

March 20, 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. Eli announced that Councilwoman Cara Kaser would not be able to attend this evening as she was attending the Homeless Task Force meeting. Anyone wanting more information on this Task Force was directed to go to the City of Salem web site. He also announced that NESCA will be having our first of four street cleanings on Saturday, March 31. Anyone interested in helping is asked to be at the north end of the Park & Ride on Hawthorne (next to the Red Lion) at 8:30 AM on 3/31. February minutes were approved as submitted.

2. Police Officer Report (Officer Renz)

- Town Hall Meeting regarding the new police department building. 3/21
- Coffee with a cop. Thursday, March 22 at McDonald's. 2830 Broadway St NE
- Reported on the recent serial robberies in Keizer and that, unfortunately, when confronting the suspect, there was gun fire and he was killed.
- Transient camps and clean up under the Center Street Bridge. He mentioned that there is a building being renovated for some temporary housing downtown. It will help some, but more needs to be done.
 - Officer Renz did comment that a large portion of the population seem to be homeless by choice and do not want to receive any housing help that would require them to stop drinking or doing drugs.
- Question to the officer pertained to the demographics of the homeless. Office Renz said that the ages are from teens to quite elderly. While some are suffering from mental health issues, some of those are caused by drugs and/or alcohol. Most homeless families live in their cars so are not often seen on the streets.

3. Code Enforcement (Officer Stephanie Wile)

- 60 new cases; 20 still open; 8 abandoned cars.
- Derelict buildings: Office Wile reported that a lot of the derelict buildings have been corrected. Still in NESCA is the property at 1105 Savage Rd. (apparently recently SOLD, so hope to see improvements) and at 1095 38th NE (in foreclosure but isn't seeming to be causing too many problems).
- Most problems: Junk and abandoned vehicles
- Unique parking violations of how to deal with junk motorhomes that are being parked in neighborhoods. Looking at a possibility of raising derelict vehicle fees to spur people to move more often. Most of those living in these motorhomes seem to be very aware of the current laws on how long they can park without being ticketed. It's a difficult situation for Enforcement. While motorhomes are not currently a big problem in NESCA, it is becoming more evident.
- Cars with expired plates that are parked on city streets are considered as junk and can be towed.
- Shopping Carts: Low priority due to current levels of manpower. Officer Wile suggests:
 - Call the store
 - Call Northwest Cart Retrieval
 - Call the Enforcement Office

- Grass & Weeds. Office Wile said the Enforcement Office is hoping to get an officer on staff who will be responsible to deal with these issues.

4. **YES for Salem Keizer Schools (Nancy MacMorris)**

Nancy brought handouts about the Bond Measure that will be voted on in May. A Facilities Task Force spent a great deal of time and had many meetings to look at the needs of all the schools, what buildings need for upgrades etc. Initially the amount being discussed was near \$800m but they pared the number down to \$619m and still do what is needed now and for future maintenance and to meet ADA requirements. This money does not provide any funding for land purchases for new schools.

The purposes of the proposed bond package include:

- Adding capacity to support enrollment & educational programs
- Increase seismic safety of schools
- Increase safety & security
- Future (non-routine) maintenance
- Technology and ADA upgrades

The cost per average homeowner will be \$1.24 per thousand of assessed value. Based on the median home value of \$250,000 the would cost would be approximately \$310 per year or \$0.86 per day.

For those wanting more information on which schools will be included for upgrades, we were instructed to go to the website: yesforsalemkeizerschools.com

5. **Centerline Solutions/Verizon Proposal (Josh Roberts)**

Josh passed around a presentation of the Project Description that is being proposed by Verizon. The project is for a 75' cell tower called a "monopine". In addition, the project will include 9 panel antennas, ground-level equipment within a new 30'x50' fenced area, and new landscaping around the perimeter. The tower will be located at 2790 Market St NE on property leased from Rick King. A signed agreement has been made with Mr. King for this installation, but the property will require rezoning. For those interested in City of Salem requirements for the project, see the City web site. It was suggested, for those interested, to check the Revised City Code/chapter 703 for detailed information on City rules for projects of this nature.

As yet, the timeline for completion of the project is unknown due to city permitting processes. A motion was made/seconded for Josh to provide accurate timeline information to Ian Johnson once all approvals are received. Motion carried. When received, Ian will publish the timeline in the NESCA NEWS and on the NESCA Facebook Page. Josh said that once it is approved, he would assume it would be on-air by Fall.

