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Minutes of board meeting, August 9, 2022.

Meeting in McRae Park called to order by Chair Lynn Takata at 6:35 PM.

Board members present, in alphabetical order: Laura Buhl, Nick Cantonwine, Erin Grimm, Ken Houghton, Cindy Kimball, LaLainya Kruger, Joan Lloyd, Jeremy Mills, Jenna Otto, Leslie Polson, Ken Simila, and Lynn Takata.

Twenty one people attended the meeting.

Police Report by Sergeant Gills

There was a shooting after midnight at 3301 D Street. There were 2 female victims with non life threatening injuries who were transported to Salem Hospital. A suspect was arrested in the Englewood Park area and another suspect was still being looked for.

Salem Police is creating a Community Action Unit by merging the Downtown Enforcement Unit and Community Outreach Unit. This unit will try to replicate the public outreach that Salem Police Department has done downtown. Sergeant Gill leads this unit. The Englewood Park area has a high rating on the police system due to vigilant reporting of criminal activity. Expect more policing in this area.

The Homeless Services Team (HOST) is two full-time Salem police officers who work with 6 Public Works employees on outreach to people experiencing homelessness and cleanup of homeless camps.

Two problem houses in the neighborhood were discussed. Code Enforcement is working on the house on Breys Avenue NE.

Graffiti is an increasing problem in the neighborhood. The city only takes care of graffiti abatement during the week; Lynn Takata has been removing graffiti **every day**

City Councilor Report by Virginia Stapleton

- The City of Salem received a 13 million federal grant for McGilchrist Street SE. This will make bond funds available for other transportation projects.
- She discussed bond funded projects and provided a list of projects in Ward 1. She explained that turning lanes at Seventeenth Street and State Street were eliminated to make the intersection narrower and safer for pedestrians.
- People expressed frustration about taking money from the lower income North East neighborhood in favor of the wealthier South Salem neighborhoods. She explained that the City Council added improvements to Davis Road South because the road serves low income apartments and Crossler Middle School, a Title 1 School. This is the only transportation project in Wards 4 and 7.

- She is advocating for a protected bike lane on Capitol Street NE and further improvements to the Winter-Maple Bikeway.
- The first street painting project was in the Grant Neighborhood at Cottage St NE & Belmont St NE and cost \$1,000. Travel Salem is offering grants for future street paintings.
- Marion Street Bridge is closed for paving from Sunday night through Friday morning until the end of October.
- There was a discussion about backyard burning of garbage on 15th Street NE.
- There was discussion about creating a park north of Market Street NE. When the Parks Master Plan is updated it may be possible to create a pocket park on city owned land at 14th Street NE and Center Street NE.

Upcoming City of Salem Events

Civic Center Celebration - Aug 8 from 3 pm to 7 pm

Capital Jam - Aug 27 at Riverfront Park Amphitheater

Presentation on Center Street Micro Shelter by Hazel Patton

The Village of Hope Micro Shelter Site is moving from Portland Road NE to 1210 Center Street NE and is scheduled to open on September 12, 2022. The site is managed by Church at the Park. Gretchen Bennet and Kirstin Rutherford are the city staff who is working with Church at the Park. There is an open house on September 11, 2022 from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. and 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. There is a homelessness storytelling event at Ike Box on September 29, 2022 from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M.

NEN's priorities for the micro shelter site are:

1. Vulnerable people are prioritized to reside at the shelter.
2. Better communication with neighbors
3. Curfew at 10 P.M.

The new owners of the dental practice at 13th Street NE and Chemeketa Street NE discussed their desire for a street painting project there. NEN will not take on this project as an association.

Oregon State Fair by Michael Legorreta Operations Supervisor There was discussion about creating a park with an easement on the southern part of the Sunnyview Road NE parking lot. The fair will be from August 26 to September 5, 2022. There will be a variety of bands and the late night show will be fire dancing.

The Englewood Forest Festival is on August 13, 2022. The Festival will feature art, music, information, and food.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.