



WSNA Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2023

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting was called to order by chair at 6:01 PM

Reading of Equity Statement > Sara

AGENDA

- Any additions to agenda from the body
 - WEB Page Update
 - Goal Update
- Motion was made to accept the agenda by E.M and seconded by Maureen motion passed.

Minutes Approval

- No additions, deletions, or changes to the minutes
- Motion was made to approve the November minutes by E.M and seconded by Maureen motion passed

New Business

- The executive board created a code of conduct which was read to the membership by Sara.
- SGT. Kofoid provide updates on the following:
 - Homeless counts at the current parks
 - 2 officers are assigned to public works to help with the homeless when contacted
 - There was a fatality in downtown Salem pedestrian was hit by an auto.
 - The recent attack at Minto Brown was a emotional disturbed person
 - If you would like the specific number at the camps of the homeless, please check the Police Web Page
- Councilor Stapleton and Varney provided some information on the following:

- In person council meeting were beginning on Monday the 9th of January
- Decision on the airport will be made at the council meeting on Monday.
- Navigation center scheduled to open spring of 2023.
- There is a new customer service center at city hall.
- First budget meeting of the year is schedule for Wednesday issue/concern right size our budget or reduce our expectations.
- Mayor is currently going through the boards and commission and working with council to determine if all are required
- Council is having a retreat this Saturday.
- Judge has signed off on the bond.
- Council is reviewing council policy priorities for 2023.
- Discussing survey results (top %)
 - Homeless 57%
 - Crime 16%
- Discussions around more affordable housing
- Morgan Neil (Outreach Coordinator / Polk County Soil & Water)
 - Provide some date on upcoming events.
 - January 27th > Local work group meeting
 - February 3&4> Native tree and shrub sale
 - March 4th> Friends of Tree planting
- Tory provided an update on the West Salem Urban Renewal Area
- Jim Schepcke
 - Discussed the history of the West Salem Library and would like to see the hours increase. He provide a handout on the chronological of things that took place at the library
- Kim Carroll
 - Provide some insight on current activities.
 - Need to address security at library need to ensue that staff feels safe at the library
 - Need to increase staff which means increase in budget.
 - Need to look for more uses for the library.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM
- Special Note for people in attendance at the February meeting
 - Handouts from January meeting are not attached if you were not in attendance and would like a copy of the handout emailed to you please send an email to Michael Freitas and reference which attachment you would like or visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/WestSalemNA>
 - Email address>michaelfreitas9459@att.net
 - Handouts
 - Polk County Upcoming Events
 - West Salem Urban Renewal Area
 - West Salem Library Chronological Events

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Soil & Water Conservation District

Upcoming Events

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JAN

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Polk County - Local Work Group meeting Chemeketa Eola NW Wine Studies Center

NRCS and Polk SWCD are asking for input about local resource concerns in Polk County. Local Work Group Meetings are a valuable part of our planning process, providing an opportunity for local land managers and colleagues to be part of the collaborative effort to improve natural resources within our County. The feedback you provide in this process will help all of us work towards a stronger, healthier more economically viable community and agricultural industry.

3/4
FEB

3RD - 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
4TH - 9:00AM - 12:30PM

Native Trees & Shrubs Sale 560 Oak Grove Rd, Salem 97304

Over 30 varieties of trees and shrubs available for pre-order on our website. At least 3 of every species has been set aside for purchase the day of. Volunteers are still needed to help with set up, preparing orders, customer pick up and tear down. Volunteers get a 25% discount.

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MARCH

8:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Friends of Trees Planting Orchard Heights Park

