

## **SESNA minutes, June 28, 2022, Aldrich Park**

**Attendees:** Shannon Priem, Chair; Board members Jeff Leach, Marcia Hoak, Seleste Liyanage, Dave Tompkins. Sgt. Steve Galvin; guest Heidi Miller (City/Center 50+); neighbors Dennis Scheibe, 310 24<sup>th</sup> St., SE, Rita Tarr, same address, 217-836-6561; Robert Olguin, 230 21<sup>st</sup>, [rbotolguin@gmail.com](mailto:rbotolguin@gmail.com); Dan Jursnick, 185 19<sup>th</sup> s., 503-302-7975, [dan.jursnick@gmail.com](mailto:dan.jursnick@gmail.com).

**Absent:** Sen. Deb Patterson, Tom Andersen.

Introductions done, May meeting minutes had been approved before tonight's meeting.

**Sgt. Galvin's police report:** Body cams will begin in two to three months. Officers must announce when recording. The Car Care program started as a less punitive approach for minor violations, like headlights out. Officers provide a discount coupon to participating vehicle repair businesses, for equipment violations. "Ride Alongs" with a cop are back! People need to complete a form and turn it in. Fun Fridays are an event at Northgate Park:

<https://hallman.salkeiz.k12.or.us/news/fun-at-northgate-park-this-summer/> Copes are accepting used cell phones to share with citizens for emergencies (example, domestic violence). They'll have them available from patrol cars. Phones are stripped of personal info Drop phones at the police department any time during the day.

**Question regarding reduce police services,** based on report to City Council by Chief Womack: Sgt. Steve Galvin clarified rumors based on a news story that noted reduced police responses. The notion that police will "no longer respond" to low-level crimes is false. Due to staffing shortages they will triage what complaints get in-person responses, but they will follow up with all complaints and are not "referring people to their neighborhood associations" to help resolve violations.

**Guest speaker, Heidi Miller, City of Salem:** Shared opportunities through Center for 50+. The center's vision is "a senior center without walls." Among its offerings are a wellness center, pool, woodshop. Goal lately is to overcome Covid-19 isolation by bringing activities to seniors; they have 130 volunteers, some who make daily calls to isolated seniors, or provide tech support, like how to join a Zoom call. Can help find yard care and other help for seniors. She provided several handouts; we'll share at future meetings. Starting a new outreach program with Salem Harvest. If you know seniors who need help, refer them to her!

**Neighbor concerns:** Neighbors commented about illegal camping in and around Mill Race Park, one particular homeless man seems to be a regular and can get very loud at night. Refer issues to the Homeless Task Force's "Report Concerns about Homelessness" page on the city's Website.

**Misc. announcements:** Neighbor Night Out is Aug. 2; to date there is one party scheduled in SESNA, near 19<sup>th</sup>/Mill area; will announce more in July. Capital Park Wesleyan Church does the food pantry on the second and fourth Wednesdays, 5 to 7 p.m. Accepting donations of bags. Church will continue Safe Parking program. Group agreed to ask Salem Health to present at a future meeting on the new wing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.; next meeting at Lee Park July 26. Possible switch to Zoom after that, depending on neighbor preferences.

Submitted,  
Shannon Priem, chair