



## NEN General Meeting Minutes 2/13/2024

### **Call to order: 6:30 PM via Zoom**

Board attendance: Lynn Takata, Joan Lloyd, Leslie Polson, Ken Similia, Jacqueline Schindele, Nick Cantonwine, Jenna Otto, Delana Beaton. Ken Similia, Vice chair led the meeting.

### **Guest speakers:**

Lieutenant Dowd, Salem Police Department  
Tony martin, Assistant Salem City Traffic Engineer

### **Action:**

Delana Beaton made a motion to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes. Nick Cantonwine seconded the motion. January 2024 minutes unanimously approved.

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

1. The Police department lost 5 staff positions due to city of Salem budget constraints. There are still 11 vacant positions.

### **Tony Martin, Assistant Traffic engineer, City of Salem:**

1. Presented the "Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan" for the Englewood area.
  - a. The city council removed the strict speed bump requirements.
  - b. The new plan includes traffic calming speed bumps and stop signs on collector streets.
  - c. City has developed a web page for residents to help make Salem streets safer and submit their safety traffic concerns:
  - d. <https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/transportation-getting-around/safer-streets>

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.

Examples of safety calming devices include:

- Solar powered speed Feedback Signs
  - Speed Bumps
  - Local Street 20 MPH Speed Limits
2. Tony presented the proposed stop sign plan for the Englewood Neighborhood area, which would include 12 new stops signs between 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> streets and Market and D streets to slow traffic.

### **Action:**

Ken similia proposed that NEN accept and proceed with the proposed stop sign plan. Jacqueline Schindele made a motion to approve. Delana Beaton seconded. It was unanimously approved.

3. The City of Salem was awarded a federal grant in December to help slow traffic on residential streets. The “20 is Plenty” campaign which Councilor Stapleton has been working on includes traffic signs placed throughout residential areas in the city indicating a maximum speed of 20 MPH. Tony estimated that Salem would need 3,600 new signs placed on residential streets, costing approximately \$2.5 million. NEN alone would need 300 signs.
4. Thanks to the Safety and Livability Bond passed in 2022, the city is **requesting your input** on new sidewalk replacement, sidewalk infill and pedestrian crossings throughout the city. Residents can participate by exploring the interactive dashboard. Projects will be evaluated and selected by the city based on approved criteria from the City Council.

**Submit suggestions by March 31, 2024**

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

Click on “Submit A Traffic Safety Concern” button and follow the prompts.

Lynn proposed that NEN submit a letter of support to the Salem city council to retain and fund two graffiti abatement officer positions in the city budget.

Jenna Otto seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention.

**Next meeting:** March 12, 2024, via Zoom

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kimball 3/11/24