



## **MEETING MINUTES**

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Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.  
North Neighbors Resource Center  
945 Columbia St NE, Salem

Present:

Board Members:

Heather Ames, Heritage Committee Chair  
Leigh Gaynair, Co-Chair, Enrichment Chair  
Merideth Patterson, Co-Chair  
Ryan Erickson-Kulas, Secretary  
Holly Schiefelbein, Outreach Chair  
Andrea Madison, Enrichment Committee Member  
Emily Palmer, Treasurer

Guest/Association Members:

Sharon Roberts  
Cheryl Morrison  
Lisa Marks  
Caroline Brown  
Tristan Bliss  
Tim Patterson  
Jim Stuller  
Katherine Fisher  
Kate Clark  
Chuck Balicouis  
Virginia Stapleton Ward 1 Councilor

1. Introduction/Approval of Minutes
  - a. **Motion:** Heather Ames
  - b. **2nd:** Andrea Madison
  - c. **Vote:** 11 in favor and 1 opposed
  - d. **Motion Passes**
2. Reports/Updates
  - a. Salem Police Officer- Not present
  - b. City Councilor(s)
    - Light poles on fairgrounds will be painted for \$75,000. 50 will be done. Paid for via urban renewal district
    - Highland park courts getting redone via the bond
      - Discussion of pickleball court
    - Holly Schiefelbein shared a crosswalk across Broadway to get across the to Highland Park would be nice to have a light



- Low income housing behind the Fred Meyers opening
- August 1 goal to have commercial flights out of Salem airport
- c. Highland Community Garden
  - Head of garden stepped down
- 3. Highland NA Board/Committee Chairs Annual Reports
  - a. General Board Updates
    - Discussion of Engagement, Enrichment, and Safety
    - Discussion of mass email to HNA residents
  - b. Enrichment Committee Chair (Leigh Gaynair)- Annual Report
    - Grant from Salem Parks Foundation for equipment to Highland Park; installed late summer/early fall
    - Neighborhood Yard Sale Day- Saturday June 3rd. Everyone is encouraged to host garage sales.
    - Neighborhood art project is in the brainstorming phase
  - c. Outreach Committee Chair (Holly Schiefelbein) - Annual Report
    - Instagram exists
    - New logo
    - Signs created
  - d. Heritage Committee Chair (Heather Ames) -Annual Report
    - Volunteer photographer has shared images for Heritage brochure and is working with Heather to complete project
    - Ten new sign toppers added this year and we have been a heritage neighborhood for a year
    - Looking for grant writer to assist with Herbert Hoover house plaque
    - Discussion of best practice to talk to homeowner regarding Hoover plaque and photos of houses for neighborhood brochures
    - **Motion to get resident/owner consent for use of images of their homes:** Ryan Erickson-Kulas
    - **2nd:** Holly Schiefelbein
    - **Passes unanimously**
  - e. Safety Committee Chair (Vanessa Hemmenway) - Annual Report
    - Created a safety survey
    - Safety Survey is in progress
    - Motion Light give away
    - Vanessa would like to step down from Safety Committee but willing to see if she can hand off to someone
  - f. National Night Out Committee Chair (Andrea Madison)- Annual Report
    - August 1st is event date
    - Permit Approved for River Road Park
    - Can we monetize with sponsors?
      - We will be doing outreach
      - offer logo spot on event materials
    - Fundraiser for Salem Police Dof Equipment
      - Andrea will be looking into needs for this and what the dollars



would be used for

- Request Demonstration of Police Dogs, Fire Department, Police Equipment, etc at the event
- g. Treasurer Report (Emily Palmer) - Annual Report
  - Resigning as they are in the middle of bar prep
- 4. Discussion of HNA Zoom Account
  - a. **Motion to Keep Zoom:** Holly Scheifelbein
  - b. **2nd:** Andrea Madison
  - c. **Unanimously approved**
- 5. Discussion of Businesses in the Highland Neighborhood
- 6. Neighborhood Concerns
  - a. Community Garden Discussion
    - Resident on May 1 kicked out of garden
    - That same resident on April 28th was in the garden and police were called
    - Shared they had a positive interaction with police
  - b. Discussion of trying to get better relations with fire and police
    - Discussion of website to report items to those departments
  - c. Salem Sandwich Squad- Ryan Erickson-Kulas
    - This is our second year of providing delicious meals to our neighbors through Sandwich Squad on Saturdays at Marion Square Park (Commercial side).
    - We set up in the park just prior to 3pm - servers are hopefully there to help and then the first sandwich maker arrives with their deliciousness for our neighbors at 3pm. The dishes arrive every 15 minutes after that, with the last one at 4:45pm.
    - We offer sandwiches and hearty salads that volunteers sign up to provide. A food handler's card is required to make food for Sandwich Squad and also to volunteer to serve but if you don't have a food handler's card, you can still sign up for a server position and you can help with the table that offers period packs, hot weather aid and harm reduction.
    - Holly Schiefelbein and Ryan Erickson-Kulas are the point people for Sandwich Squad at Marion Square Park on Saturdays.
    - You can follow our Instagram page, [@salemsandwichsquad](#) for more information
- 7. Land Use
  - a. Cannery update/discussion
    - Developer is from the area
    - Not a done deal yet
    - City weighing how they help them achieve their goals including waive STC charges, tax abatement, incentives, etc.
    - Shovels in the ground next year is the developers goal
    - Discussion of how to engage in local small businesses
  - b. Chairs expressed bandwidth issues with the amount projects
    - Encourage people to review land use weekly
    - Onus is on residents to stay informed



- If site requirements are met NA has very little say
- If you are in the area you will get a notice in the mail
- c. Discussion of Corner Store
  - Empty for 5 years
- 8. Executive Committee and Officer Elections
  - a. Seeking nominations for June meeting due to lack of interest at today's meeting
- 9. **Motion to adjourn:** Ryan Erickson-Kulas
  - a. **2nd:** Leigh Gaynair
  - b. **Unanimously approved**

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