

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions

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

Others present: Kayleen Warner, Carol DeCoursey, Mark DeCoursey, Greg Walsh, Jinn Hixon, Connie Jackson, Ariel Ellis, Janine Ellis, Jasper Ellis, Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie, Steve Powers, A. Hodges, Beau St. Peter, Nick Beleicikes, Nick Maselli, two additional adults and three children.

#2 Great Story from Grant Neighborhood

A neighbor shared that there are new neighbors in the 600 block of Gaines Street. North Salem High School X-Country runner Abi Swaim has the record time for North and the best 5-A time. Parrish JV and Varsity football teams are undefeated. A new business, Oregon Axe, is located on High Street just south of our neighborhood. You can get beer (limited amount) and throw axes.

#3 Officer’s Report

Officer Hodges asked for neighbors report any holiday decoration vandalism or theft through the non-emergency SPD phone number.

#4 Salem Drinking Water Program Update

City Manager, Steve Powers, returned to our neighborhood meetings for the third time to bring us current information on Salem’s drinking water. In the summer of 2018 the City experienced a cyanotoxin contamination of the source water due to blue green algae. The City was able to provide water from alternate sources and has been providing safe drinking water ever since. The City’s source originates in Mount Jefferson snowmelt. The contamination begins at Detroit Reservoir. The City has always filtered this surface water through a slow sand filter and chlorination at its plant on Geren Island, near Stayton. To treat the water for the cyanotoxins, powdered activated charcoal and additional chlorine is added. Both of these are subsequently removed prior to delivery of the water to the transmission pipeline to Salem. The City will be adding an ozone treatment as it is doubtful that, given climate change, we will see a reduction in the occurrence of these cyanotoxin events. It is likely that Detroit Reservoir will continue to be warmer than the historic average in the summer months and may also be less full; further exacerbating the situation. A neighbor asked about reverse osmosis. Steve said that treatment takes a lot of space and that the ozone program fits well with the existing system. It will be in place by the spring of 2021. The City has been able to add equipment to the existing lab which allows them to perform their own water testing. This greatly hastens getting the test results so that decisions can be made on a more timely schedule. The City is working with Oregon State University to look for ways to predict when the algae will bloom. The US Geological Survey is taking readings of the water column in Detroit Reservoir to get precise information at different water depths in the reservoir. Cyanotoxins eat nutrients, and ash from recent forest fires provides those nutrients. The locations and concentrations of algae blooms can be somewhat tracked by the presence of up gradient forest fire locations. A neighbor asked if there was any consideration of purchasing the lands in the watershed. Steve, said it would be much too expensive to do so. The City website has a *Salem Water Quality Report* that will provide residents with additional information. Salem encourages residents to be

prepared for another water emergency, or any other emergency, by visiting Oregon's *2 Weeks Ready* website to learn how.

#5 Emergency Preparedness

Emergency Preparedness Manager for the City of Salem, Gregory Walsh was present. In addition to getting City personnel ready and trained for emergencies, Greg is the head of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training for citizen volunteers. CERT is a neighbor-helping-neighbor program and he encouraged all to take the free training courses offered by the City. He reiterated the need for everyone to adopt the "2-weeks ready" mindset by organizing all they will need to have food, water, shelter, and sanitation under their own control for at least that length of time. Another aspect of emergency preparedness that many overlook is documents including having a paper photo of themselves and everyone in their family, along with their addresses, in your backpack. Keep in mind who depends on you and how you may have to work to regain contact with them. Greg brought along "My Pocket Plan" books, which will help folks get started. He encouraged folks not to get overwhelmed and to use the American Red Cross guide for how to get prepared over a 24 week period. It is available online at the City of Salem Emergency Response page. The City has set up a task force to reach 50,000 residents and provide them with a mini, 1 hour, preparedness training. In an emergency, the City's initial response will include: getting primary roads open; opening Salem airport as soon as possible, as it is designated the No. 2 resource site in the state for bringing in outside supplies and resources; the fire department providing medical help; Salem Police preventing looting. Salem Hospital will not be available after an earthquake because it will require a thorough evaluation by a Civil Engineer before anyone will be allowed to enter it. Medical providers will move to local clinics and field hospitals. Several neighborhoods, including Grant, have a cache with supplies to respond to an emergency. It contains tools, maps, blankets bandages and splints, protective equipment for search and rescue, water, flashlights, and other helpful items. Trained CERT members have keys to the cache and will open it up and set up search and rescue teams and a medical triage center. A neighbor asked about how the City will get across the Willamette River. Greg said the West Salem fire station has 3 boats available.

#5 Our Salem – Comprehensive Plan Updates

Deputy Community Development Director, Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie, brought information on the work being done to update Salem's Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan), which is the guiding document for growth and development within the Urban Growth Boundary for the next 20 years. The plan started in the early 1970's. The population projection is for the city to grow by 20,000 residents in the next 20 years. The plan addresses housing, transportation, jobs, historic preservation, parks and much more. The city has been conducting visionary workshops to get ideas and feedback from residents on how they want to see their city evolve. Opinions are being solicited at meetings and online. The process involves collecting input and then reviewing it to come up with new ideas and plans to address the city's needs. Lisa encouraged folks to visit the workshops or online site multiple times as the program progresses. It is not necessary to look at the whole city, as that can be overwhelming. You can review items for your own neighborhood. Eunice Kim is the project manager. Hillsboro recently completed their update and Salem is taking some techniques and ideas from what they used and adopted.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright