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Minutes of board meeting June 14, 2022

Meeting in McRae Park called to order by Chair **Lynn Takata** at 6:30 PM.

Board members present, in alphabetical order: Delana Beaton, Laura Buhl, Nick Cantonwine, Erin Grimm, Cindy Kimball, Lainy Kruger, Joan Lloyd, Jeremy Mills, Jenna Otto, Leslie Polson Jacqueline Schindele, Ken Simila, Lynn Takata

At least 40 attended.

Minutes of May 10, 2022 approved unanimously.

Introduction of visiting newly elected member of **Salem City Council, Linda Nishioka** to represent Ward 2, term to begin Jan, 2023. Welcome **Councilor Nishioka!**

Presentation by **Lt. Debbie Aguilar** of Salem Police Department, standing in for Sgt. Vince Dawson. Welcome back Lt. Aguilar! She spoke about Salem Police emphasis on Community Engagement.

Wednesday, June 22, in Englewood from 10 AM until noon will be an event called "Cookies with a Cop." To give young children an opportunity to speak with a police officer.

She featured Car Care, a program which allows residents to bring a vehicle into the Police Department to have vehicle checked for compliance and equipment issues to be sure the vehicle would not be stopped or cited. The service is free.

Lt. Aguilar responded to questions, including questions about the shooting of a youth in downtown Salem yesterday. She commented it was not a stranger to stranger shooting and that it was still under investigation.

There was also significant discussion of **a problem house** in the area, and Lt. Aguilar pledged to follow up on that.

Salem **Parks Planner Rob Romanek** spoke about prospects for additional parks and/or recreational locations within NEN. He spoke about "how the city goes about developing new park land." **Ken Simila**, long time NEN resident and board member shared information about the several losses of park and recreational land within NEN over time. There appeared to be consensus that a small delegation, including Rob Romanek and Ken Simila, and other NEN members could request a meeting with staff of the Oregon State Fair, specifically to explore possibilities of sharing use of land near the southern boundary of the State Fair property, off of Sunnyview.

Heidi Miller from Center 50 Plus spoke about the goals and programs and community outreach services available through the Center. She mentioned a course she is offering at noon on Thursdays in June focused on developing personal resilience,

Announcements:

- **Neighbor Night Out** will be Tuesday, August 2. A reminder that block parties may be organized with city support with road-closing barriers, visits from police or fire department personnel, etc. A great time for block potluck parties, even BarBQs in the street!
- Tuesday, June 28 there will be **tours of the new Jory Street apartments** near intersection of D Street and Park Street.
- Saturday August 13 will be the annual **Englewood Forest Festival**, centered in Englewood Park. The Festival will feature art, music, information, and food.

Meeting adjourned by Chair Lynn Takata. **Next meeting** scheduled for 6:30 PM , Tuesday, July 12 in Englewood Park. It will be a NEN potluck. Please bring your chair and something you would like to contribute to the serving table. All are welcome!