



## NEN General Meeting Minutes

1/9/2024

### **Call to order: 6:33 PM via Zoom**

Board attendance: Lynn Takata, Cindy Kimball, Joan Lloyd, Leslie Polson, Ken Similia, Jacqueline Schindele, Erin Grimm, Lalainya Kruger, Nick Cantonwine

### **Guest speakers:**

Virginia Stapleton, City Councilor Ward 1

Linda Nishioka, City councilor Ward 2

Julie Hoy, City councilor Ward 6

Sargent Dowd, Salem Police Department

Elizabeth Thorley, Project Manager, Transportation Group, City of Salem

Brian Banta, City of Salem Public Works

Tim Lawler, Green Light Development

Total attendance: 20.

### **Announcements:**

1. The mural located in the alley between 1380 and 1390 on Madison St. NE. was unanimously approved by the Salem Public Arts Commission.
2. Someone chopped down five street trees on 19<sup>th</sup> Street in front of Englewood Park, leaving small stumps. Lynn called the public works dept, and they cut the stumps to the ground. Salem's Urban Forester said this is "an epidemic" in Salem. Lynn would like to raise money for a reward that would go to the person who provides accurate information and leads to an arrest. If you'd like to help by pledging money for a reward, please email: [SalemNEN@gmail.com](mailto:SalemNEN@gmail.com)

### **Action:**

Ken Similia made a motion to approve the December minutes. Nick Cantonwine seconded the motion. December 2023 minutes unanimously approved.

### **Sargeant Dowd's Report**

1. Speed Cameras have been relocated to the areas on Market Street that NEN suggested. He will bring data from the cameras to the April meeting.
2. Three suspects are in custody in connection to the death of a 15-year-old boy found near Jory Apartments.

**Elizabeth Thorley & Brian Banta, Project Engineers, city of Salem report:**

Pedestrian Crossing will be installed at the intersection of State and 21<sup>st</sup> streets. This includes:

1. New crosswalk striping
2. Flashing Beacons
3. ADA ramp improvement on sidewalk corners of 21st Street
4. Construction will begin in spring 2025.
5. Cost \$500,000.

**Salem City Councilor Linda Nishioka' & Virginia Stapleton's report:**

1. Revenue Task Force: There were 157 applicants. The Selection Committee has narrowed it down and will send recommendations to the city council. The first Revenue Task Force committee meeting will take place on January 30, 2024. They will have focus groups and town halls to gather opinions and ideas from the community.
2. Council approved the priorities for 2024:
  - a. Addressing the city's revenue and sustaining infrastructure and services
  - b. Engaging our community
  - c. Planning for our future
  - d. Addressing homelessness and responding to our shelter crisis
3. Town Hall on tackling gun violence in Salem. January 17, 2024, Elsinore Theater. 6 PM
4. The city received the Safe Streets for All federal grant of \$2.8 million. It will be used for the "20 is Plenty" campaign and planning for Vision Zero.

**Tim Lawler, Green Light Development:**

1. City of Salem has acquired the land located at 891 23<sup>rd</sup> Street NE, between D and Center streets, NE.
2. "First phase" would still be 120 units.
3. Ground penetrating radar has been completed and they are waiting for the report.
4. The tree survey has been delayed.
5. Medical Center Drive would stay in place and be repaved.
6. Assigned parking spaces were reduced from 1.72 to 1.7 per unit. (Lynn mentioned that Jory Apartments overbuilt their parking lot with over 100 unused spaces)
7. Next Steps include solidifying financing and resubmitting application to the city.

**Announcements:**

1. Nick and Joan are working on a SPIF grant for funding 2 portable soccer goals at McRae Park.
2. Adopt At Street trash pick-up along the 12th Street promenade moved to January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.
3. MLK Day event in Englewood Park is canceled due to the ice storm.
4. Next NEN meeting is Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held via zoom.

**Meeting adjourned: 8:03 PM**

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kimball 2/10/24