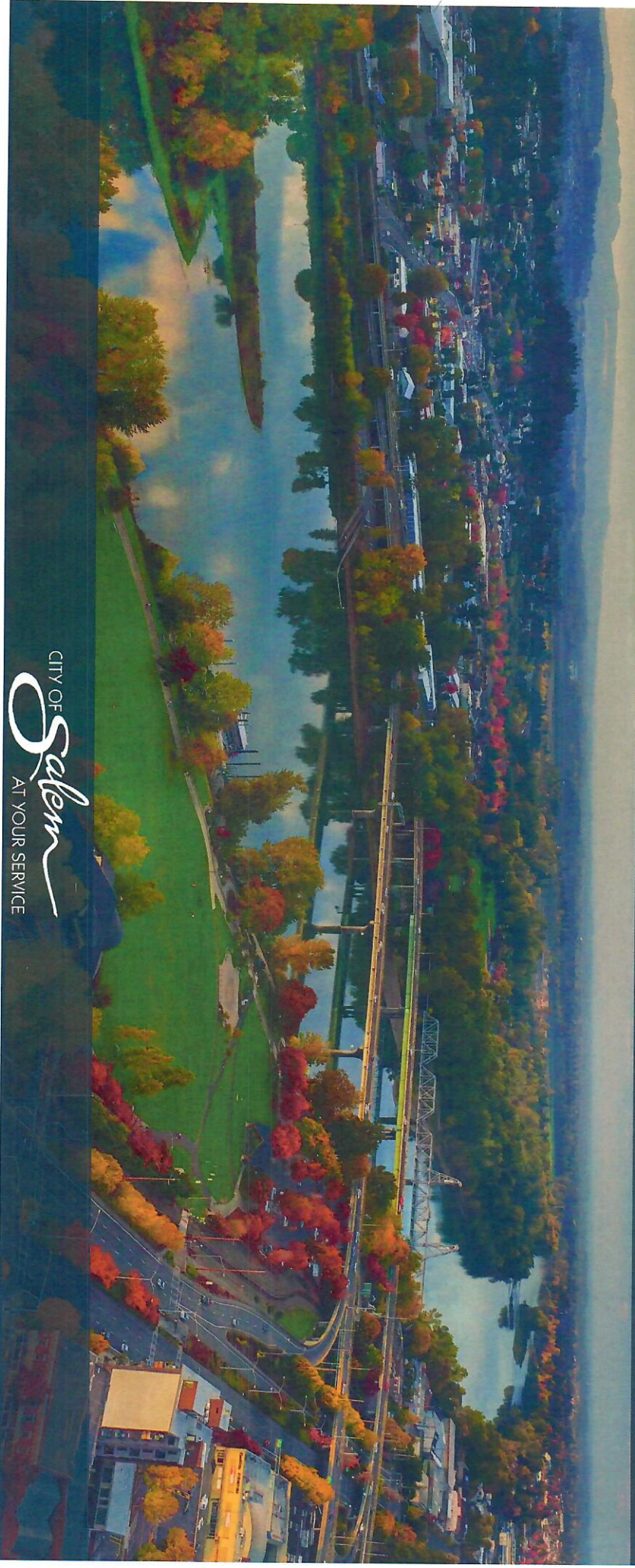
Your help is needed to plant hundreds of native trees and shrubs at Orchard Heights Park in West Salem! You will plant smaller-sized native trees and shrubs, which are often easier for youth (*age 6 and older recommended) to plant on their own. Your support will make a big impact at this popular community park.

