, and Jim.

Comment from Kathleen – interactive process is welcome and important, in-person meetings help facilitate discussion and learning.

Comment from Craig – I believe the facebook group is much more public and inclusive, because everyone’s comments, at any time, are all available for everyone to view.

Member – we could try to do both, physical meeting and Facebook.

Kathleen – additional comments in support of a physical in-person meeting.

Sarah – We will all be able to see how much participation happens.

### **Traffic & Infrastructure – Nick Fortey**

SKATS – there was a survey that closed today, for input on the goals that shape the plan. MWVCOG.ORG

Question – Safe Routes to Schools – Is there information out there? Nick – I will find information and report back.

### **WSBA – Britini Davidson**

1 – A couple of scholarships are available up through May 11<sup>th</sup>. WestSalemWI.org

2 – Summer Banners are coming to Edgewater and Wallace, courtesy of Salem Electric.

### **Transit – Steve Evans**

House Bill 2017 – forming an advisory committee for how to use the funds that will soon be coming in. Students, low income employment, Saturday & Sunday service. Asking for citizen Input.

### **Parks – Gary Deming**

One small correction – talked about building a new trail in Minto Brown last meeting. Agreed to improve/make a “real trail” out of the place where people currently walk through the bushes ☺.

### **Edgewater – Jessica Preis**

Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Art Walk – Meet at Urban Grange 3PM. Boys & Girls Club director will take us on a tour of student art, and other local art.

Super Saturday - Edgewater Celebration – Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 – 1pm – WS B&G Club.

Looking into, still a proposed plan, a West Salem Farmer’s Market. Looking at the greenway between Kingwood and Gerth. Possibly Thursdays, 10-2, July through September (13 weeks). Please share questions, concerns, ideas, so we can get a feel for the viability of this idea. Would like to think ahead on potential traffic concerns.

Not meant to compete on Saturday, but supplement, which is the rationale for the Thursday date.

### **Watershed – Linda Bierly**

Restoration Projects – Eola Ridge - Turnidge brook restore the streamside vegetation

Mulching event volunteer opportunity – May 5<sup>th</sup>, 9AM.

Private property just downstream, owners are interested in restoration of their Creekside as well.

Canopy project to increase streamside shade – cooperative work with Friends of Trees.

May 8<sup>th</sup> – Salemtowne Community Room – presentation on flood plains

### **Disaster Preparedness – Craig Evans**

Concern regarding a Cascadia event. North Salem High School – May 1<sup>st</sup> – OPB Documentary “Unprepared” – A seismic awareness Event. Video trailer for Unprepared. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3NICXA6\\_kE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g3NICXA6_kE) Some of the engineers in the documentary will be there to discuss the documentary and questions you might have.

Jan 2018, Secretary of State release a report of an audit of OEM – “The State Must Do More to Prepare Oregon for Catastrophic Disaster” <http://sos.oregon.gov/audits/Documents/2018-03.pdf>

New CERT training – Salem Alliance Church – Saturday Mornings 8AM – 12:30.

### **Old Business –**

#### **Steve Anderson & Kathleen Dewoina (Land Use Presentation) –**

(attachment, presentation from Steve Anderson and Kathleen Dewoina)

Discussion about how Glen Creek, Marine Drive, and Hwy 22 interact with each other in the current area near Courthouse Fitness.

Lots of discussion about interaction of business district and Wallace road, and 2nd street crossing. Over, Under, Loops? Interaction with Marion Street?

What is equitable when we talk about mitigating traffic impacts?

ODOT Studies show that the Salem River Crossing Preferred Alternative will not mitigate congestion on Wallace road in comparison with the “no build” option. Why is that?

Question – Kathleen – Systems Development Charges – what can be done to modify that system such that West Salem’s SDC’s can be applied to the West Salem Elements of the transportation systems plans?

As a neighborhood association, we have a voice to talk with our elected officials and city staff.

Question from Craig – why would ODOT be in support of a bridge project that doesn’t actually fix any of the problems, and may even exacerbate the problem?

Steve Anderson – my conclusion is why isn’t ODOT communicating their position? We have a city council sponsored work group to address congestion, now is the time to get together and talk through these issues. What can you do right now? Send comments to the transportation task force. Jim Lewis says there’s been over 1300 comments provided to the task force thus far.

Next section of the presentation regarding the north side of 2<sup>nd</sup> street in the Edgewater district. Specifically, put into the code specific language that supports a mixed use low intensity development, in accordance with the character of the neighborhood and description of the 1997 Edgewater District Study in the 2001 West Salem Urban Renewal Plan.

### **New Business –**

Printouts of candidate responses are on the table.

The meeting concluded at 9:11PM.

Respectfully submitted – Chris Wilhelm – WSNA Secretary