



WSNA General Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 1, 2024

Meeting Location: Roth's at 1130 Wallace Road NW, Salem OR 97304

Meeting Called to Order: 6:35PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM

Board Members Present: Chair–Mike Freitas, Vice-Chair– Sara Campos, , EM, Roberto Garcia, Pamela Garland, Maureen Zwicker, Nick Fortey, Steve Anderson

Residents Present: 32 (5 guest speakers)

AGENDA

Call meeting to order: Mike Freitas

Reading of Equity Statement: Sara Campos

Any additions to agenda from the body: No

Approval of agenda: Steven, Pamela All

Minutes

Any corrections or additions to minutes: No

Approval of minutes: Maureen, Patrica All

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Salem Police Department:** Sgt. Asey.

Provide an update on the rise of mailbox thefts in our area along with porch pirates. Sgt. Asey stated some ways to help prevent mailbox thefts:

- Pick up your mail daily.
- Don't leave mail overnight in your mailbox, ask a friend to pick it up or place mail on hold.

- Report all suspected mail theft to your Postal Inspector and file a police report

- **Councilor**

- o Ward 1: Councilor Stapleton not present

- o Ward 8: Councilor Varney

Provided updates on the transportation plan, the Minto Brown paving project, provided information on the turf program for Baseball /Softball Turf project. The councilor also spoke about Sequoia Crossing, the newest housing project in Salem.

- **Traffic Plan – Tony Martin**

Tony gave an update on the city's transportation plan. He went into some detail on how traffic speeds and congestion is monitored and reported out.

Tony asked us to vote on approval of speed bumps for Rogers Lane. This question caught the Chair and members off guard, discussion took place at the consensus was this is a Roger Lane decision and we the general membership should not be deciding for them. Questions were raised around speed bumps being installed then you cannot use snowplows this is why we decided not to vote on the issue. The general membership suggested that the city contact all the residents on Roger Lane to discuss.

Dolly Parton Imagination Library:

Ellen Stevens provided an update on the progress of the program and the membership thanked her and Capital Manor for all their work in supporting this project.

Larry Dillnbeck – Journeys

Introduced Journeys, a holistic health and counseling center in West Salem and provided a brief description of what they do. For further information please visit their website <https://journeysacenterforyoursoul.com>

Gretchen Bennet

Gretchen Bennett from the City of Salem provided an update on the work the city is doing confronting houselessness in our community. She provided a host of encouraging statistics and spoke about the projects and programs the city is promoting to help improve conditions around our community.

Jorge Brambila

Jorge Brambila, a long-time WS resident and business owner, presented a proposal to build a mixed-use apartment complex at 415 Moyer Lane (next to Victorino's off Wallace Road). The project is still in the initial stages (no application

has been filed yet), but Jorge wanted to introduce the proposal now, to solicit input from WS neighbors as he continues to develop his plan.

Steven Anderson

Steven spoke on sidewalk and pedestrian crossing and strongly suggested that everyone should go the city website and fill out the form if you have issue with this subject in your area.

Katie Ciancetta

Katie introduced herself and wanted to inform everyone that she is on the revenue task force and will come to our meetings to provide us with updates and ask for input.

Next Meeting

Next scheduled meeting will be held on March 7 at 6:30 PM at Roth's on Wallace NW.

Equity Statement

The WSNA (West Salem Neighborhood Association) is committed to reducing equity.

gaps, increasing access for all, and creating a safe community for everyone.

Safety and belonging for all West Salem residents is vital. We must be inclusive in

conducting business and promoting policies that protect age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, ability, religion, and other individual identities.

The association commits to integrating equity into the fabric of our association and the

Delivery of public services in pursuit of equal, fair, and just outcomes for all.