

Highland
Neighborhood
Association 
Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Geoff Darling with a quorum of Board of Directors present. Introductions were made by all and there were 15 neighbors in attendance.

Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2018 – The minutes from the October meeting were pending and not available for review

Police Officer Report – Salem Police were not present at the meeting.

City Councilor Comments – Councilors Cara Kaser and Matt Ausec– Councilor Kaser was not in attendance and Councilor Ausec was able to arrive later. Geoff began to read notes from Councilor Ausec regarding the Homeless Rental Assistance Program and the positive effect it has on a neighbor on Laurel Avenue, and the re-opening of the West Salem library.

Matt Ausec joined the meeting and commented on the progress of the police station, scheduled for completion in September 2020 and some of the financial decisions made during construction. He discussed the challenges faced by the Revenue Task Force and the City of Salem budget shortfall. The next public workshop for Our Salem: December 5 at the Court Street Christian Church.

Neighbor Concerns and Announcements – Issues not on agenda or previously discussed – Homeowner concerns included questions about alley maintenance (Matt: joint responsibility of the City and the homeowners), and police activity at maple and Locust Avenues. Based on neighbor concerns about the Haunted House traffic and parking issues at the School for the Deaf, it was agreed we should invite representatives from the school to our June meeting.

Other Business/Announcements - Geoff gave some details from the September Neighborhood Chairs meeting regarding city sidewalks, and the priorities of sidewalk repair: impairment to disability access, concurrent with street repairs and critical ADA routes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. and minutes were written by Geoff Darling.

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