

**Highland Neighborhood Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Geoff Darling with a quorum of Board of Directors present. Introductions were made by all and we had 16 neighbors in attendance.

**Meeting Minutes from April 12, 2018** –No additions, corrections or deletions to the minutes and they were approved by acclamation.

**Police Officer Report** – Officer Hibbler stated that there have been more reported problems of packages being stolen off porches and to be vigilant and try to get a license plate if possible. A picture was provided of a suspect vehicle so that if other neighbors should see it then they are asked to contact the Salem PD at the non-emergency number. Also, if you see someone driving through your neighborhood taking pictures and it makes you question what they are doing, get a license plate and call it in as a suspicious vehicle and the police can contact that person to find out what they are doing.

Another issue/concern that was brought up by a neighbor is the number of pedestrians crossing at unmarked areas and how dangerous it is becoming. It has been requested that Salem PD ask if there is a way to have the Traffic Control Unit monitor the problem and see what can be done. One of the main problem areas is located at the intersection of Broadway and Shipping.

**Yes for Salem-Keizer Schools** – Mark Shipman reminded everyone that the election was coming up and stated they needed volunteers. He explained what it would mean to have the issue passed and gave a small presentation on the issue.

**Police Station Update** – Steve Bellshaw and Luke Gmazel gave an update on the new police facility. The current process is getting the contractor on board to help with the general design phases. All buildings have been demolished and over 91% the materials taken off the property were able to be recycled.

They are currently looking to start work on the site in the summer of 2018 starting with stripping asphalt, etc. that was left behind, prepping the ground, grading and installing utilities. The building construction should start in late Fall/Winter of 2019 and completion in the fall of 2020.

There is a proposal to make Division Street a two-way street and this will allow vehicles to only go north and Liberty Street will become a two-way all the way to Marion Street. This should help clear up some of the congestion on High and Broadway.

**City Councilor Comments – Councilors Cara Kaser and Matt Ausec**– Councilor Kaser was not in attendance.

Councilor Ausec gave a brief update on the Homelessness Task Force. He stated that they are now in the waiting stage for staff to come back with a report and recommendations. Ideas have been submitted and staff will make recommendations on what they feel is feasible, what the costs would be and what type of staff would be needed to fulfill these tasks.

The Traffic Work Group is in the process of determining ways to solve traffic congestion and any budget items would be based on strategic goals.

**Neighbor Concerns and Announcements – Issues not on agenda or previously discussed** – One neighbor brought up a concern regarding the intersection at Cherry Avenue and Johnson St. N.E. The concern is that it has become a major gridlock and that a study should be done as to whether it would be feasible to have turning lanes at the intersection, no-left turn signage or possibly lights to help with the gridlock while keeping safety concerns as a major priority. It was asked that Councilor Ausec check in to this issue and to report back to the Neighborhood Association.

**Other Business/Announcements** - There were none currently currently.

**Board Member Elections** – Steve Emerson made the following motion:

“To reelect all board members as they stand to a two-year term ending in the year 2020”.

Motion seconded by Mary Harp and approved by acclamation. The following are the continuing board members:

Geoff Darling – Chairman  
Steve Emerson – Co-Chairman  
Mary Harp – Secretary  
Gary Obery – Board Member  
Darlene Strozut – Board Member

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with minutes were recorded by Mary Harp.**

**Next Neighborhood Association Meeting: September 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

**REMINDER:** Highland Neighborhood Association does not meet during the months of July and August.