6. **City Councilor's Report (Tom Andersen)**

- Budget Cycle. Currently in process. For more information see the City web site.
- Salem Volleyball, parks foundation grant process
- Homeless Task Force
 - Goal is to recognize everyone as human beings who deserve to be treated with dignity and respect.
 - Re Homeless families: Salem-Keizer school district is required to provide transportation for the children to ensure they can continue their education regardless of their family situation
- Congestion Task Force. Goal is to find quicker, less costly solutions to help with congestion NOW rather than a very expensive bridge that may or may not ever be built.
 - There are solutions to a lot of congestion that can be done that will provide relief in 1 – 5 years.
 - The main areas to be worked on will deal with getting people on and off the bridges and rerouting some of the current ramps.

City Councilor's Report (Cara Kaser) (provided via email)

"The first meeting of the Downtown Homelessness Solutions Task Force was held on Feb. 6. There were 17 people on the Task Force, including myself, and Kristin Retherford, Urban Development meeting. The Task Force is made of individuals who were formerly homeless, those who have homeless relatives, providers who serve the homeless (i.e. UGM, etc.), downtown business owners, advocates for the homeless, downtown residents, and three City Councilors (including myself).

The scope of the Task Force is extremely narrow and is focused on trying to find specific, measurable and time-bound solutions to immediately improve the living conditions of those who are homeless downtown. To that end, the first meeting was focused on trying to identify the specific problem that this Task Force hopes to solve. The acknowledgement here is that this Task Force will not be able to "end homelessness," rather this Task Force is hoping to find small solutions that could go a long way in improving the quality of life for those who are homeless. For example, the Task Force discussed the problems of health and sanitation downtown; a lack of secure locations for the storage of personal belongings; the accumulation of trash on the sidewalks, etc. Overall, the first Task Force meeting went well, although I did acknowledge that the work of this Task Force is very difficult, and prioritizing and making specific decisions about solutions is difficult as well.

The next Task Force meetings will be March 6 and March 20, both meetings will be from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Library, Anderson Room. The public is welcome to attend. Only written public testimony will be taken at the meeting and we will provide paper and pens for that, or member can email the city at: kretherford@cityofsalem.net No oral public testimony will be taken at the meetings."

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Land Use: Ian Johnson
 - i. Reported that a sign variance was approved for the Burlington Coat Factory on the corner of D and Lancaster.
 - ii. The old McDonald's at D and Lancaster has been taken down and construction of the new store is coming along nicely. Much improved visibility and traffic flow will be a major improvement for that corner.
 - iii. Ian suggested that NESCA should reach out to Brian Clem and Peter Courtney about the North Campus project. He will draft a letter for approval at our next meeting.
- b. Transportation No report
- c. Parks:
 - i. Marilyn Moritz volunteered to prepare the paperwork for the Salem Parks Foundation Grant for two or three sand volleyball courts.
 - ii. It was suggested we should contact the City to have someone come to our meeting to discuss the new D Street park, what minimum requirements the City will put in place, etc. when the property transitions from DAS to the City. Eli will contact Tibby Larson to see if she would be willing to be our guest.
- d. Hoover School Liaison
 - i. Eli mentioned that Amador Aguilar of EnLace has let him know there are two EnLace members who are very interested in joining us and working on behalf of the school. This is very good news.
 - ii. Ian reported that the school is again in need of supplies or cash for supplies. Anyone who wishes to donate either can drop their donations off at the front office at the school.
- e. Watershed: Gary Pullman
 - i. Streetscape for Downtown. Information is available on the City website.
 - ii. Riverfront Master Plan Meeting will be held 3/22.

- iii. Friends of Trees will be planting more at Peter Courtney Bridge to Minto Brown on 3/24.
- iv. Bush/Pringle Park/Mission Conservatory group is in the talking stage with the desired end-result being the taking over the operation of these parks due to city budget constraints. Deepwoods may also become a part of the Conservatory.
- v. The Ranguard and Bioswale were built along 13th by Olinger Pool.
- vi. Northern section of Geer Park has been cleared. Salem Area Train Alliance donated dirt to the BMX group to put in an all-dirt track. Not sure what all of the plans for this may be at this time.
- f. Oregon State North Campus No report.
- g. Street Cleaning Previously mentioned in opening remarks by Eli Brody.

8. **Business**

Judge Jane Aiken attended tonight's meeting, leaving her re-election flyers for the upcoming May 5 election. She also requested to be added to our agenda for the April meeting which Eli said he will be happy to do.

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

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli
Secretary/Treasurer
NESCA

Attending: Eli Brody*, Teri Lupoli*, Mike Beringer*, Lynn Cardiff*, Dianne Wilke* Maren Wryn, Ian Johnson, Gary Pullman, Amador Aguilar, Tom Andersen (City Council), Officer Lynn Renz (SPD), Stephanie Wile (Code Enforcement Officer), Nancy MacMorris (Yes for Salem Keizer Schools), Josh Roberts (Centerline Solutions/Verizon), and Judge Jane Aiken.

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