

Highland Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2019

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

Meeting Minutes Approval – There were no minutes to approve at this meeting.

Police Officer Report – Officer Luconti was in attendance for this meeting. Mary Harp wanted to recognize officers Pat McDermott and Ben Ruddell of the newly formed Problem Oriented Police Team for their fast response to problems in her neighborhood and to encourage others to contact them for non-emergency issues. There are currently two officers on this team but there is hope to add more in the future. They can be reached at (503) 540-2477.

There was a neighbors concern of smash and grabs that recently happened in another area of the Highland Neighborhood and people were a little upset as they did not feel that the Salem Police had done anything for them and they had not been contacted in person. There is a policy with the City of Salem that when there is no sign of a suspect or no information available to help identify a suspect that reports are taken over the phone so that officers could attend to priority calls.

One resident asked about their right to protect their property and Officer Luconti explained that you can not use deadly force to protect property in the State of Oregon. You can use physical force to an extent but not recommended. You can only use deadly force to protect your life or someone else's.

Mary Harp mentioned that there is a new program with the City of Salem called SCRAM. SCRAM stands for Surveillance Camera Registration and Mapping Program. If you have an outside camera, a resident can sign up with the City of Salem to let them know so that if there is a problem in the neighborhood and police are in need of video to do an investigation then they will know what residents have them and where they are located. It is strictly voluntary and if you want more information you can go to the City of Salem's website to sign up.

Steve Emerson commented that he and several of his neighbors had noticed a recent increase in crimes within their area and wanted to know if the City had noticed an increase in crime lately. Officer Luconti stated that it really depends on the time of year and the type of weather as to whether there is more crime or not and that crimes can spike during nice weather etc.

Marion County Parole & Probation Officer, Jackson – There was no officer in attendance.

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

Neighbor Concerns and Announcements – Issues not on agenda or previously discussed – There were no new concerns that were not already covered above.

Upcoming Events/Meetings – These are meetings that are upcoming and may be of interest to our neighbors.

May 5 – Grant Neighborhood and Northeast Neighborhood – Annual Cleanup

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and minutes were recorded by Mary Harp.

Next Neighborhood Association Meeting: May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.