

West Salem Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
September 20th, 2021
7 pm

1. Meeting Called to Order by J. Staats, Vice-Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance, lead by J. Staats, requests that the Welcoming Committee discuss and report back on potentially removing this portion from the meeting format. "While I am sure that everyone has allegiance to the United States, not everyone pledges it to religion or God."
3. Minutes Approved, Motion made by EM Easterly, 2nd by S. Anderson.
4. Marine Drive: S. Anderson provided a brief history of the project, and as of January 2021, 71% of the land needed to complete the project has been purchased but since no actual movement. Possible update and report coming from the city on October 15th, 2021.
5. Park Bench: M. Varney has no update at this time
6. Senator Deb Patterson: Spoke about the progress of redistricting. She sat as the Chair of the Senate Health Care Committee and announced the pass of Bill 844 regarding lowering the cost of prescriptions. Also currently serving on the National REsources and WildFire Committee, which approved 700 million to help rebuild and fund firefighters. Also on Veterans Emergency Committee. Mention house bills 2623, which would lower insulin to \$75 per month, 703 and 714, 800. M. Freitas asked about how the 5 Million was awarded, so Salem for the homeless was allocated. Navigation center? Mobile Crisis Units? S. Anderson would like to convert a community center in West Salem and mentions no laundromat. V. Stapleton asked about noise pollution with an increase of private jets flying into the Salem Airport. Senator DP asked her assistant Emily Mooney to make a note and check into V.S.'s the allocated Salem for the homeless and mortality rate due to lack of affordable health care. Senator brought attention to the November 22nd Ballot measure to make healthcare a constitutional right in Oregon.
7. E. Source provided a brief update for Rep. Evans. Mentions of 700 Million to state for hospitals to deal with the staffing shortages and safety. Talked about house bills 29 and 27 and also 2 phases of Bonding for Emergency equipment funding.
8. G. Bennett spoke on homelessness: no actual number or estimate on how many unhoused people are in Salem or how many will come unhoused. There is concern about under-reporting, working with agencies to get a more accurate number. Currently, there are two monitored camps by Church in the Park and Catholic Community Services. There is no record of how many un-monitored camps there are in Salem. Monitored means there are staff, bathrooms, running water, showers, access to services. The city continues to work on the Navigation Center and a third park. DJ, Vincent with Church in the Park spoke to their efforts. His report included a back history of doing this work for more than six years, providing winter assistance primarily, the Safe Park Program. They have had 16 people get work and transition out of the monitored camps, and 36 shelters have been built. Mention of DMV program and a New monitored camp with priority to 55+ coming in West Salem. They currently have a waiting list of 300+ unsheltered souls. They have a sign-up form. J. Staats asked both G. Bennett and DJ. Vincent on how the CITP and the City of Salem ensure that no one is being discriminated against for their

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minority status as women, POC, gender identity, or LGBTQ+ affiliation. How is the HRC involved in oversight, and DJ responded that their team does take diversity training? DJ also mentioned investing more into the Salem Warming Network. EM. Easterly thanked both speakers and voiced support of the West Salem Camp. The address of the new camp is 2700 Wallace Rd NW - at the north end of the property (see attached map). M. Freitas mentions an increase in vehicle camping at Wallace Marine.

9. Doaks Ferry Appeal: All notes on this area in the Landuse Chairs report by S. Anderson. Other land-use issues - 10/5 City of Salem planning commission homeless discussion, tree preservations, Our Salem 10/18 reviewed zoning map (what do we like-dislike?)
10. Announcement of Elections and process by J. Staats
11. End of Meeting.



NAD 1983 HARN ST Plane
OR North FIPS 3601 Ft Intl



SCALE 1: 480

2700 Wallace Rd NW

SCALE: 1" = 40'