



Minutes of the Meeting
Of
Thursday, May 19th, 2022 made via ZOOM.

Executive Board Members Present: (Both sick but on zoom listening - Bayard Mentrum, Chair; Kaethe Mentrum, Secretary/Park Chair); Don Jensen Land Use Chair.

Board Members present: Becca Strieper; Jess Cruz; Mike Hoselton; Joanne Barnhart; Phyllis Abbott-Cabotta; Shirley Robertson.

Board Member absent with excuse: Pedro Mayoral, was out sick.

City Staff Present: Officer Pratt; Code Compliance Chris Russell

Guest Speakers: Vanessa Nordyke, City Councilor; Anthony Gamallo, Senior Transportation Planner

Other Members: Marlayne Madison and Thomas Madison

Don Jensen started the meeting by **getting the minutes of February, March and April approved.**

Salem Police Officer Pratt updated us on what is happening in Northgate. He later suggested he will send us a link which informs the latest on the homeless encampments in our area.

Code Compliance Officer Chris Russell gave us updates on removal of the homeless encampments, some of the people he felt familiar with as they returned after leaving for a while, RV and trash removal.

Our first guest speaker was Vanessa Nordyke who informed us about a CAHOOTS like program she wishes to introduce into Salem. It is a good program already established in Eugene, OR and can help the homeless or the mentally ill in Salem which would ease the police to do other jobs. Somehow, the funds allocated for it got redirected. So far, Vanessa is still trying to find ways to get money from both Polk and Marion counties as this would be under their jurisdiction.

Our second guest speaker was Anthony Gamallo. He needed NGNA's vote for approval for Safe Routes, a way of helping school children cross Silverton Road. He wanted it in letter format. NGNA promised to send such a letter. **This was brought to vote and approved.**

Don Jensen talked about 4885 Portland Road NE which a developer purchased and cleaned up to build apartments. He also talked about some site plans which all had no issues.

Kaethe talked about having sent in application for planting pollinator plants in a dip area approved by City Park in NG Park. She was able to get 82 community support. She also talked about Fisher Park where volunteers had recently worked on adding more soft trail bark chips. It is currently being improved.

Note, on-line voting:

- On 5/2/22 we started the vote for Shirley Robertson to join NGNA as board member, today, Monday May 2, 2022. Bayard called for a vote, Kaethe made a motion for a vote to begin, seconded by Phyllis with a yes vote followed by Becca, Jess, Kaethe, Michael and Don.
- On 5/5/22 we started the vote for added info to City to shed some of extra projects re spending funds from \$300 M Infrastructure bond measure. Bayard called for a vote, Kaethe made a motion to start the vote, Shirley voted yes, Phyllis voted yes, Kaethe voted yes, Don voted yes, Bill voted yes and Jess voted yes. One voted no.