



Minutes of the Meeting
Of
Thursday, July 21st, 2022, made via ZOOM.

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

Absent with excuse: Don Jensen Land Use Chair; Jess Cruz, Community Liaison Chair; Pedro Mayoral, Bill Berry; Shirley Robertson.

Board Members present: Rebecca Strieper; Phyllis Abbott-Cavota; Joanne Barnhart; Michael Hoselton.

Absent: Councilor Jose Gonzalez

Guest Speakers: Officer Mark Jantz on a) Updating about crimes b) Neighborhood Watch; Rob Romanek on a) Entry Sign on Portland Road b) Fisher Road Park

Other Members: Pennie Morley, Randy Ray (neighbor who had problem with fire at Hawthorne/Hyacinth area)

Bayard, Chair, started the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves. **After the introductions were made, he called for a vote for the June minutes to be approved. Kaethe made a motion to start seconded by Becca. Voted in by Phyllis, Joanne, Michael, Becca and Kaethe.**

Salem Police Officer Jantz updated us on what is happening in Northgate. Bayard asked a few questions and received the following answers:

- Officer Jantz reiterated Officer Pratt saying the police cannot pull over anyone for broken turn lights, break lights, etc. The City made a deal with automobile repair shops to give out vouchers to help them get their lights fixed.
- The police department's policy is to go after crimes committed by individuals rather than by gangs.
- Officer Jantz said because of the above, they will not reinstate Gang Task Force.
- About Salem-Keizer School District not allowing guns within school, Officer Jantz said he did not know enough to answer that.
- About homeless camps when they possibly start a fire, he gave a different number than 911 as they will only put you on hold. He said to use 503-588-6123 and if on ODOT property, call state police.

Officer Jantz changed the subject to talk about Neighborhood Watch (NW). He said to set up the initial meeting with him and make it a small group of six, or a block at the most. At the initial meeting, they will give you flyers and tell you how to operate and then to apply for the sign/post which costs \$45. It must be an official sign with steel post, no more wood post.

Next guest speaker was Rob Romanek. He was promoted to Head Park Planner's position recently. He informed about his discussion he had with ODOT re the welcome sign. Some items had to be removed from the original sign, as the state motto, fir trees and salmon. But other than that, some adjustments had to be made. He will work with Kaethe (designer) and once ODOT approves, the order will be placed with the welder, and it should not take too long to get it up there

after that. In the meanwhile, he said Oregon Grape was chosen for landscape due to its prickly leaves and hopefully will keep the vandals and the homeless out. Officer Lantz jumped in to agree with Rob. Rob also said instead of lights above the sign, he will install ground mounted lighting with vandal-proof cages.

Pennie complained about the old, dilapidated house at the northwest end of the sign area. She wants it removed or destroyed.

As for Fisher Road Park, since it is a rather empty field, they will plant trees such as Oregon Oak and evergreens.

Chair Report: Bayard talked about the recent fire at ODOT property on Hawthorne and Hyacinth area. He said Randy Ray's house was close to it and wanted Randy to describe it. However, Randy had a defective microphone and could not be heard. Bayard went on to say the homeless in the area is a big issue especially when 75-85% are mentally ill. He said at least we know Councilor Nordyke is fighting to get a CAHOOTS-like program established and we hope she will be successful as there are many mentally ill people in Salem. Bayard also said his wife Kaethe touched up a canvased copy of her original painting that the minister of NG Wesleyan Church loved and picked out to hang on the Church corridor. This was one way of thanking him for letting us use the church as our meeting place.

As for meeting in August, Bayard proposed to take a break. He called for a vote, Kaethe made a motion to vote, Michael seconded it, and it was unanimously approved.

Bayard talked about the September annual meeting. Pennie asked where it was held. Bayard said at Northgate Wesleyan Church as one place to hold it.

Kaethe, Park Chair, made the report about getting beige metal picnic tables and a couple of benches for Northgate Park. She talked about a few events happening at this park. She also said after she reported ash thrown on the roots of one tree at Northgate Park, she contacted the director of City Parks to see about getting an inflammable ash pot installed close to the BBQ grill. The director responded later that she was able to get a quantity of them for all Salem parks. Installing will take a while. Kaethe asked everyone to continue to call the graffiti hotline if they see any graffiti. Kaethe talked about Fisher Road Park and how it will develop in the future saying the more it improves, the more people will show up and fewer homeless people will be attracted to it.

Pennie asked if anyone can update on Yoshikai School District (SD)'s solar panels. Kaethe informed that the SD will go with their plan which is fence along neighbor's property lines and to use the existing fence. Yoshikai School District did not adhere to the surrounding residents' request to remove the 100 solar panels from the ground. The residents' range of vision to see distance is being diminished and they no longer will be able to enjoy watching children play like in the previous times. It is truly not what they expected to happen to them, but it did, and the school board is hardly bending for them. This is very unfortunate for these residents. When Kaethe called Paulette, one of the residents to see how she was doing because she was ill from the stress and with a bedridden husband, and to see how she felt about this result from SD, she said they will go to litigation. That will be up to them and there is nothing more NGNA can do about this although we tried.

Bayard asked if there were any more questions. Since no one answered, he called for a vote to adjourn. **Kaethe made a motion for a vote to adjourn. Phyllis seconded it. Everybody said aye and the meeting was adjourned around 7:30 p.m.**

Note, on-line voting:

- July 13, 2022, voted in Phyllis Cabbot-as Vice Chair and Shirley Robertson as Treasurer. Votes were from Joanne, Phyllis, Shirley, Don and Kaethe.
- July 18, 2022, voted in using up to \$50 on Kiddie Blast Event items. We have five votes from Becca, Phyllis, Michael, Shirley and Kaethe.
- July 23, 2022, voted in \$100 from NGNA account to be used for a) brochure prints b) NGNA banner. Five votes came from Phyllis, Michael, Shirley, Jess and Kaethe.

- July 26, 2022, voted in \$20 for orchid to Eduardo's wife Annalivia to thank them for the table for NGNA during Fun Friday, July 2022.
- July 28, 2022, voted and seconded by Shirley Robertson, Don Jensen, Rebecca Strieper, Kaethe Mentrum and Jess Cruz. Wordings were added to the By-Laws.
 1. Electing executive team stating their name and title, a couple of days prior to or by 3 p.m. on the day of the election by email to the Secretary is permissible. The sender should clearly add their name and address. The email address serves as ID.
 2. Proxy is if a board member cannot attend due to sickness, vacation, family events, etc., a written authorization saying exactly what that board member wants represented and voted upon reviewing the agenda, to be emailed in a timely manner prior to the vote, to the person representing you and a copy to the secretary. The sender should clearly add their name and address. The email address serves as ID.These above two provisions will be effective for one year on a trial basis and can be changed by the board immediately upon objection. Otherwise, it will continue on a year after year basis and repeat the same procedure as described herein.

The record for part of the month of August 2022, votes made here as we have no monthly meeting in August due to time off. But on-line votes are still being made so as not to hold off anything.

- August 2, 2022, Randall Ray was voted in as a general board member. Voted by: Don, Jess, Michael, Phyllis, Shirley and Kaethe.
- August 5, 2022, Amador Aguilar wanted to get Carleton Way and Donald Street "street-painted". Travel Salem was sponsoring \$1000 each to seven Salem associations on a first come first served basis. We needed to vote on this and got votes. Bayard called the meeting, Kaethe made a motion, seconded by Rebecca who also voted, also voted by Michael, Jess, Randy, Phyllis and Kaethe.