



## NESCA MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2022

### 1. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Approval of Minutes:

NESCA Chair Mike Beringer opened the meeting at 7 PM and welcomed everyone to NESCA's Annual Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the September 20th meeting minutes. The motion passed.

### 2. Salem Police Officer Report: Sgt. Grant Davis

[Police | Salem, Oregon \(cityofsalem.net\)](http://cityofsalem.net)

- Halloween Dress Rehearsal: Families can bring their children to the Salem Police Department on October 29<sup>th</sup> in their costumes for a quick lesson on how to stay safe on Halloween. This event provides an opportunity for everyone to visit with officers and other PD employees. This is the first year this event will be held at the new facility.
- Body Cams: The department has a five-year contract with Motorola for the new body cams. It is expected this program will be fully implemented by the end of the year. Outfitting and training has been started and training of support staff for handling digital records and public records requests.
- Department Transparency Portal: The goal of this portal is to build trust with the community.
- Sgt. Davis mentioned the weekly KBZY radio program with Mark Jantz from Salem PD, airing every Tuesday at 6:45 AM. A variety of topics are discussed that are of interest to Salem residents.

#### Questions/Comment:

- Eli Brody mentioned an issue of one of his neighbors who had a problem and needed to call the non-emergency police number but was never able to be connected to a real person.
- Gary Pullman mentioned that the radar trailer that had been up on D Street NE worked very well, while it was up.

### 3. Special Report – Bond Measure 24-474: Virginia Stapleton

The Bond is a \$300m bond for a period of 10 years. **A most important aspect of this bond is that it does not increase property taxes.**

#### Projects:

- The Marine Drive upgrade for West Salem
- Upgrades to county roads: Davis, Pringle, Fisher, State
- Upgrades to McGilchrist, although federal funding will be paying for most of this project
- Sidewalks – infill and repair
- \$10m for crosswalks

All projects have bike infrastructure and ADA upgrades.

#### Priorities:

- Fire Department
  - Equipment and Stations

- The station at the Chemeketa campus will be moved to Portland Road, plus a new station in Southeast Salem (which will require adding funding for additional firefighters, not in this bond issue).
- Park Upgrades
- Branch Libraries
  - Small, to be placed in multi-use buildings
  - To be located in Northeast and Southeast Salem areas
  - Cherriots is discussing a small transit center in SE that could include a library and affordable housing. This has been done successfully in other areas of the state.
- Cyber Security
  - **SO IMPORTANT.** Recently the City of Keizer was hijacked and had to pay a lot of money to the hijackers to have their data released.
- Civic Center earthquake safety

The Voters' Pamphlet is recommending a YES on this issue. Polk County has no information on this issue in their Voters' Pamphlet, so help is needed in getting the positive message of this Bond measure to West Salem residents.

[Bond Improvement-Base \(cityofsalem.net\)](http://cityofsalem.net)

#### 4. City Councilors' Reports: Linda Nishioka and Virginia Stapleton

- Discussed at the October 17<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting
  - Shelters on Center Street now open
  - Capital Street lanes planned
  - Moving funding for the Navigation Center from the General Fund
  - Airport plan
  - Mobil Crisis Center
    - Ways to fund
- For further information and a complete Agenda for the City Council meeting, the following link is provided for those minutes.
 

[City Council Meetings | Salem, Oregon \(cityofsalem.net\)](http://cityofsalem.net)

#### 4. Guest Speaker: Andrew Marshall, The Arches

Andrew was a NESCA guest about a year ago to talk about the planned changes for the old Super8 Motel on Hawthorne. The building was built in 1988 to standards of the time. As a result, there are quite a few problems with the building and a lot of upgrades are needed. Building standards have changed since 1988, especially regarding ADA (to current standards), as well as the need for an elevator in a three-story building, etc.

ARCHES Inn is a 90-day, low barrier, emergency shelter which focuses on the wildfire-impacted, the chronically homeless, and the medically-fragile communities. Guests at the shelter are provided wrap-around services, including case management, connection to medical and mental health (also addiction treatment), housing resources, and other services as needed to assist residents to move forward. The facility is staffed 24/7.

Stats:

- First guests were received on December 20, 2021
- Approximately 56 households have been served
- 17 households moved into permanent housing
- Some have self-discharged or been given disciplinary discharges
- 2/3s of those served have had stays of 90-180 days; 1/3 over six months. There have been a few with only brief stays.
- 34 exits

Renovations/Timeline

- Hope to begin construction within the next few weeks.

- End results will include:
  - 72 rooms, for total occupancy of 100-120
  - Updated and additional ADA rooms
  - A commercial kitchen (currently cooking meals at other ARCHES locations and bringing them in)
  - An elevator
  - Sprinkler system

Questions/Comments:

- Is there a waiting list?
  - Applicants have a housing assessment done and names are put into a pool, prioritized by need. There is no “waiting list” based on when someone may make an application.
- Is there on-site supervision?
  - There is a staff of 19 and Arches is in the process of hiring additional staff. The property is staffed 24/7.
- Comment to Andrew about how nice the property looked when NESCA was doing our recent street cleanup.

