



NEN General Meeting Minutes
10/10/23

Call to order: 6:30PM via Zoom

Board attendance: Lynn Takata, Ken Houghton, Cindy Kimball, Joan Lloyd, Leslie Polson, Nick Cantonwine, Delana Beaton, Jenna Otto, Ken Simila, Jacqueline Schindele, Lalainya Kruger

Guest speakers:

Linda Nishioka, Salem City councilor Ward 2
Sargent Dowd, Salem Police Department
Tim Lawler, Green Light Development

Total in attendance: 25

Announcements:

1. Roger Hull passed away. Roger was a previous NEN board member and professor at Willamette U.
2. Oregon Operation Safety: a program to promote safety around the railroad tracks in Salem.
 - 12th street & Center is a very dangerous location; high school kids play “chicken” with the train.
 - A safety and precaution sign/billboard is expected to be placed in the area near 12th and Center.
 - Always expect a train.
3. Englewood Park Annual Planting, Friday November 10th from 9-noon.

Action:

Jacqueline Schindele moved to approve the September minutes with the spelling correction of her last name. Ken similia seconded the motion. September minutes unanimously approved.

Sargent Dowd’s report:

1. Salem PD Traffic Control Unit will place an electronic traffic speed sign with trailer on Market Street between Capitol and Park streets. It will record only the speed, date and time of motorists, not their license plates.
2. The police department’s Community Action Unit is currently focusing their attention on Market and Lancaster streets and Fisher and Devonshire streets due to violent criminal activity in these areas.
3. The City of Salem has a website for residents to help propose traffic and pedestrian safety measures. You can suggest locations that may need a neighborhood traffic calming measure or an improved pedestrian crossing. Each submission is reviewed by staff based on safety criteria. Once funds are identified, the projects will be selected for construction.

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/transportation-getting-around/safer-streets>

4. House located at 1296 16th street, (corner of 16th and Market streets) is uninhabitable. Code Enforcement is working with the daughter to try to abate some of the issues: remove the nuisance vehicles, boat, RV, etc

Councilor Nishioka's report:

1. Payroll tax is not expected to pass so the council is conducting work sessions to decide on possible cuts to the city's budget. There isn't any new revenue expected in this coming year. They do not expect any cuts to Meals on Wheels or Center 50+ because of the large number of volunteers that work for both.
2. Jimmy Jones is looking for more funding for the Navigation Center. Should the payroll tax fail, wrap around services will most likely end in June unless other funding is secured.
3. Avelo Airlines had a successful first flight from Salem airport to Las Vegas. However, on the return flight there was a delay of 8 hours, due to some onboard bathroom plumbing problems.
4. Joe Hutchinson is the new Salem Emergency manager. There are plans to restart the CERT training program. Reach out to Joe Hutchinson if you are interested in the training or being recertified: jhutchinson@cityofsalem.net

Green Light Development:

Tim Lawler gave an update on the affordable housing project planned for the property located at 891 23rd Street NE, between D and Center streets, NE. This is a 10.6-acre parcel. The state has invested \$17.8 million into this project. "Affordability" will last for 60 years. A traffic impact study has not been done. Ground level units are ADA.

Phase 1:

120 (1-4 bedroom) units

Construction to begin in the summer of 2024 and be completed by Fall of 2025

Earth Advantage Gold Certification (energy, insulation, solar)

Property manager and maintenance person onsite full time

Traffic will flow in and out from 23rd Street, not from Center or D streets.

Sidewalks will be installed on the west side of 23rd street.

216 parking spaces (1.7 spaces/unit), secured bike parking and storage.

Native vegetation around grounds

Phase 2:

60 more units will be added later.

Separate plans to add a childcare unit at a later, undetermined date.

Announcements:

Lynn mentioned that NEN can apply for a SPIF grant (Salem Parks Improvement Fund). If you have any suggestions for how the money could be used, please email her. Nick and Joan are interested in a soccer goal at McRae Park and Lynn would like to create a camas meadow and install another dog mitt station in Englewood Park.

The November 14th NEN meeting will be via zoom, unless a hybrid alternative is figured out before then.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kimball 10/25/23