



NESCA MEETING MINUTES

May 21, 2024

1. Welcome, Introductions: Vice-Chair Marilyn Moritz opened the hybrid meeting at The Jory at 7PM. There were a few technical difficulties with ZOOM, but Ian Johnson was able to rectify the issues and those attending via ZOOM were welcomed shortly after the meeting started. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes

- April meeting minutes were not available.
- A motion was made/seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried. A Land Use report submitted will be attached to these minutes.

3. Salem Police Officer Report: Sgt. Hernandez was not in attendance. No report

4. City Councilors' Report: City Councilors were not in attendance. No reports

5. Guest Speaker: Mark Green, Make Music Salem

- Background: Make Music began in France 41 years ago, on the first full day of summer, June 21. It has now spread to 120-130 countries. Make Music started in the US in New York and has spread out over the country since then. A group came together in Salem about 10 years ago to see what could be done to help with art and music in Salem. As a result, Make Music began in Salem about nine years ago.
- The plan is to get people to make music during the day all over the city. In the past it has mostly been centered in downtown but is beginning to spread out into the neighborhoods with the help of the Neighborhood Associations. Questions about using the parks or any requirements, contact Becky George and the Parks Department.
- Last year there were 250 performers at 50 venues. To date 150 have signed up to perform in 35 locations including parks, apartment complexes, homes, etc.
- The Make Music organization will do all the legwork for those who want to set up a venue, getting any/all permits, etc. They can also help with venues and performers for venues. The deadline to be on the schedule to perform and set up a venue is June 1.
- There are no set times and no specified length of time that performers must perform as it is an open-ended event.
- To be on the city's poster, all information should be in by June 7. Mike Berninger, NESCA Parks Chair, will check with Rob Romanek to see which of our parks would be available (Geer or D Street).
 - A motion was made and seconded that NESCA would pursue an event location at one of our parks for 1½ hours of performances. Motion passed.

In closing, Mark said it is a great day with lots of fun for the performers and those attending. The goal is to spread that fun throughout the city.

5. Guest Speaker: Heidi Miller, Outreach Coordinator Center50+

- Background: The Center50+ has been in existence since 1970, now 15 years in its current location. The facility is a state-of-the-art facility, nationally accredited by the National Council on Aging.
- Wellness on Wheels is a program that has been very successful. The Wellness on Wheels (WOW) van provides mobile socially distanced wellness services to area seniors. Services include fitness, nutrition, mobility, and wellness programs, activities, lifelong learning instruction, social check-ins, technology tutoring, and more.
- The WOW program has been a catalyst to bring other pop-up programs to neighborhoods.
 - Heidi is suggesting bringing a pop-up program to the D Street park in July, morning or evening.
 - The pop-up program would bring some of the best from the Center50+ with the hope of bringing neighbors together for about a 1½ hour of fun and information.
- Summer Pop-Up
 - Outside with a “wellness on wheels.”
 - Age friendly
 - Life learning, classes
 - Crafts
 - Socializing/refreshments.
 - A motion was made/seconded and passed to partner with Center50+ for a summer Pop-Up in July.
 - Flyers for kiosks will be prepared by Center50+
 - Yard Signs (not yet available)
- Village Network
 - Demographics of NESCA show that 1/3 of the population is 65+.
 - Designed to help neighbors with direct service support.
 - Helping with “aging in place” so seniors can stay in their homes and stay independent.
 - 85% of seniors prefer this alternative.
 - Planning is needed to accomplish a “neighboring” mindset.
 - It only takes 4-5 people to form a “village” group that can be helped with this program. With the help of Center50+, a village can be built quickly.
 - Community building
- Other
 - Regarding current budgeting issues, Center50+ is continuing to move forward.
 - Center50+ works with Meals on Wheels with Marion-Polk Food Share. 50+ is the central kitchen, currently serving approximately 800 Salem seniors and/or disabled.
 - Attached to these minutes are flyers with additional information regarding the Villages Network.
 - For more information regarding events and the program guide for Center50+: www.cityofsalem.net
 - 2615 Portland Road NE
 - 503-588-6303

6. Other Business:

- Old Business:
 - Salem Parks Foundation Grant
 - Alternative Programs of the Marion County Juvenile Department has provided a bid of \$1275.00 for three (total cost) plexiglass covers for the park kiosks to keep materials from being removed. They will be kept in place by a lock which can be opened by NESCA. The back of the kiosks will remain uncovered for neighborhood use for garage sales, lost pets, etc. The plexiglass is treated to make it easier to remove graffiti. Marilyn was told they can be made and installed by September 2024. Marilyn and Mike will take the grant to the city parks department for signature and then turn it into SPF.
 - D Street Field Master Plan
 - The question is “why” is there a master plan for this park? When NESCA was working with all the entities to keep the field from development, it was stated the neighborhood desire is to keep it as an open field park without “improvements” such as playground equipment, etc.

- It was suggested that Mike Berninger, NESCA Parks Chair, should check to see what he can find out about this. If there are changes stated that are other than our original plan, we need to know sooner rather than later to get our input in early.
- New Business:
 - Marilyn has discussed the possibility of planting camas in the NW corner of the D Street Field with Jennifer Keller (City of Salem Parks). In the winter it is very swampy in that area and camas would do well there in the Spring. Jennifer did not say no but said we will need to discuss this with the horticulturist.
 - Neighborhood outreach. Not discussed this evening.

7. Discussion/Questions/Comments

- NESCA Open House April 25th at The Jory Community Center
 - For a first-of-a-kind event for NESCA, it was felt everything turned out very well. There was a nice turnout of neighbors with a lot of useful information from other groups, various handouts from those who could not attend, and representatives from the City of Salem. The NESCA Board thanks all who helped with this function!

There being no further business and no announcements, Marilyn thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting was then adjourned. **The next scheduled NESCA meeting will be a hybrid meeting, in-person at The Jory Community Center and via ZOOM, on June 18th at 7 PM. The ZOOM meeting link will be provided to those on the NESCA email distribution list prior to the meeting.** The ZOOM link is also available on the City website:

[association/north-east-salem-community-association-nesca](http://www.cityofsalem.net/association/north-east-salem-community-association-nesca)

Attending:

Marilyn Moritz*, Teri Lupoli*, Lynn Cardiff*, Mai Vang*, Gary Pullman*, Mike Beringer*, Ian Johnson, Virginia Stapleton Ward 1 City Councilor City of Salem, Sam Roth, Beverly (no last name)-Fisher Road NE, Mark Green Make Music Salem, Heidi Miller Salem Center50+

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- **Other Website Information:**
 - To report homeless camping: <https://form.cityofsalem.net/s3/homeless-camping-complaint>
 - To Contact the SOS Team: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Home/Components/News/News/399/>
 - To report homeless concerns: <https://www.cityofsalemn.net/government/shaping-salem-s-future/housing-shelter/help-with-problem-properties/report/concerns-about-homelessness>
 - To sign up for weekly updates regarding homeless: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/pages/tracking-progress-on-homelessness-efforts.aspx>
 - To report graffiti: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/pages/report-graffiti.aspx>
 - [503-371-4262 Graffiti Response team](https://www.cityofsalem.net/503-371-4262-graffiti-response-team)
 - The link for the crime statistics: www.cityofsalem.net/crime-stats