**5. Committee Reports:**

a. Land Use

*Ian Johnson*

- North Campus: As Ian was unable to attend the meeting, Teri read his submitted report which follows:
  - “On October 1, Darrin Brightman informed NESCA that the owner, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS), received no proposals from the pre-qualified developers for the redevelopment of the property along Center, including the Dome Building by the September 30<sup>th</sup> due date. If you recall, the first step in the development process was to screen developers, called a Request for Qualifications, or RFQ. That happened earlier this year. Darrin noted that when contacted and asked why they did not submit, the developer cited increased interest rates and material costs, weakening demand, and an uncertain economic outlook.”
  - The new project contact, Robert Underwood, said that DAS extended the due date for proposals until the end of the month and that the agency is actively working with the qualified developers to put together viable proposals. He said that he would contact us at the end of the month.
    - It was suggested that NESCA extend an invitation to Robert to attend our next meeting for introductions. (November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting)
- The City of Salem is holding a Land Use Training session, led by City Staff, on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30, in the library’s Anderson Room B. It will also be on ZOOM. As Ian will not be able to attend, Eli has volunteered to attend to represent NESCA.
- Information was received showing a site plan for a lot partition on property between Midway and Truman. Victor Cortes is requesting this approval to partition his property into two lots.
- Other:
  - Marilyn mentioned that the property at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Medical Center Drive is staked, which is new. She was wondering if anyone knew what is happening there. No one has seen anything come through on this property.

b. Transportation: (no report) *Julie Redden*

c. Parks *Eli Brody*

- Mike will be submitting a letter to Milan Davis to request some of the wood from the trees scheduled to be removed, with the hope of turning it into benches or signs for our parks.
- Marilyn reported the new information kiosk has been installed in the D Street Park at the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> and D Street NE.

d. Hoover School (no report) *Teri Lupoli*

e. Watershed (no report) *Gary Pullman*

**6. Other Business:**

- A motion was made and seconded to allow NESCA communication funds in the amount of \$50 be provided to Marilyn Moritz for printer ink for the kiosk flyers.
- NESCA Sock Drive:
  - From now until mid-November NESCA will be collecting new and clean, gently used socks for youth ages 12-18 (boys and girls). The socks will be delivered to the HOME Youth Resource Center for unsheltered Salem youth. Socks can be dropped off at the home of Teri Lupoli, 882 Park Avenue NE.
- NESCA completed another successful litter patrol on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Following the cleanup, several members met for breakfast at the Sassy Onion.
- At last night's annual City of Salem Volunteer awards, NESCA's Gary Pullman received an award for his work benefiting the city's trees, parks, and watershed over many years. Also awarded was the "Distinguished Project Award" that was given to Richard Berger of The Jory and Ian Johnson of NESCA for the collaboration of the two entities to produce a model development worthy of emulation.
- **ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF THE BOARD FOR 2022-23:**
  - A slate of officers and board was nominated, as follows:
    - Chair                                 Mike Beringer
    - Vice Chair                             Marilyn Moritz
    - Secretary/Treasurer     Teri Lupoli
    - At Large Board members
      - Gary Pullman
      - Eli Brody
      - Ken Gettys
      - Lynn Cardiff
      - Stacey Vieyra-Braendle
      - Bob Braendle
  - A motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken to approve the slate as stated above.

There being no further business, Mike thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. **The next scheduled NESCA meeting will be held via ZOOM on November 15th beginning at 7:00 PM. The ZOOM meeting link will be provided to those on the NESCA email distribution list prior to the meeting.** The link will also be available on the city website.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli  
NESCA Secretary/Treasurer

Attending:

Mike Beringer\*, Marilyn Moritz\*, Teri Lupoli\*, Lynn Cardiff\*, Eli Brody\*, Ken Gettys\*, Gary Pullman\*, Lucy Beringer, Jim Lupoli, Stacey Vieyra-Braendle, Bob Braendle, Lisa Hunter, Irma Coleman City of Salem, Linda Nishioka Salem City Councilor, Virginia Stapleton Salem City Councilor, Sgt. Grant Davis Salem Police Department, Andrew Marshall The ARCHES

\*NESCA Board Members

- **Other Website Information:**
  - To report homeless camping: <https://form.cityofsalem.net/s3/homeless-camping-complaint>
  - To report homeless concerns: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/pages/report-concerns-about-homeslessness.aspx>
  - To sign up for weekly updates regarding homeless: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/pages/tracking-progress-on-homelessness-efforts.aspx>

- To report graffiti: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/pages/report-graffiti.aspx>
  - [503-371-4262](tel:503-371-4262) Graffiti Response team
- The link for the crime statistics: [www.cityofsalem.net/crime-stats](http://www.cityofsalem.net/crime-stats)