



MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 12, at 6:30 p.m. North
Neighbors Resource Center 945
Columbia St NE, Salem

Present:

Executive Committee Members

Leigh Gaynair, Co-Chair, Enrichment Chair
Ryan Erickson-Kulas, Secretary & Treasurer
Heather Ames, Member At Large

Guest/Association Members

Rick Kokel
Anna Carney
Tim Patterson
Tracy White
Sarah Vick
Ana Brown
Jim Stuller
Brandon Gould- Salem PD

MINUTES

1. Introduction/Approval of Minutes
 - a. **Motion:** Ryan Erickson-Kulas
 - b. **2nd:** Heather Ames
 - c. **Vote:** Unanimously Passes
2. Reports/Updates
 - a. Salem Police Officer - 5 minutes
 - Halloween dress rehearsal on 10/28 from 3 to 5 pm with a focus on pedestrian safety;
 - Overview of Community Action Unit
 - Discussion of what to do if a car is doing donuts on the streets
 - Fires can be reported to police via non-emergency number
 - b. City Councilor(s) - 5 minutes
 - Not present
3. Highland NA Board/Committee Chairs Updates
 - a. Board Chair Discussion
 - Meredith Patterson has resigned as board chair
 - b. Quarterly Chair Meeting Recap
 - **Goal 5 Riparian Inventory.** Jeff Johnson, Natural Resources Planner, provided an overview of the Goal 5 Riparian Corridor mapping work is underway. Goal 5 is one of 19 planning goals adopted in 1973 that focuses on cultural, natural, and scenic resources. Riparian corridors have benefits to include reducing pollution and erosion, control flooding and have a value to the neighborhood. Work is underway to map these resources including the 7 to 8 miles of streams containing fish, and another 32 miles of streams affect the fish-bearing streams. This information is translated into a land use



map that would establish a buffer zone to protect riparian resources, both fish bearing and non-fish bearing streams. Jeff is available to speak at your Neighborhood Association.

- **Human trafficking.** Detective Brian Bidiman, with Salem Police Department and works with the FBI and Claire Vogelsang from Safety Compass spoke about human trafficking in Salem. For Marion County, Safety Compass has come into contact with 370 individuals since October 2018. About 60% between ages of 14 to 17, then 18-25 years of age. Often, these youth are approached through social media, or may be associated with street gangs, or are vulnerable youth who may be regular runaways. Primarily female, the average age is 13-15 to be recruited. Two fliers were distributed: myth v. fact; Safety Compass flier. Safety Compass functions as a confidential advocate connecting directly to the individual.
 - **Public Works,** New building is complete – grand opening October 3rd from 1 to 3 pm at 1457 23rd Street SE
 - **Airport first commercial flight since 2008,** Thursday October 5th to and from Hollywood and Burbank
 - Fall leaves plug up catch basins – if you feel like helping us out, become a catch basin ranger with your rake. Fall Leaf Haul coming up in November and December.
 - Library,
 - New resource – transparent languages, 110 self-directed language learning tablet or phone
 - Calendars in English and Spanish are available
 - World Singing Day Salem- October 21, 2023 from 2:00-3:00pm at Gerry Frank Amphitheater
 - Transgender Day of Remembrance- The Salem Human Rights Commission LGBTQIA+ Intersectional Rights Task Force and members of the Salem community will join together Sunday, November 20, 2022, live from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Salem Public Library's Louck's Auditorium, and stream on YouTube to remember those killed in the past year due to anti-transgender violence.
- c. Outstanding Neighbor Award
- Highland NA was nominated for a “Outstanding Neighbor Award” which honors a neighbor or neighborhood group that has set an example or performed a project to benefit a specific neighborhood or area. We were selected to receive the award at the upcoming 2023 City of Salem Volunteer Recognition Event on October 16th. The event begins at 5:00pm with a reception at the Salem Library and then the award ceremony begins at 6:00pm at Louck’s Auditorium.
 - Ryan Erickson-Kulas attending and open invites to others who have participated in HNA recently.
 - Photos were submitted for event
- d. Halloween Decoration Contest
- Nominations open
 - Monday October 16, 2023- Nominations Close at Midnight
 - Tuesday October 17, 2023- Voting Begins
 - Wednesday October 25, 2023 - Voting Closes
 - Thursday October 26, 2023 - Winners Selected and Announced
 - 4 nominations to date
- e. Bike Drive at the Jane Goodall School
- Goal to secure 10 bikes from HNA



- Hailey Umer has volunteered to donate a bike. Ryan Erickson-Kulas working to secure.
 - f. Highland Cleanup Crew September Recap and October Outing
 - 5 people joined September and October outing will be 10/28 weather dependant
 - Feedback
 - Next year consider every other weekend for 1 hour as opposed to monthly 2 hours a month
 - Other areas have a captain and you submit results to that captain allowing you do clean up on your own time
 - Opportunity identified to build committee to further build out the Crew
 - g. HNA & Center 50+ Holiday Event- No updates
 - h. Mural Refresh- No updates
 - i. 10/26 Bylaws and Roles Working Session
 - pushed to November
 - j. General Board Updates
 - Powerpoint of 40 homes for heritage brochure and array next month
4. Neighborhood Concerns
- a. Salem Soup Squad- Ryan Erickson-Kulas
 - This is our second year of providing delicious meals to our neighbors through Sandwich Soup 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 soups and other warm meals that volunteers sign up to provide. A food handler's card is required to make food for Soup 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 Soup at Marion Square Park on Saturdays.
 - You can follow our Instagram page, @salemsoupsquad for more information
 - b. Payroll Tax Town Hall Discussion
 - c. Community Garden Discussion
5. Land Use- No Items
6. Motion to adjourn
- a. **Motion:** Ryan Erickson-Kulas
 - b. **Second:** Heather Ames
 - c. **Vote:** Passes unanimously

*Next monthly meeting: November 9, 2023

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