



Minutes of the Meeting
Of
Thursday, June 16th, 2022 made via ZOOM.

Executive Board Members Present: Bayard Mentrum, Chair; Kaethe Mentrum, Secretary/Park Chair).

Absent with excuse: Don Jensen Land Use Chair.

Board Members present: Becca Strieper; Jess Cruz; Phyllis Abbott-Cabotta.

Absent with excuse: Michael Hoselton; Shirley Robertson; Bill Berry*; Shirley Robertson; Joanne Barnhart; Pedro Mayoral.

City Staff Present: Officer Jacob Pratt; Irma Dowd present briefly; Greg Walsh, Emergency Manager of City of Salem; Tony Martin, Assistant City Traffic Engineer.

Absent: Jose Gonzalez, NGNA's City Representative; Code Compliance Chris Russell

Guest Speakers: JD Williams, Chief Judge, Confederated Tribes; Ruth Snyder, Volunteer Fire Expert.

Other Members: Pennie Morley; Marlayne Madison; Thomas Madison; Paulette Dodds.

From North Star: Tom Koepke; Brenna Reyes.

Special guest observer: Lt. Debbie Aguilar, Salem Police

Bayard, Chair, started the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves. He said we did not have a quorum so we could not approve the May minutes.

Salem Police Officer Pratt updated us on what is happening in Northgate. They cannot pull over anyone for broken turn lights, break lights, etc. The City made a deal with automobile repair shops to give out coupons to help them get their lights fixed. For Northgate, he talked about putting a lot of time tracking down a man with a deadly weapon and they finally arrested the individual after waiting around 2 a.m. to catch him. Sgt. Pratt agreed with Bayard when Bayard asked him about the speed humps being helpful to slow down speeding drivers and helping the police to be free to go after other criminal matters.

Our first guest speaker was J D Williams, Chief Judge, Confederated Tribes, who spoke about resolution justice and transformative justice. Basically, the victim and the perpetrator come together face to face and the mediator lets the victim describe how they feel about what happened and the perpetrator also gets to share how they are feeling now to come to a peaceful resolution and to avoid going to jail, child services, or restrictive places. This seems to work mostly for the younger people. This system is becoming more popular around the country where each side gets to hear the other and come to a resolution and a lot of times, this changes the mind of both parties to a more humane way.

Our second guest speaker was Greg Walsh who asked Ruth Snyder to show how to protect your property from especially embers traveling long distances. After a little trouble in the beginning showing slides, she went over each carefully and

mentioned clearing possibly 30 feet around your house, including having a 100 ft. hose. She said to keep chimneys clear of branches. Ruth also mentioned how junipers can easily catch fire.

Pauline Dodds, member, asked Greg Walsh why did the Fire Marshall approve solar panels on the grounds of Yoshikai Elementary School when there are junipers all around? As a surrounding resident, she felt unsafe, and they could cause fire. Greg Walsh said he will speak to the Fire Marshall about it. Phyllis, our board member, mentioned heavy duty, quality 100 ft. hoses, can be bought at a good cement store.

Next special speaker was Tony Martin, City Assistant Traffic Engineer, who gave NGNA the good news that Stortz Avenue NE will have speed humps. He said there is a small funding available to pay for this. He Jess Cruz's effort in getting petitions signed by the neighbors, our requesting in a persistent manner. The speed humps include three asphalt, rounded speed humps between Williams to Portland Road NE and another at 30th. When Kaethe asked how about 31st, Brooks and Edgewood, he said they are all possible in the future when there is more funding available. Marlayne said there was a wreck of a car parked in front of her house caused by a student driver practicing on driving round and round on Felina Ave. going fast. She asked for speed humps too. Pennie said there were a lot of speeding cars by parent drivers taking their children to school on Jade Street NE.

Two residents of North Star, Tom Koepke and Brenna Reyes, asked about stop signs in their neighborhood. Tony said it would take a lot of money putting them in corners of residential streets.

Bayard asked what is the City thinking regarding replacing residential speed limit signs from 25 to 20 because speeding drivers ignore them anyway. Tony said he agreed that the best way to slow down speeders is speed humps.

Bayard asked if there were any more questions. He then called for a vote to adjourn. Kaethe made a motion for a vote to adjourn. Becca seconded it. Everybody said aye and the meeting was adjourned around 7:20 p.m.

Note, on-line voting:

- On 6/9/2022, we started the vote for surveying the community regarding stability of unmanaged homeless having a permanent place to live travelable by bus, either on state land or annexed property from Marion to Salem.
- On 6/20/2022, we completed a voting process to approve the May, 2022 minutes as we did not have a quorum at the 6/16/2022 monthly meeting. Involved in the process was after Bayard called for a vote, Kaethe made a motion for a vote, Phyllis seconded and voted for it followed by Shirley, Don, Jess and Kaethe.

*We at NGNA wish to convey our deepest condolences to Bill Berry for the passing of his wife in June.