

NESCA MONTHLY MEETING

January 16, 2018
Fresh Start Market

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Eli Brody.

1. **Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes (Eli Brody)**

Eli welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Mike Beringer, Teri Lupoli, and Ian Johnson for helping with NESCA business in his absence. November minutes were approved as submitted.

2. **Police Officer Report (Officer Renz)**

Officer Renz introduced himself to attendees and let all know that he is now working in our neighborhood. He reported that the purchase of the old DeLon location for the new police department building has been completed and demolition has been started. Anticipated completion of the new police building is anticipated to be in mid=2020.

Information on "Coffee with a Cop" was passed around. January 24 at Starbucks on Lancaster. 8:30-10:30 AM.

Package theft from porches and ways to possibly eliminate or lessen it were discussed. Officer Renz suggested the best possible way is to either have the package delivered to your work place (for those who are not retired) or possibly have packages delivered to a willing neighbor who is usually at home.

3. **Guest: Angela Oberg, Salem Library**

Angela came to invite everyone to participate in the Salem Library's "Salem Reads" on February 6 at 5:30-7:30 PM on the Main Floor of the Salem Public Library. "Salem Reads" is a community reads project that invites everyone in Salem to come together to read the same book, take part in discussions, and enjoy related programs throughout the month of February.

- 600 free books (to library cardholders) of the chosen title of OUTCASTS UNITED will be given away.
 - If you miss the giveaway, there will be 100 copies in circulation or they are available for purchase at local book stores.
- 275 free tickets (2 to each library cardholder) to meet author Warren St. John on February 27, 7 PM at Loucks Auditorium.
- OUTCASTS UNITED inspired art exhibit will be on display until March 4. Meet the local professional artists who created work inspired by the book.

Angela passed out a nice flyer that lists upcoming events at the Library.

City Councilor's Report

Information provided by email from Councilor Chris Hoy. Recent Council highlights and other city news:

- Approved property tax exemption for non-profit owners of low-income housing
- Adopted legislative policy agenda for the upcoming session
- Portland Rd NE streetscape improvements are underway between Rose Garden St. NE and Hyacinth St. E. Work should be done by May
- Coffee with Mayor Chuck Bennett 7:30-8:30 AM, Friday, January 19th at Broadway Coffeehouse
 - It was suggested that if attendance at the coffee is not possible, it would be nice to send an email to Mayor Chuck to thank him for his help and support for the D Street Park.

- Brown Road Open House Wednesday, January 17th, 6:30-8:30 PM at Scott Elementary, 4700 Arizona Avenue NE, Salem. Opportunity for public input on the upcoming completion for the Brown Road project (southern end).
- Riverfront Park Master Plan Update – community meeting Thursday, January 18th, 6 PM at Pringle Hall, 606 Church St. SE. Let staff know your thoughts on the Riverfront Park Master Plan.
- Planning Commission Vacancy. Chris encouraged people to apply for this vacant position as it is a great opportunity to have an impact on the city.

4. North Campus Update (Ian Johnson)

Questions about the tree removal on 24th St. SE (not in NESCA or a part of North Campus) were discussed. Some had been unaware of the process until the trees were taken down and were surprised to learn the information had been previously provided by the city and was discussed at the November NESCA meeting.

Ian reported that DAS is still in negotiations with Mountain West for the North Campus property. Apparently the Center Street quadrant has been removed from the plans as the zoning would require City Council approval.

The D Street Park and Yaquina Hall portions of the property are in final stages of approval.

Ian will contact Bryan Colburne for information regarding possible additional street improvements that will be needed in/around the North Campus property.

5. Committee Reports:

- Land Use: Our Neighborhood Plan, including North Campus, was passed by City Council.
- Transportation No report
- Parks No report
- Hoover School Liaison No report
- Watershed No report
- Oregon State Hospital North Campus Redevelopment See above.

Other:

- **(Angela Oberg) Salem Bike Boulevard:** Plans for a family-friendly route have been drawn up. The group is asking for this to be moved forward. An ODOT grant has been received for the route to go on Winter Street North from the capitol to Home Depot. The plan is being completed and will go to City Council for approval. Funding will be provided at that time.
- **(Eli Brody) Neighborhood Services Rep:** Eli announced that the city has a new Neighborhood Services Rep, Irma Dowd. The position, previously only part time, is now a full-time position.
- **(Eli Brody) Code Enforcement Schedule:** The schedule for Code Enforcement Officers to visit at NESCA meetings has been set for the March, June, and November meetings.
- **(Ian Johnson) NESCA Recruitment:** Marilyn Moritz has been getting additional emails of NESCA neighbors and has given them to Ian for the NESCA News email distribution. It was suggested that a copy of the monthly NESCA meeting minutes could be attached to those emails. Ian also mentioned that there are a lot of people “paying attention” to the NESCA Facebook postings.
- **(Eli Brody) Community Event Possibilities:**
 1. **New D Street Park.** Possibly coordinate an event with Salem Spartans Rugby team. If we are able to partner with them, we could check with the City to see what they might be able to provide. We would definitely want to invite Brian Clem to attend as he is the one who helped make this park happen for NESCA.
 2. **Geer Bike Park.** Possibly work with the Salem Area Trail Alliance for a community grand opening of the park. The Trail Alliance may even be able to use the function as a fund raiser.

- **(Eli Brody) Meeting Location:** We have been advised that NESCA will be able to continue using the Fresh Start Market location for at least the next year.

As there was no further business to discuss, Eli closed the meeting.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli
Secretary/Treasurer
NESCA

Attending: Eli Brody*, Teri Lupoli*, Dianne Wilke*, Lynn Cardiff*, Ian Johnson, Mary Murphy, Gary Pullman, Maren Wryn, Meredith Kuhl, Marilyn Moritz, Angela Oberg (Salem Public Library), and Officer Renz SPD

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