

## Draft Meeting Minutes – WSNA – 2018-10-15

(To be voted on for approval at 2018-11-19 meeting)

Jim Allhiser called the meeting to order at 7PM. 83 members signed the roster, but more bodies were present. E.M. moves to approve minutes – second by Steve Evans. Vote unanimous approval.

Elections: No nominations from the floor

Member – can we hear from the candidates?

Yes. Jim Allhiser introduces himself, Tyson introduces himself, as does Chris Wilhelm.

E.M. moves unanimous consent for Jim. Second by Steve Evans. Vote was not unanimous. Motion does not carry. Vote by paper ballot commences.

Results: Of 63 ballots cast, Jim Allhiser receives 56 votes for Chairperson. Jim is elected as Chairperson. Of 63 ballots cast, Tyson Pruettt receives 57 votes for Vice-Chairperson. Tyson is elected Vice-Chairperson. Of 63 ballots cast, Chris Wilhelm receives 63 votes for Secretary. Chris is elected Secretary.

### Reports:

#### Salem Police – Officer Fultz

Vehicle break-ins, keep your things out of sight and keep vehicles locked. Close garage doors. Light your property to deter would-be thieves.

Question – Dog situation in Wallace Marine Park? Paula Fordham responds that she and another will address the concern in “old business” at the end of the meeting.

#### City Councilor Cara Kaser –

Continuance on Plastic Bag ordinance, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sobering center near Arches project, working with Grand Ronde tribe on archaeological concerns.

Police station grounds, archaeology is done. Over 5000 artifacts, most from recent times, but a few older artifacts such as arrow points. No “remains” found. On schedule.

November 13<sup>th</sup> – solid waste collection service rates, RE: recycling not breaking even, costing more than anticipated

Revenue task force – seeking new ways for the city to raise revenue. <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/sustainable-services-revenue-task-force.aspx>

Homelessness solutions task force – recommendations should be before the city council in November. Idea to look at feasibility of using vacated Hillcrest Youth Correctional Facility as a housing center.

Question – What is your solution for a 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge?

Cara Kaser does not support the current proposal for a 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge. She does not support its impact to Edgewater. She does not support its impact to the east side landing. She does not support its funding sources or funding issues.

Question – Craig Evans – Revenue task force – to pay back 9 million-ish for the bridge?

Cara feels confident that ODOT is not going to ask for the money back, as far as the grant from ODOT is concerned. Cara is not concerned overall at this time about having to pay back any ODOT money.

Question – city councilors taking a position on measure 105 / state business?

Will address at end of meeting in “new business.”

### **City Councilor Jim Lewis –**

2 separate programs about 6 months in length, both have citizen involvement. 1<sup>st</sup> – Council Policy Agenda – the year's policy and work for the city council, for 2019. Public Open House – Wednesday Oct 24<sup>th</sup>.

Updating of the City's comprehensive plan – direction for how the city is going to grow, specifically from a land use standpoint, but also, overall. Public comment meeting on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, Anderson Room, Library. Open House 6PM, Pringle Hall. See city website. "Our Salem" <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/our-salem.aspx>

### **Land Use – Wes Hill**

None currently. See facebook.

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

None.

### **Difference Makers – Craig Evans**

Delay till next time.

### **Disaster Preparedness –**

None.

### **WSBA –**

None.

### **Transit – Steve Evans**

Voted to move forward a service increase in Salem. Route 16 (Brush College to Orchard Heights) – Saturday Service. Route 17 – Edgewater to Downtown – Saturday 6A-9P, Sunday 7A-6P. Other service extended to 11PM. Funds from House Bill 2017. Discussion about student fares – proposed to move youth fare from \$22.50 to \$10. Summer Pass from \$40 to \$25.

### **Parks – Gary Deming**

Gary thanks all for the opportunity but resigns position as Parks chair. Micki Varney nominated/selected as new Parks Chair.

### **Edgewater – Jessica Preis**

3 handouts on the table. Walking Cruise October 28<sup>th</sup>, 3PM, meet at Urban Grange coffee. Town Hall November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7PM, at Kingwood Bible Church. Focus on Emergency Preparedness!

Monthly Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at Noon, at Boys & Girls Club

### **Watershed – E.M. Easterly**

No new items.

