

# Highland Neighborhood Association January 2023 Meeting

Date: 1/12/23

Present:

Board Members:

Heather Ames, Acting Secretary

Vanessa Hemenway, Safety Chair

Leigh Gaynair, Co/Vice Chair, Enrichment Chair

Guest/Association Members:

Ryan Erickson-Kulas

Aaron Reber

Lisa Marks

Virginia Stapleton Ward 1 Councilor

Brandon Gould, Salem PD

- Motion to accept December minutes: Leigh Gaynair
  - 2nd: Vanessa Hemenway
  - Motion Passes
- Motion to appoint Ryan Erickson-Kulas to the position of Secretary: Heather Ames
  - 2nd: Leigh Gaynair
  - Motion Passes
- Motion to reimburse Leigh Gaynair for holiday lights prize for \$50 Paddington's Pizza North gift certificates: Heather Ames
  - 2nd: Vanessa Hemenway
  - Motion Passes
- Board discussed the 3 goals previously identified for 2023: engagement, enrichment, and safety
- Discussion of ideal time for board meetings moving forward.
  - Motion to shift meetings to 6:30 pm: Ryan Erickson-Kulas
  - 2nd: Leigh Gaynair
  - Motion passes
- Committee Chair presentations added to February 2023 meeting agenda.
- Discussion of new HNA Logo
  - Tim Myles submitted 4 preliminary designs for review and feedback
    - Board prefers graphic components such as a tree, house, etc. as opposed to just font.
  - Ryan Erickson-Kulas mentioned his wife may be able to assist and he will ask her.
  - Vote on a new logo added to the agenda for February 2023 meeting
- Discussion of potential and budget for newsletter
  - Budget is \$500
- Discussion of development of engagement flier

- Leigh Gaynair has spoken with a family on Cottage that runs a printing business who says they could give us a discount
  - Board identified having a QR code on flier as priority
- Discussion of goal to create HNA Instagram account to increase engagement
- Discussion of beautification of alley's
- Police Report
  - Update on Homeless Services Team ([see attached document](#))
  - IT is using GIS to track camp locations and the people in those camps to get services
  - Department utilizing ICAP Model (Intelligence Communications and Planning)
    - tracking stats (areas and type of crimes)
    - Focus of safety and gun violence
    - Police presence in those areas even if they aren't on duty (i.e. filling out reports)
    - Department is tracking shots fired.
    - Stats show a noticeable improvement
  - Body worn camera program training is occurring through the middle of Feb and then the program will roll out
  - Cars will also have cameras too (40-50)
  - Police legitimacy and community trust building online portal is moving forward.
    - Community can access policies online.
- City Councilor Report
  - Mayor was invited to the White House around housing issues
  - Navigation Center will have 50 low barrier beds and case management
  - Update around Safe Park program
  - Micro shelters
    - Center Street- open and going well
    - Turner Road- coming for youth soon
  - Year in Review Highlights -bond passage, Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway renaming, street art, climate action work, ozone treatment plant, housing as a protected class, downtown demolitions, ironman competition, kids ride free on buses
  - Looking Forward to 2023 and beyond- return to in person meetings, commercial air service vote to move forward, Sen Wyden touring the airport, bond implementation, new deputy city manager and public works director will be hired, 2-3 year process of transportation plan and following that will be parks, mayor wants to look at charter for payment or stipend for the first time since the 70s; Vision 0 initiative will be launched (we had 17 people die this year on our roads); housing presentations to neighborhood associations from Housing Authority in the coming months;
- Motion to adjourn: Leigh Gaynair
  - 2nd: Vanessa Hemenway
  - Motion passes



Neighborhood Association Talking  
Points January, 2022

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### Salem Police Department Programming Update

On Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, Chief Womack presented an update to city council on several SPD programs that are directly tied to his strategic plan. Over the next few months, we will share that information with neighborhood associations through association monthly meetings. You are welcome to watch the presentation on video through the [City's YouTube video channel](#).

#### Homeless Services Team (HST):

We have spoken at Neighborhood Associations before about this team. Now is our opportunity to highlight the successes of this new program.


In 2022, Salem Police Department was authorized by city council to add two police officer positions to staff a team to work directly with the unsheltered community. The purpose of the team is not enforcement driven but built on the idea of relationship-building. Building a relationship with service providers and the unsheltered community through regular communication increases the chance of individuals connecting with available services.

The team works 40-hours a week in every part of the city. The bulk of their work includes identifying locations of unmanaged camps, responding to online complaints of camping on private and city owned property, regularly visiting areas prone to complaints such as Cascades Gateway Park (and other large, urban parks) and ensuring areas around the managed micro-shelter communities remain clean. HST coordinates their efforts and works closely with the S.OS. team to avoid duplication and increase their effectiveness in covering all areas of the city.

In addition to assisting with the cleaning of unmanaged camping and acting as a bridge to services, the officers also focus their efforts on the safety of both unmanaged and managed camping locations. Frequent visits to those locations can often lead to greater trust, which in turn helps identify individuals who are victimizing residents.

The two officers began their assignment in 2022. They are senior officers with extensive experience and training in all areas of law enforcement, including crisis communication and intervention, de-escalation, problem-solving, and trauma-informed practices.

For service providers, open communication and a greater sense of partnership allows for open and honest dialogue and a greater coordinated effort to provide resources for the unhoused. Monthly service provider meetings between the police, HST and SOS team members, and outreach staff creates the space for that communication and provides an opportunity for both entities to share information related to program updates, discuss program needs, and share ideas on how we can better partner to serve the needs of the unsheltered.



During the past 6 months, there have been many success stories related to the work done by H.S.T., S.O.S, and all the local service providers. These stories include assisting individuals with obtaining food, gas for vehicles, clean clothes, or drug/alcohol treatment appointments. For others, it was identifying barriers to services and addressing them, such as attending court to remove warrants or connecting individuals on wait lists with the appropriate service providers, so they did not lose the service they were waiting for. There have been several individuals who were able to successfully transition out of unmanaged camps and into drug/alcohol treatment, managed camping pod or other transitional living space, or into a shelter due to the persistence of the HST officers.

The below table contains statistics gathered by HST officers during their first 5 months. It should be noted that the number of camps and individuals contacted represents either contact made at a new camp or with a new individual or are repeated contacts. Many camps and individuals are contacted numerous times by HST, at either the same location or as the individual moves around to new locations.

Referrals are tracked based on connecting an individual with a resource. Not every individual contacted is willing to accept a referral or there are no services available for the need of a particular individual. For this reason, there is a difference between the number of individuals contacted and the number of referrals provided.

In addition to tracking statistics to document the work, the HST team is working with other police department and city IT employees on an app using GIS to help identify camp locations, individuals in the camp who would benefit from referrals to services, and any other important information that would need to be documented.

	<u>Camps Contacted</u>	<u>Individuals Contacted</u>	<u>Referrals provided</u>
<b>June</b>	181	258	68
<b>July</b>	160	238	69
<b>August</b>	193	326	49
<b>September</b>	182	285	38
<b>October</b>	317	300	42