Lansing

Neighborhood Association

555 Liberty Street SE Room 305 Salem, Oregon 97301 503-588-6207

November 23, 2021 meeting minutes, 7 pm.

Attendees: Chair, Patty Tipton, Vice Chair, Terry Prat, Mary Dodson, Sandi Hinshaw, Irma Dowd, City of Salem, Councilor Chris Hoy, guests and neighbors. Total of 11 people in attendance.

Presentations:

- Salem Police Report, Sgt. Don Vidrio, speed monitors will be placed on Lansing Ave near Waldo and Washington Schools, staff is working on placement date. Sgt. gave a brief update on recent arrests made regarding local shootings; investigations are ongoing. Chief Womack's community survey has produced about 480 participants. Chief will present outcome of the survey to Council in December. Sgt. Vidrio advices neighbors to keep all valuables out of cars, mail theft increases during the holiday season. Make sure to sign up for USPS mail notification so you are aware of what mail/packages are scheduled to be delivered to your home.
- Center for Hope & Safety, Jayne Downing, Executive Director and Sarah Brennan, Manager. The Center for Hope & Safety has been operating for 48 years in Marion and Polk Counties. They provide services to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. They operate a 24-hour crisis line (in Spanish and English), emergency confidential shelter, support groups (in Spanish/English in Salem & Woodburn), community education, outreach, housing, court advocacy, services in Department of Human Services offices, and much more. Old motel on Portland Rd has been recently purchased (prefer to keep it confidential for victims' privacy) and is being remodeled, adding high security measures, and set up for families to stay and feel safe. CHS was selected for a Project Turnkey grant which allowed for the purchase of the motel to use as a shelter. *Brochure will lot more information, contact details, and information on how you can donate is attached to these minutes.
- Councilor update from Lansing's new Councilor Chris Hoy. In January of 2022, Councilor Hoy will represent Lansing NA with Councilor Gonzalez due to the redistricting of the Wards which is a customary re-evaluation after the ten-year census. Councilor introduced himself and gave a brief history on his career, experience as a City Councilor and expressed his commitment to the Neighborhood Associations he represents which are also NESCA, ELNA, NOLA, and now Lansing. Councilor Hoy has been a sitting Councilor since 2017 is serves as the Council President, covers the Mayor's seat when he is absent. He has lived in Salem since 2003, live in ELNA, retired from Clackamas County Sherriff Dept, attended, and graduated from Willamette University.

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Councilor Hoy gave a Council meeting update and took questions. Some updates are:

- a. Meeting with county commissioners to discuss mental health in the homeless community
- b. Redwood Crossing on Fisher Rd will soon have behavioral staff to assist residents living in the facility and help them get into permanent housing
- c. City of Salem purchased vacant DHS building off Mission St, renovations are underway. This building will be a low barrier facility (first in the area and one of the few in Oregon). Staff will help connect people to services and get them into housing.
- d. Reminder to report illegal camping and garbage to the new homeless concern portal on the City of Salem's website at https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/report-concerns-about-homelessness.aspx and sign up to receive weekly homeless update emails https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/report-concerns-about-homelessness.aspx and sign up to receive weekly homeless update emails https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/report-concerns-about-homelessness.aspx
- e. Clagget Creek off Bill Frey Drive next to the Kroc Center has been on Salem's staff and Salem Police Dept. radar and are currently working on clearing the area and providing services to campers. It is very difficult to get to the camp sites as the area is extremely muddy, several illegally parked vehicles have been tagged but are stuck in the elements.
- f. There are currently 13 safe park sites in Salem. City is continuing to look for properties that are viable for temporary shelters for vehicles, warming shelters, and micro shelters. If you know of a property owner that is willing to work with staff and social service providers, please contact the City Homeless Liaison Gretchen at gbennett@cityofsalem.net.
- g. Holiday tree lighting at Riverfront Park on December 10th and everyone is invited.
- h. If you or someone you know needs help with paying utility fees, call Public Works Customer Service at 503-588-6099, there is assistance available.

Attachment: Center for Hope & Safety Brochure

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Mosaic

In early 2021, CHS was one of 19 nonprofits in Oregon selected for a Project Turnkey grant which allowed for the purchase of a hotel property to use as a noncongregate shelter.

MOSAIC will provide temporary housing units with policies and safety measures in place. The entire property is surrounded by a security fence and can only be accessed by those with a code. In addition, the exterior of the property is monitored by a number of security cameras. We do not allow alcohol or drug use to be present or used on site, and there are designated quiet hours.

Residents have access to:

- Dedicated staff to provide resources and case management
- On-site laundry area (accessible 24 hours a day)
- An indoor play area for children
- Computers for employment and permanent housing searches

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About CHS

Since 1973, the Center for Hope & Safety (formerly Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service) has provided a safe refuge and support for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking.

Our services include:

- 24-hour crisis hotline (in English and Spanish)
- One-on-one advocacy
- Safety planning
- Emergency confidential shelter
- Support groups
- Community education
- Outreach
- Housing assistance
- Court advocacy
- offices

Our programs and services inform survivors of their options and supports them in their choices, because we believe everyone deserves a life free of violence.

Our Shelters

CHS has provided emergency, safe shelter for more than 40 years in two different locations in Salem neighborhoods. For decades, our shelter was located in Grant Neighborhood and we were proud to receive a Good Neighbor in recognition of how we cared for our property. (A few years ago, we moved to a newer facility in a different part of town.)

The individuals and families who stay with us are provided all the essential things they need, including food, clothing, hygiene items, and more. They also participate in comprehensive case management to assist them in rebuilding their lives free of violence.



former CHS emergency shelfer, used for 39 years

FAQ

Who is the typical resident at Mosaic?

Our residents are usually women with, or without, children that are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or human trafficking. Prior to moving in, survivors will be assessed for safety concerns and only referred to Mosaic if they do not need a confidential location. Our residents are not the individuals you may see in tents throughout the City. They are typically situationally homeless, not chronically homeless.

Will CHS still offer confidential shelter to survivors of domestic and sexual violence?

Yes, we will still operate our confidential shelter, in another neighborhood, for survivors that need to be in hiding.

Will residents at Mosaic be asked to leave during the day and be out in the neighborhood?

No, Mosaic is the residents' home while they live there. During the day, most residents will be getting their children to school, going to work (or applying for employment), and working with our Advocates to secure permanent housing

How do you respond if something happens on site?

CHS staff members are able to respond quickly to any issue that arises 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Who should neighbors call if they have concerns about activity at Mosaic?

Neighbors can call our office at 503-378-1572 and ask for Jayne Downing our Executive Director.