### **Chair Announcements – Jim Allhiser**

Leaf Haul – <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/fall-leaf-haul.aspx>

### **New Business –**

Concern from resident about dirt and grading. Concern about height of development. Concern about removing the trees. Concern that drainage on site has significantly deviated from original plan. Concern that local builders are hiring

unlicensed low-wage uncertified workers, rather than licensed contractors. Concern that building inspectors and site inspectors are not doing their jobs about licensed workers. Paula Fordham refutes claim that builders are producing substandard product. All concerns elevated about new Linwood & Orchard Heights apartment complex building.

### **Announcement from SBS –**

Craig – Gave some background on Salem Bridge Solutions. Asked people to “Stay tuned” and keep networking. News is coming. Unfortunately, Mike has had a slow recovery from an illness but will be back up soon. City-wide polling showed that 77% support the Salem River Crossing (the existing proposal). “The will of the people is to move forward with the existing Salem River Crossing plan.”

Question – is the polling information available? Yes, as an attachment to these minutes.

### **State Representative District 20 Candidate Forum**

Paul Evans – State Representative

(just as earlier in the year at our candidate’s forum, the Secretary has chosen not to attempt to paraphrase or record verbatim the comments and question responses from the candidates.)

Questions from the membership addressed by Paul:

How will measure 104 effect our ability to build a bridge with State Support?

If you are elected will you work with the city councilors to respond to LUBA for the 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge?

13 years on the bridge, build it now or start over?

What is your position on the current bridge proposal? The 9 million dollars that may be lost by the city or the state?

What would you tell your students at Chemeketa who commute over the bridge from West Salem between 7 -9 am and are late to class because of traffic?

### **Discussion of 2017-2018 Goals and Proposal of 2018-2019 Goals**

1. Fire Station 11 – Funded for 2019, opening in January after recruits are trained. Goal “completed.”
2. Construction of Marine Drive – Will move forward to 2019, seems to be linked to 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge, but doesn’t have to be.
3. Improvement of services available at West Salem Library. Remodel complete. Book drop re-installed. Will not continue as 2019 goal.
4. CERT Training – a few members trained. Will move forward to 2019.
5. W.S. representation on SKSD board – Vice-Chair Pruettt has applied for at-large budget committee member.
6. W.S. Plan Update/Revise/Change – Will follow the work of “Our Salem.” 2018 wins include zone cleanup and new zones in Edgewater district. Will move forward to 2019.
7. Work to identify ways to reduce traffic congestion on Wallace Road. Will move forward to 2019. Some wins from congestion task force to be brought before city council soon.
8. Reach out and work with W.S. Business Association – outreach and partnering to continue forward to 2019.
9. Reach out to homeowners’ association chairs for increased input and participation, and information sharing. Will not move forward to 2019.
10. Continue discussion and involvement in “3<sup>rd</sup> Bridge” or “Salem River Crossing.” WSNA is at the table whenever the Salem River Crossing is discussed. Move forward to 2019.
11. Add goal for WSNA to participate in homeless outreach and support activities in conjunction with the city, possibly sharing some of the load for actions recommended by the recent task force on homelessness.
12. Add goal for WSNA to participate fully in the “Our Salem” revision of the city-wide comprehensive plan.

Unanimous approval of goals moved by EM, second by another member that I failed to get the name of.

**Old Business:**

Dog – Paula Fordham – Polk County animal control and other authorities know the dog, and the dog owner.

Cindy – 4 things you can do. If it is an actual emergency, call 911. If it is a non-emergency, call the non-emergency number 503-763-7980(Polk) / 503-588-6123(Marion). Non-emergency will dispatch animal control during daytime working hours. After-hours, 503-831-1727 call Polk animal control directly – leave a message and you will receive a call back. Salem Park ranger – 503-588-6311 and leave a voicemail message if you would like a response from the park ranger. Comment from Brady Rogers – Park Ranger patrols 4 parks, Minto, Marion Square, Riverfront, Wallace Marine on a random schedule, and is empowered to write citations if necessary (dog leash, smoking, etc.)

Ethics review—Steve Anderson requested an ethics violation investigation per WSNA bylaws. At issue is that Mike Evans—SBS / Craig Evans—SBS published in their SBS – Action Alert false, libelous pronouncements accusing the past WSNA leadership running candidates against current WSNA leadership, “planning a coup”.

Apology would be acceptable. Ask for an investigation per the bylaws of the neighborhood association. Jim Allhiser will follow-up.

Measure 105 –

Citizen concerned that the city councilors took a position on a State measure. Opinion shared.

Meeting ended at 8:50PM

**Respectfully submitted – Chris Wilhelm – WSNA Secretary**