PolkSWCD.com

Director, Zone 2 (West Salem) - Lindsay McClary

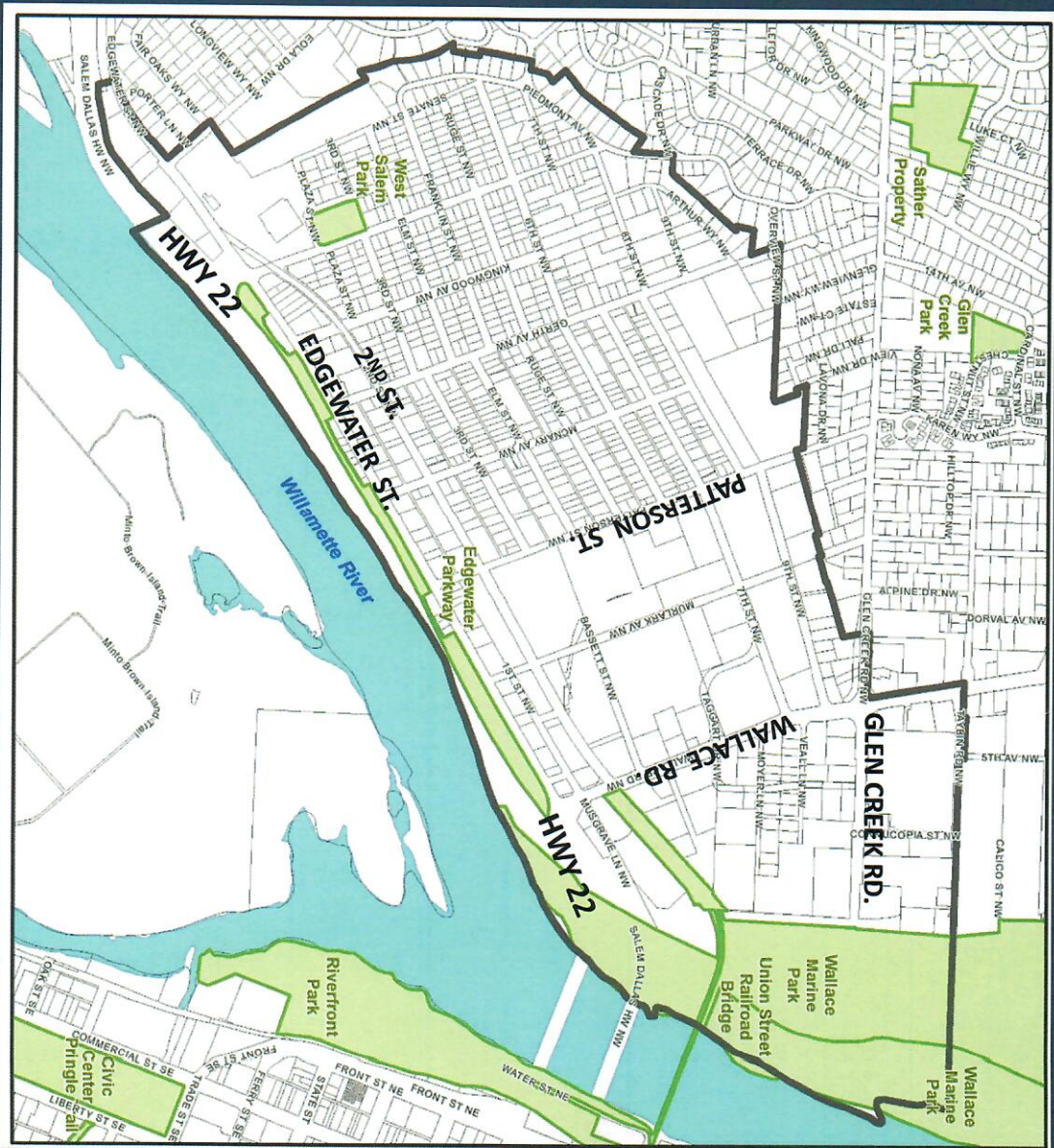
West Salem Urban Renewal Area

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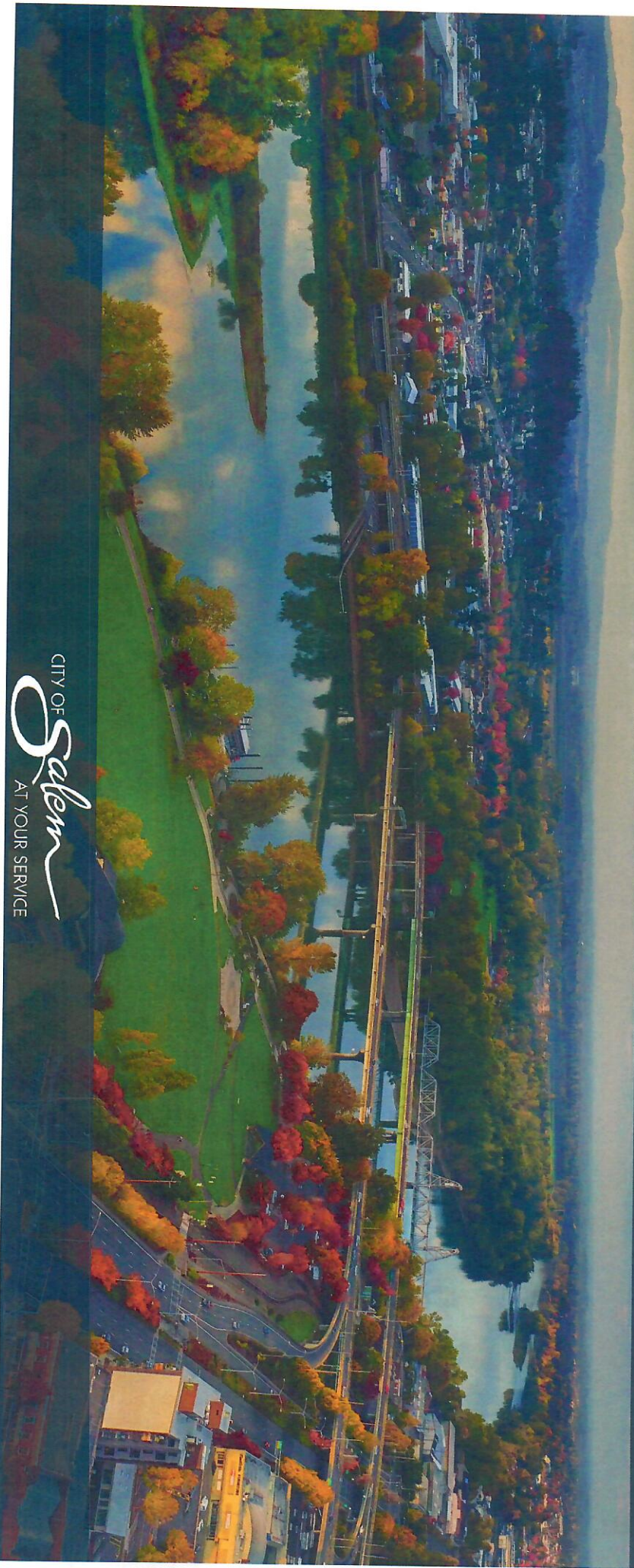
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Thank you

