

August 21, 2018
Fresh Start Market

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

1. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Approval of Minutes: Eli Brody, Chairman

Eli welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Announcements:

- NESCA street cleaning is set for this coming Saturday, 8/25. Meet at 8:30 at the north end of the park and ride next to the Red Lion.*
- School supplies drive for Hoover school is in progress. Items can be taken to the home of Teri Lupoli, Hoover School coordinator.
- Thank you to Mike Beringer for hosting a National Night Out party to represent our association.*

*These items provide funds to our account from the City.

2. Traffic Safety Report: Julie Redden

Julie requested crash data from ODOT for the NESCA neighborhood. She learned that there are not a lot of crashes in the "interior" portions of the neighborhood (Park to 23rd; D to Market). Most of the crashes are "exterior" with the majority being at the intersection of Park Avenue NE and Market Street NE.

- 17 accidents with 13 injuries in the last 3 years of data (2014-2016)

The corner of 23rd and Market also had high incidence reports of crashes.

- 9 accidents with multiple injuries

After reviewing all the materials received from ODOT, Julie provided her thoughts on possible recommendations.

- Left turn signals at the intersection of Park and Market, south and north bound.
- Left turn signal at the intersection of 23rd and Market.
- Additional stop signs on D street from the current two to a full four-way stop.
- As northbound 23rd has a bit of a curve that keeps drivers from seeing the intersection with Market Street, she also suggested a possible "Stop Ahead" sign on 23rd.

After much discussion, Eli thanked Julie for her efforts on this issue and for providing hard facts rather than just having non-documented complaints. While the goal may be to have an improved traffic signal at the intersection of Park and Market, no specific recommendation will be made. Councilor Chris Hoy suggested that Market Street (or a portion of) might be a candidate for the "street diet" plan that is under consideration for State Street. It was suggested that ODOT data be provided to the city Traffic Engineers with an invitation to review for their recommendation(s).

Motion was made and seconded to support going forward in our desire for improving the safety of the intersection of Park and Market. Motion approved. NESCA chair Eli Brody will write a letter to the City Engineers requesting they review the ODOT data for their recommendations. A copy of the letter will also be forwarded to Councilors Anderson, Hoy, and Kaser.

3. Police Office Report. Officer Renz

- **Traffic:**
 - Traffic enforcement is, unfortunately, at the bottom of the list due to not having enough officers to take calls for other crimes as well as work traffic situations.
- **Junk RVs:**

- Since Wal-Mart stopped allowing overnight parking of RVs on their lots, there has been an increase of “junk” RVs parking on neighborhood streets. There are a lot of calls but unless an RV has expired tags, flat tires, etc. they are legal to park on a city street for any period of time, unless there is criminal activity.

Officer Renz suggested if citizens have any questions about an RV parked in front of their property, they should call Code Enforcement.

4. City Councilors' Reports:

Chris Hoy: Currently a quiet time for Council however they will begin again very soon.

- **Transit Committee:** The objective is to make rules and ordinances more compatible with Cherris in order to improve relationships and ridership.
- **Congestion Relief Task Force:** One meeting remaining on their agenda for ways to improve the rush hour congestion of downtown. In their study, they have determined that congestion, while bad at rush hour, is only for a period of about 11 minutes. It is the consensus that things can be done that would be far less costly and more effective than spending multiples of millions of dollars on the third bridge. One idea that has been brought up which is very doable is to add a lane to the Marion Street Bridge by converting the bike lanes (which are up to vehicle standards) into a car lane. Other possibilities have been discussed including possible shift adjustments for state employees.
- **Transit Pass Program:** Currently the Book Bin is the only Salem employer utilizing this program. More emphasis will be put into this program with downtown and large employers to try to encourage more mass transit, thus eliminating some of the congestion. The City can do things such as adjust park parking rates that would possibly encourage employers/employees to use the program.

Cara Kaser:

- **Downtown Homelessness Task Force:** Cara reported that the Task Force ended on 8/1. She has been working on this Task Force since last Fall and she is very proud to have been a part of it and for the work that has been accomplished. There were 17 people on the TF including City Council, Business Owners, Service Agencies, those who have been homeless, etc. in order to get a variety of viewpoints and opinions. Some of the recommendations are:
 - Providing more public toilets of a type that are permanent structures (not porta potties) but which provide minimal privacy to help keep crime down (drug activity, prostitution, and sexual assaults specifically).
 - Storage for personal items so those who are on the street can safely leave items while on job searches, to keep them from getting wet, etc.
 - Determining alternate ways of giving to discourage the public from giving funds directly to panhandlers.
 - Simplified help phone number for business owners. Currently the system has a variety of phone numbers which creates confusion, is time consuming, and creates more frustration than it provides assistance.
 - The goal is to create a partnership in the community for on-going efforts to assist with this issue.

