

April 17, 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. A minor correction to the March minutes was provided by Stephanie Wile (Compliance Officer). Derelict fees pertain to buildings, not vehicles. March minutes were approved as corrected.

Eli introduced a guest this evening, Anthony Behrens, candidate for Marion County Judge. Anthony had requested the opportunity to introduce himself to our group. He stayed and made himself available for questions during the 8 PM break.

Eli also thanked all who helped with our first street clean up of 2018.

2. Police Officer Report (Officer Fultz)

- Questions from attendees about calls of gunshots, petty thefts. Ian Johnson reported there had been theft from his property as well as neighbors. Officer Fultz was not aware of the problems.
- Eli asked Officer Fultz if he had heard concerns about our area, but he said he had not.
- Officer Fultz said that he is new to our district and generally works District 1 (Portland Road/Kale). He believes that NESCA is in District 4 (possibly 3).
- A map is available showing the different policing districts and he said he will bring one for us.

3. Amador Aguilar – Introduction of Enlace Representatives to NESCA

- Volunteers at Hoover School are open to partnering with NESCA. They are interested in developing leadership skills and improved communication with school administrators.
- Motion was made, seconded and passed: On NESCA's regular meeting night, Enlace and NESCA representatives should meet at 6:30 to discuss issues.

4. Norman Wright – Community Development Director – Earthquake Safety & Civic Planning

- Question and answer information for earthquake safety can be prepared to NESCA and will be sent out by Ian Johnson from our gmail account to any who are interested. 2 large projects combining infrastructure with art and streetscaping are in discussion stages. 1. Riverfront Park and 2. State Street (12th to 25th).
- Riverfront Master Plan. Citizen involvement is available.
- State Street Project has been in the planning process for about 2 years. Goal is to revitalize the area to create a more urban feel with more vibrancy to include cars, people walking, cyclists, street trees, etc.
- Goal is to enliven socially and economically for everyone.
- High priority with public planning is to try to help with easing regulations to help with zoning issues.
- Need improvement in Multi-family dwellings in the State Street corridor.
- Need serious study re greenhouse gas emissions.
- 5/1/18 at 6 PM will be a meeting at North Salem High School Auditorium to discuss "Unprepared: Are you Ready for 9.0?"

- Transportation issues addressed by Councilor Chris Hoy who stated the city is working with transit authorities to create some efficiencies and cooperation. Goal is for Saturday, Sunday, and evening bus service through the legislature. Funding was started 1/1/18, but not enough money has yet been collected.

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5. **Aaron Edelman – Fisher Road Extension**

Aaron showed a concept drawing of how the new extension will look as the new extension begins at the existing road and curves behind the Power Auto property. The new extension will extend to the existing light that is currently at the Fred Meyer entrance. Properties east of the new street have been purchased and will be demolished to allow for expansion of lanes. Street trees will be installed along the new segment of roadway. Anticipated completion is 2019,

Next will be improvements at Sunnyview & Fisher. Other safety improvements on Fisher will be the addition of Stop signs at Beverly and Wolverine to help slow the traffic. Speed reader boards will also be installed. Further upgrades on Fisher Road will require a bond measure as there many problems in trying to widen or improve this road.

6. **Judge Jane Aiken – Campaign Presentation**

Judge Aiken explained her background from growing up in Salem as well as her judicial experience and why she is asking for our vote to return her to the bench. She has been very involved with creative thoughts on how to improve the court services

7. **City Councilor’s Report**

a. **(Chris Hoy)**

- Maple Winter Bikeway was approved. Cherry Avenue to downtown. More information is available on line on the City website.
- Met with Norm Wright regarding occupancy tax which is limited on usage. Learning more about what the money can actually be used for.
- Portland Road has been reduced to 30 mph while sidewalks, mid-street pedestrian crossings, and transit stops are added/upgraded.
- 12th Street from Hoyt to Fairview southbound widening is in process. This will also include a dedicated right turn lane onto Fairview from 12th.
- Downtown Streetscape Design Plan last meeting open to public comment will be held April 18 at 5:30 PM at Courthouse Square.
- The final Riverfront Park design plan meeting will be held on the 24th at Pringle Hall.
- Budget process is starting next week at the City Council meeting.

b. **(Cara Kaser)**

- Will be reviewing all capital improvement projects for the next 5 years.
- City Council, meeting will be discussing the UGM proposed move and new building northward next to their current retail outlet.
- Cara reported on the prestigious honor received from the National Steel Bridge Alliance of Chicago for the design and structure of the Minto Island Bridge. Highest award available was presented.
- Salem Police Foundation raised \$65,000 last year which will allow for the addition of 3 new canines as well as medical concerns for retired canines.
- Money raised by the Mobil Command Post at the “Breakfast with the Chief” will be used for a 6 passenger ATV. Primary purpose will be for use at Minto Brown to help with rescue and medical evacuations where regular vehicles are unable to go.

Eli brought forth the topic of the Salem-Keizer School District Bond measure. A motion was made and a 2nd received for NESCA to support the bond measure. Motion was approved by voice vote. Ian will publish our endorsement of the measure on the NESCA Facebook page and in the NESCA News.

8. Committee Reports:

- a. Land Use: Ian Johnson
 - i. North Campus. Still in the process of finalizing all sales. Working on street designs. Anticipate completion in the Fall of 2018.
 - ii. Letters for Mayor and Council, Brian Clem, and Peter Courtney. Ian has drafted letters to send to the aforementioned to remind them what is going on at North Campus, to let them know we are not asking for anything, to thank them for the previous support, and to let them know we are still here and very interested in what happens at the property. Ian also suggested that community members may want to attend City Council meetings to bring their thoughts to them in person.

Eli called for and received a motion, which was seconded, for Ian to submit the letters to the City, Brian Clem, and Peter Courtney. Motion carried.

- b. Transportation No report
- c. Parks & Watershed
 - i. Eli mentioned that he recently attended a lecture at the Friends Meeting House on Permaculture. Gary Pullman reported that there will be a film on Permaculture showing at the Friends Meeting House at 6 PM on the 2nd Wed. of the month.
 - ii. Gary reported that 6,000 trees were planted at Minto Brown Park and 60 trees at Weathers Park. Next planting will be at N. Santiam Basin Summit. Date TBA. On April 23rd and 24th, a rain garden will be planted at 13th and Mill Creek.
 - iii. Mission Street Parks Conservancy, in conjunction with the City, has been set up to maintain Bush, Pringle, and Deepwood parks.
- d. Hoover School Liaison Covered by Amador Aguilar (See #3)
- e. Oregon State North Campus Covered in Land Use. (See #8a)

9. Business 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, Chris Hoy (City Council), Cara Kaser (City Council), Officer Tony Fultz (SPD), Jane Aiken (Candidate for Municipal Court), Aaron Edelman (City of Salem), Norman Wright (City of Salem), Anthony Behrens (Candidate for Marion County Judge), Mary Murphy, Marilyn Moritz, Connie Chavez, Griselda Hernandez, Laura Jiminez, Maria Cervantes, and Julie Frazier.

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