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## Northeast Neighbors NEN

Minutes of Board Meeting, March 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:45 by Chair, Lynn Takata

**Board members present:** Lynn Takata, Ken Simila, Delana Beaton, Leslie Polson, Joan Lloyd, Jenna Otto, Cindy Kimball, Erin Grimm, Laura Buhl, Lainy Kruger

**Cindy Kimball** moved, and **Joan Lloyd** seconded to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022. Passed unanimously.

The **Treasurer's report** presented by **Jeremy Mills**, via email, as follows:

There is \$1,592.95 in the NEN Communications Fund.

We have earned the entire \$500.00 we are eligible to earn in a year.

We have spent \$229.32 since the fiscal year started on July 1, 2021.

There is \$995.39 in the Trust & Agency Account. The Trust and Agency Account has two different funds. There is \$533.64 to be used in the Court-Chemeketa Historic District. The remaining \$461.75 are funds from the Neighborhood Cleanups that NEN and Grant neighborhood associations held in 2018 and 2019 are intended to support future Neighborhood Cleanups.

**Councilor Virginia Stapleton** gave the update from Salem City Council.

The newest microshelter, intended to house 40 tiny houses and 80 residents is scheduled to open on Center Street NE on May 15.

**Jacqueline Schindele** mentioned that Safeway management, both local and corporate, have remained neutral about this plan.

The search for a new city manager is to begin.

The twelfth street promenade will have no new trees planted.

**Laura Buhl** spoke and mentioned the following: 1) She asked who is the firm hired to search for the new city manager? 2) Have the large sheets of plastic been removed? And 3) For the homeless, she is concerned that so much money is being spent on short term temporary shelter. She wants to see permanent housing funded.

**Virginia Stapleton** states that she also wishes to see permanent housing options funded, but that in the short term there are also emergency housing needs. **Celine**, guest, asks what are next steps and options for housing the homeless.

**Leslie Polson** asks Virginia Stapleton about decisions for D Street Park.

General discussion followed.

**Jacqueline Schindele** asked Virginia what is date for installation of flashing lights at 15<sup>th</sup> street crossing.

**Laura Buhl** spoke requesting NEN send a letter in support of adoption of the Our Salem planning process and specifically thanking planner Eunice Kim for her years of excellent work on this process. It was agreed that the board would continue to work to compose this letter and would later vote on this by email.

**Heidi Miller**, outreach coordinator for **Center 50+** spoke summarizing their services. She spoke about the work of Center 50+ in various community locations. She gave an overview of resources available from each of the Center's services, mentioning a wide variety of services, everything from handyman help to pet therapy home visits.

The staff goal is to be a senior center without walls and to serve area seniors wherever they are. Ms. Miller can be reached at 503-588-6303.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:45. Next Scheduled meeting is April 12 at 6:30.

All are welcome!