The next step is for the Mayor to bring the business of this Task Force to the Council for their consideration and action.

Tom Andersen:

- **System Development Committee:** Tom has been chairing this committee, 21 meetings, with builders, developers, city council, etc. for the purpose of increasing SDC payments in order to have funds available in the future for upkeep. The goal is to make sure developments are paid for by those using them the most.

- **Motion to Oppose Ballot Measure 105:** State measure to eliminate the Sanctuary State status. The council's resolution will be to ensure Salem is an inclusive city and that there is zero tolerance for ICE.
- **Plastic Bag Ban:** The first reading of the ordinance to ban single use plastic bags will be at the council meeting on 8/27. The first public hearing on this issue will be on 9/10.
- **Homeless Task Force:** Tom also mentioned that the new police department will have public restrooms 24/7. These facilities will be secure as they will not be directly available from the street.
- **UGM Building:** The City has purchased this building to secure the location in order to control development. As this is the "entry" to our city from the west, it is hoped that something attractive and welcoming can be put on that corner.

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5. Committee Reports:

Eli announced that he will be leaving the NESCA Chair position at the end of this term. His desire is to set up committees in a way that they have more say as to what's happening. Rather than just a committee Chair, he feels that each committee needs more community members working together in order to be more effective.

Eli suggested that we add Traffic Safety as a regular committee rather than a special committee, with Julie becoming a member of the board in October. He also suggested that Mike Beringer become a liaison with our police department to help with community concerns to be presented to our officer in a cohesive, timely manner.

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| a. Land Use | No report |
| b. Transportation | No report |
| c. Parks | Eli Brody |
| i. | Hoover, Thorpe, Geer are all looking good. The City is committed to purchasing the D Street property when all of the development plans are in place. |
| ii. | Eli reported he felt the joint Enlace-NESCA function at Thorpe Park on 7/27 was a success. He was especially impressed with the respect and friendliness of the Hispanic community towards the homeless individuals who attended. |
| iii. | Eli requested a \$200 reimbursement for the porta potty required for the Thorpe Park event. There was also a \$32.50 fee for a sound permit which he paid. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Eli \$232.50 for his out of pocket expenses for this community event. Motion passed. Eli will submit a request to the city for this reimbursement. |
| d. Hoover School | |
| i. | Ian will publicize this information on Facebook as well as in the NESCA News. Teri said it is ok for anyone to bring items to her home between 10 AM – 4 PM daily. If no one happens to be there, items can be left on the protected front porch. We will continue to gather items through the 10/16 meeting at which time everything will be delivered to the school. List of needed supplies is included as an attachment to these minutes. |
| ii. | Anyone who would prefer to write a check may do so. Make payable to Hoover School with the notation that it is for 2018-19 School Supplies. |
| e. Watershed | Gary Pullman |
| i. | Mission Street Conservancy Good |
| ii. | Eglewood Park Festival Good |
| iii. | 13 th Street Rain Garden Completed except for signage |

- iv. D Street Retention Basin New to Gary. East on D Street, left on 37th.
 - 1. Questioning why it's just a large open field and why there are no trees?
Possible outreach for tree planting groups, including Friends of Trees.
- v. Salem Peace Mosaic currently on the Y building needs to be moved. There will need to be a lot of conversation about this as the funding will need to come from the city.
- f. OSH North Campus Ian
 - i. Current information is that all requirements should be in place to be able to turn the development property over to the developer (Mountain West) in January and the D Street Park to the City. At this time, there are still no plans for the section earmarked for commercial development and DAS will maintain ownership of that portion of the Campus.

6. Business

There being no additional regular meeting business, Eli closed the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli
Secretary/Treasurer
NESCA

Attending:

Eli Brody*, Mike Beringer*, Lynn Cardiff*, Dianne Wilke*, Teri Lupoli*, Julie Redden, Gary Pullman, City Councilor Chris Hoy, City Councilor Tom Andersen, City Councilor Cara Kaser, Officer Renz Salem PD, Katya G. Salem Chamber of Commerce

Attachment: 2018-19 Hoover School Supply List