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West Salem Branch Library: A Brief Chronology

- September, 1955* *The West Salem Parent-Teacher Association makes a proposal to the Salem City Council to establish a branch library in the old West Salem City Hall on Edgewater.*
- May, 1956* *Salem voters approve local option levy that includes \$30,000 to fund a West Salem Branch Library.*
- October, 1957* *West Salem Branch Library opens for the first time. The library is open six days a week, a total of 27 hours, including until 9 pm on Mondays.*
- 1960 West Salem's population is 3,897
- August, 1965* *"Story hour" programs for pre-school and older children begin with volunteer readers.*
- October, 1966* *The library hours are now 24 per week — 2 pm to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday.*
- July, 1973* *Library hours are expanded to 44 hours a week, Monday through Saturday, including two evenings until 9 am.*
- June, 1976* *Failure of a local option levy threatens library with closure. Instead hours are reduced to five days a week from 12:30 pm to 5 pm, a total of 22 ½ per week.*
- 1978 West Salem's population is 9,930
- June, 1984* *Closure of the library is avoided with passage of a local option levy for library, police and parks.*
- April, 1987* *Library moves to a 5,400 sq. ft. leased space in the Oak Hills Shopping Center on Edgewater. The library is open Tuesday – Saturday, a total of 28 ½ hours, including to 8 pm two evenings.*
- January, 1991* *Passage of property tax reduction (Ballot Measure 5) again threatens the library with closure.*
- May, 1991* *Closure of the library is avoided by approval of a plan to move the library from leased space into Walker Middle School.*
- January, 1994* *City Council approves plan to move the library out of Walker Middle School where library use had declined 25 to 30 percent.*
- February, 1994* *Orville Roth offers new site for the library.*
- September, 1994* *Fundraising underway to build new 6,000 sq. ft. branch at a cost of \$580,000.*

September, 1995 *New West Salem Branch Library opens. Library is open 40 hours per week — six days a week including three evenings until 8 pm.*

February, 1996 *Willamette Valley floodwaters come within three feet of inundating the new library.*

2000 West Salem's population is 17,995

May, 2012 *Library is open 31 hours per week. The City proposes to cut hours to six per week.*

July 2012 *Library open 16 hours per week.*

July 2016 *Library open 31 hours per week.*

November 2017 *Library open 31 hours per week.*

September 2020 *Library closed.*

2021 West Salem's population is 30,212.

December 2021 *Library closed.*

May 2022 *Library open two days a week, 8 hours. No evening hours or children's programming.*

December 2022 *Library open four days a week, 19 hours. No evening hours or children's programming.*

Branch Library Hours in Comparable Oregon Cities in 2022

Bend (pop. 99,178)

East Bend Branch: Mon-Sat, 9 to 6, except 10 to 6 on Friday. Total = 53 hours.

Beaverton (pop. 97,494)

Murray Scholls Branch: Mon-Weds, 10 to 7; Thurs-Sun, 10 to 6. Total = 59 hours.

Eugene (pop. 176,654)

Bethell Branch: Mon-Sat 10 to 6, except 10 to 8 on Tues. Total = 50 hours.

Sheldon Branch: Same as Bethell. Total = 50 hours.

Hillsboro (pop. 111,909)

Shute Park Branch: Mon-Sun, 10 to 6. Total = 56 hours.

Brookwood Branch: Mon-Thurs, 10 to 8; Sat, Sun, Fri, 10 to 6. Total = 64 hours.