

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions

BOARD MEMBERS:		PRESENT - <i>P</i>	ABSENT - <i>A</i>	EXCUSED - <i>E</i>	
CHRISTOPHER BECHTEL	<i>E</i>	TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	AMANDA OTT	<i>A</i>
JEANNE BOATWRIGHT	<i>P</i>	CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>E</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>
ERIC BRADFIELD	<i>P</i>	LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	AARON TERPENING	<i>P</i>
SADIE CARNEY	<i>P</i>	TINA HANSEN	<i>P</i>	PAUL TIGAN	<i>P</i>
HOWARD COLLINS	<i>E</i>	CYNTHIA KAVANAGH	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Dee Rynerson, Allen Dannen, Steve Belshaw, Duncan Beevers, Jes Poynter, Patricia Perryman, Chuck Oliver, Debbie Oliver, Cara Kaser, Doug Kuzmanoft, Meryl McKean, Warren Cook, Juliene Soltwisch, Dale Jackson, Emily Richter, Emilee Kerper, Bob DeLong, Ray Quisenberry, Jon Wiener, Emily Loberg, Mark Jantz, Sheilla VanDusseldorp, Nicholas Maselli, Jackie Bechtel, and 4 minor children.

We had a full table of delicious potluck items and a social period from about 6:15 to 7:00. Thank you to all who brought food to share with your neighbors!

#2 Neighborhood Concerns

Neighbors reported car prowls and break-ins on Gaines Street. Officer Mark Jantz said that District Officer Hibbler is aware of this issue. He cautioned folks to not make it easy for the criminals. Create layers that they have to get through. The more layers, the more they will be discouraged from continuing their efforts. Start with a well lit area. Lock up the vehicle, don't leave any valuables in the car or anything in sight. Do not "not report" – always report. There is a difference between the police not being able to do anything and not caring. They need to know patterns and puzzle pieces. Call the 24-hour a day number at 503-588-6123. Select option 1 then option 3.

#3 NEN & Grant Neighborhood Cleanup

The cleanup is scheduled for May 12th from 9:00 am to Noon. The operation can use about six more volunteers, who should report at 8:30 am.

#4 Salem Open Streets

Emily Loberg, the director of the event, was present to present information about the September 22nd program. Open streets is observed internationally and the Portland Open Sundays Parkways is part of it. Streets are closed to motorized traffic and activities, food and entertainment at various venues invite participation from bike riders and pedestrians. The goals are to support diverse modes of transportation, make the streets safe and accessible to all, and to play, create and celebrate neighborhoods. It promotes community connections with new ways to meet up and participate in the arts, theater and dance. It supports and encourages local businesses. The event will begin at 11:00 am and continue through 3:00 pm. The route will be along the Maple-Winter Street Bikeway, through Highland, Grant and Cando neighborhoods. The busier intersections will be monitored by professional flaggers or police officers. There will be four activity hubs at: Highland School Broadway Commons, Grant School and the Salem Saturday Market. Each will also have information booths. Volunteers are needed for planning, including: activities at each hub; food and refreshments; food truck outreach and participation; school parent club involvement with fundraisers, perhaps by selling snacks; organization of activities, such as ping-pong, basketball, soccer, yoga, lawn games; performances by choirs, bands, dance troupes, theater groups; travelling events along the route; and, providing transportation to the event. Neighbors are encouraged to think outside the box for ideas of what to include. Volunteers are also needed to distribute

fliers, set ups the night before and morning of and, of course, as always, cleanup. The event is pet-friendly and will have activities for all ages. More information is available at openstreetssalem.org.

#5A Salem Police Station Update

Allen Dannen updated us on the progress of the new police station. The demolition was finished on April 30th. The soil will be cleaned up and leveled and the area along the creek will be assessed. Construction of the foundation will begin this summer and the building will be started in early 2019. The building timeline to completion is about 20 months. The building will have a defined front entrance, unlike the current office, and will have a safe lit parking lot. The structure will include a community room to host public events. The plans are still in the design phase. There will be a town hall meeting towards the end of June to accept citizen input. With the greater floor space, city police workspaces that are now off-site will be included in this facility. Traffic patterns in the area will also be changing to accommodate easier movement. This will include changing Division Street and Liberty Street, south to Marion Street, to two-way. Bike lanes will be added to all perimeter streets and pedestrian upgrades will also be made. A walking path is planned along Mill Creek.

#5B Neighborhood Watch Program

Officer Mark Jantz was here to present information about the Neighborhood Watch program. When the program is started, or participation increased, crime does go down. The program gives neighbors information on what to do and how to do it. Once the neighbors have discussed joining the program, they need to contact the Public Relations Crime Prevention Unit. They will be given a starter packet with material and information and a start meeting will be scheduled. All participants are invited to the meeting. After that, an annual update of information is all that is needed. The area does not have to be more than a handful of homes. Too large of an area makes it less effective. You need to have visual contact with the other participants. Folks need to know that information posted on the online program Nextdoor does not go to the Police. The Police are able to post information but cannot receive the information shared between neighbors who have signed up. Officer Jantz suggested that if you are going to use the Nextdoor program for your Watch contacts, you should set up a different group of contacts that is limited to your neighbors and not the neighborhood. Neighbors asked if belonging to a Watch group carries any incentives, such as lower insurance rates. Officer Jantz did not know and suggested checking with your individual insurance company. The Police Department provides tools and acts as a resource.

#6 Beautification Awards

The three resident owners of the Beautification Awards were present to receive their certificate and share some information about their homes and the work they have done. The certificates will be delivered to the two business owners who were not present.

#7 Board Elections

Paul Tigan moved that ***“The existing board members plus new candidate, Duncan Beevers, be elected.”*** Tim France seconded the motion. Vote was 27 in favor, 0 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright