



Minutes of the Meeting  
Of  
Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 via Zoom only

Executive Board Members Present: Bayard Mentrum, Chair; Phyllis Abbott-Cavota, Vice Chair; Jess Cruz, Community Liaison Chair; Shirley Robertson, Treasurer; Kaethe Mentrum, Secretary/Park Chair.

General Board Members present: Becca Strieper, Michael Hoselton, Joanne Barnhart, Randy Ray.

Absent with excuse: Don Jensen Land Use Chair; Bill Berry, Pedro Mayoral.

Speakers absent: Tim Bickell, Lowes Sales Manager; Police Officer Jacob Pratt

Members: Jayne Downing (Hope and Safety); Leatha Krehoff, Will and Leslie Bole, Richard Reed

Guest Speaker: Kevin Hottmann, Director of Traffic Engineer

The meeting began about 6:10 p.m. by zoom.

Bayard asked each to introduce themselves.

Officer Pratt: No Show

Tim Bickell, Store Manager of Lowes on Turner Road SE, said he will come but No Show

Cory Poole, Southeast Mill Creek Association (SEMCA), Invited through Secretary, No word, No Show

Kevin Hottmann, Traffic Engineer talked about the City's Safer Streets program. The following is the link to that program:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/government/shaping-salem-s-future/reports-studies/pedestrian-safety-study/safer-streets>

That program lets you input traffic calming or pedestrian safety improvement requests into the City's system. The City then scores those requests against all of the other requests. Based on the highest scoring locations, they will pick projects to do.

The request for streetlights on Northgate Avenue has been received and scored against other streetlight requests. The City calculates there will need to be 10 streetlights installed in Northgate. Of the 200+ requests for streetlights, Northgate Ave. is ranked 38th which is high. Because the electrical wiring to serve the streetlights is underground, it will be an expensive project.

Richard Reed on Bambi Ave. was on the phone as he did not do zoom. Discussion was made regarding traffic speeds on Hawthorne. He complained he could not turn left from Felina Ave towards Portland Road because of speeding drivers and heavy traffic especially during school hours or rush hours. Jess jumped in to say during normal day time hours the traffic was not too bad, but he can imagine how it must be during school or rush hours. There was talk about illegal fast drivers. Kevin said there were too many of them and some running the light. Bayard suggested the schools should train students so there will be more safe drivers in the future. Kevin Hottmann thought that was a good idea. There were suggestions made about adding stop signs or flashing lights. Kevin said he will look into it.

Bayard called for the meeting to adjourn, Kaethe made the motion for a vote, seconded by Phyllis and Shirley. All said aye and the meeting ended around 7:25 p.m.

**The next board meeting will be January 18th, 2024.**

Note, on-line voting which always starts with Bayard calling for a vote and Kaethe making a motion to start the vote.

- The Minutes of the October meeting has been voted in. This was seconded by Shirley, yes votes followed by Jess, Bill, Randy, Becca and Kaethe
- Cricket Club to go forward with the Letter of Intent at the Meeting of November 16<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Shirley and unanimously voted by the above mentioned board since we had a quorum.
- On November 19<sup>th</sup> Letter to Postmaster General as Becca and neighbors who lived on 31<sup>st</sup> Ave were not getting their mail delivered. Seconded and voted by Michael, Becca, Jess, Shirley, Bill, Phyllis and Kaethe.
- On November 25<sup>th</sup>, vote for taking December off for monthly meeting for the holidays was seconded by Shirley and voted too, followed by Bill, Randy, Jess, Don, Becca, and Kaethe.
- On November 27<sup>th</sup>, NGNA Logo trademark to be registered at State for \$50 was seconded and voted by Shirley, Becca, Pedro, Don, Joanne, Randy, Phyllis, Michael and Kaethe.