



Minutes of the Meeting  
Of  
Thursday, March 16th, 2023, via Zoom only

Executive Board Members Present: Bayard Mentrum, Chair; Jess Cruz, Community Liaison Chair; Shirley Robertson, Treasurer; Kaethe Mentrum, Secretary/Park Chair).

General Board Members present: Bill Berry, Pedro Mayoral, Michael Hoselton, Becca Strieper, Randy Ray.

Absent with excuse: Don Jensen Land Use Chair; Phyllis Abbott-Cavota, Vice Chair; Joanne Barnhart, Board Member.

Members: Diane and Terry Crawford, Mindy and Skip Padrick, Jay and Beckie Hemmingway, Uzul Vasquez Flores, John Marshall and Kimberly Castro.

Police Officers: Lt. Matthew Gill and Sgt. Jacob Pratt.

Code and Compliance: Chris Russell.

Guest Speakers: Rob Romanek Senior Park Planner; Julie Warncke, City Traffic Planner on new Parking Reform Changes and Eunice Kim, City Long Range Planning Manager.

City Liaison: Irma Coleman.

The meeting started about 6:05 p.m. by zoom.

Bayard asked each to introduce themselves.

The first to speak was Lt. Gill who showed slides of crime information in this area. He showed we can see what is happening crime-wise on our own using Lexus-Nexus. He said there is a lot going on in Northgate with shooting, but he could not talk about it too much. Bayard asked him with so many encampments on each side of the freeway on Silverton Road, and although that is ODOT property, does Salem Police interface with them? To that, Lt. Gill answered they are working on it and getting more collaboration made with them. They were doing a lot of patrols and watching the residential area in the north side of Silverton Road for the last two months. There were neighbors asking Lt. Gill questions about possible parking violations. Then he referred them to Chris Russell.

In the meantime, Lt. Pratt was waiting for his turn, however, he was not around by the time Lt. Gill was finished. We assumed he must have received another call for duty and left.

Chris Russell from Codes and Compliance started to answer questions by the neighbors. He was very familiar with their street issues. Chris said people can use on street parking spaces legally, but not six or eight vehicles being parked at the same time. Then the neighbors talked about the intersection going towards Crock Center being a dangerous intersection. We asked for a map and pictures. Chris said he will check out the area parking violations. Our board member, Michael said he will go to investigate. He suggested writing a letter to Crock Center and Kaethe asked him if he would compose the letter to which he said he will. It will be from the association. Then the discussion went back to parking. They talked about motor homes parked on the streets. Chris Russell said they don't push to remove them quickly as there are no place to take them. Bayard asked John Marshall of Church @The Park about safe parking during the day at the old DMV and then later Bayard asked John to verify if there were safe evening parking at churches and John responded there were some. Chris listened.

Rob Romanek was next. He talked about all the upcoming improvements to parks without any guarantees. Yoshikai-Stephens park was scheduled to be improved this spring and next would be Fisher Road Park. Then he talked about the entry signs and showed slides of the original one and explained about it having subjects not unique to Salem but too generic to Oregon. ODOT wanted subjects that were specific to Salem. So, the motto, "She flies with her own wings," fir trees, hazel nut, salmon were removed. Only the birds, Oregon grape and cherry blossom branch were left to accommodate ODOT. ODOT approved the design and now engineering is working on it to be approved by ODOT's engineering department. Once it is approved, they can move forward and the order will go to the artistic welder. He hopes if all goes well, the sign will be finished and replace the old dilapidated one by the end of the year.

Julie Warnocke and Eunice Kim joined together to talk about City Parking Reform Changes and Traffic Planning. Julie showed slides of what their program is. Basically to delete on site parking. Apparently, the streetcar matter is not even in process yet. They are going to study it only, so it is premature. There were some discussions about eliminating parking and Julie gave pros while members of NGNA gave the cons. Bayard said with the state asking for more housing, which creates more density, and if you take away parking spaces, where will working people park? Julie said neighborhoods will have their chance to voice their opinions.

Kaethe Mentrum talked about being able to get the SPIF grant from City Parks for the large size soccer goals for Fisher Road Park.

Bayard asked the people for neighborhood concerns. Becca had one about a prowler who came to the door and who was caught on camera to which Kaethe asked her to send the photo to her so she could forward it to the others. Then Kaethe talked about the Neighborhood Watch program and the same group of new members talked again about parking issues and the Crock Center corner intersection issues. They agreed to send a map and pictures of what they are talking about to the secretary.

Irma came in a little late from another meeting and Kaethe told her about the missing "We Belong" signs which were placed at Northgate Park. Irma said the dog's sign was almost all gone as it was the most popular one that everyone wanted for their wards.

Bayard called for the meeting to adjourn. Kaethe made a motion to start the vote. Becca and Bill seconded it and all said aye. The meeting adjourned around 7:20 p.m.

Note, on-line voting:

- On 3/17/2023- Bayard called for a vote to write to Code Compliance and Kaethe made a motion to vote. This was seconded and voted by Michael, Becca, Shirley, Jess, Bill and Kaethe. We wrote an email to Code Compliance to investigate the streets with many vehicles using residential parking spaces by commercial contractors. The residents had to drive through vehicles parked on both sides of the street or no space for guests to park because the spaces were occupied by these contractors.
- On 3/30/23 - After Bayard called for a vote on 3/26/23, Kaethe made a motion to vote. This was seconded and voted by Randy. Votes stopped at 3/30/23. We got 6 votes for those who wanted on-line voting only and to meet sometimes in person, and 4 for both on line and in person. Those who voted for zoom only were: Randy, Bill, Joanne, Becca, Don and Kaethe. Those who voted for in-person/zoom were: Michael, Phyllis, Shirley and Jess. However, due to a closeness of 6-4 votes and to please those who wish to meet in person, a plan has been added where we 1) depending on the agenda and 2) will meet in person informally starting April through July.

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