

November 20, 2018
Fresh Start Market

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Mike Beringer.

1. Welcome, Introductions, Announcements, Approval of Minutes: Mike Beringer, Chairman

Mike welcomed everyone. At Mike's suggestion, everyone took turns introducing themselves.

Announcements:

- Mike called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the October 16 meeting. A motion was made/seconded. Motion carried.

2. Police Officer Report:

Officer Tangney:

- Officer Tangney discussed the frustration of citizens when the police are not able to have cars/RVs towed when they are being lived in but are properly parked. If vehicles are licensed, they can park on any public street. Officers respond to parking complaints when they can.
- Thorpe Park issues with homeless individuals were raised by neighbor Michael Brown. He did say that Fred Meyer has put up a gate between the properties which will hopefully slow down some of the foot traffic. Biggest issue of concern is there are no restroom facilities on this site and it does cause problems.
- Another issue raised by Michael Brown is that of shopping carts that are obviously stolen from the various stores and either used to transport personal effects of the homeless or are abandoned and need to be returned to the stores.
 - Councilor Chris Hoy said that he would like to see a possible ordinance putting the burden on the stores. However, he like it be in in tandem with lockers arranged for storing of personal items of the homeless.
 - Office Tangney said the theft of the carts is a misdemeanor charge but it's still necessary for someone to press charges, which seldom happens.
- The winter warning of warming up cars was given. Office Tangney said don't leave cars running unattended. There is always an increase in car thefts when the weather turns cold.
- When doing holiday shopping, don't leave things visible in your car. This is good advice at all times, but especially so during the holiday season.
- Be on the lookout for "porch pirates" stealing FedEx/UPS packages from front porches. Because this has become so common, shippers are coming up with new shipping options where they will leave packages at other locations that are safe.
- At this time of year there is always the possibility of stolen Christmas decorations.
- Officer Tangney said to always report suspicious people. There is online reporting as well as phone reporting.
- Lastly, Officer Tangney cautioned everyone to be extremely careful of charity scams which usually increase at this time of year. Always verify to whom you're talking and the legitimacy of the organization.

3. Code Enforcement

Officer Hinkle

- Officer Hinkle said there area more zoning and property maintenance violations in NESCA than in surrounding areas. Comparison and Stat charts were left for attendees. (copies attached to these minutes. NESCA was busy this past 3 months in most categories.

- Regarding shopping carts that are abandoned, attendees were instructed to go to NWCart.com for a cart to be picked up. The City does not pick up carts anymore. As mentioned previously, carts removed from the store lots are “stolen” and it is a misdemeanor charge – but charges are seldom ever filed.
- There is a new online form for filing Code Enforcement complaints. Complaints can also be made by phone. [CityofSalem.net/code enforcement]

4. Salem Center 50+ Friendship Brigade

Heidi Wold Miller

- Heidi came to talk about a new outreach program at the 50+ that is being shared with community groups, churches, etc.
- Recruit, train, and connect to isolated seniors.
 - Loneliness IS a serious health crisis for seniors
 - Social isolation and the crisis of loneliness is tantamount to the crisis of obesity
- The plan will be to bring people together – the alone and volunteers from all walks of life.
 - High school and college kids
 - Church groups
 - Service organizations and clubs
- 50+ is looking for volunteers who are able to work 2 hours once a week, to visit a specific location.
- The goal is to have 100 volunteers going to 15 locations.
- Additional information is provided as an attachment to these minutes for anyone who may be interested in working with this outreach program.

5. City Councilors’ Reports:

Cara Kayser

- Cara reported on the work session last night for the 2019 Planning/Goals/agenda looking for policy items. Hoping to be able to do something with the Task Force to help the homeless with storage needs, bathroom facilities. There will be another meeting on 1/23/19 at which time they will be finalizing plans.
- 11/7 Warming shelters will be activated when the temperature is forecast for 32 degrees or below. There are 3 centers at churches that rotate. Volunteers are needed to staff the centers.
- 11/27 RFP for ozone treatment at Geren Island Treatment with funds previously set aside.
- 11/30 will be the lighting of the City Holiday Tree. 6 PM at Riverfront Park.
- 12/5 Public Workshop at Pringle Community Hall. The City is working on a multi-year project to update the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan. First phase: **Our Salem: Today** is analyzing the existing conditions of the city and evaluating how Salem could grow under current policies. To become involved and for more information: Website: www.cityofsalem.net/pages/our-salem.aspx or contact Eunice Kim, Project Manager 503-540-2308 or ekim@cityofsalem.net
- Raising revenue: Sustainable Services Revenue Task Force
- HRAP 109 homeless in the program, 100 stayed and are housed.
- Councilor Lewis wants to force a resolution on a 3rd bridge. Cara mentioned the \$400m price, the loss of 110 homes and businesses that would be displaced, the need for a gas tax, property tax increase, tolls, etc. Many feel this is simply a political maneuver but it is felt this will not pass Council.
 - Center Street Bridge will be retrofitted.

Chris Hoy:

- NE Brown Road Park Masterplan was approved.
- Riverfront Park Updated Masterplan was approved.

- Ended the Public Transit Committee. Have been able to redevelop a relationship and better communications between the City and Cherriots.
 - Bus service is looking to align with new developments.
 - Saturday and late evening service and, soon,
 - Sunday and Holiday service.
- Development is moving forward on the old mushroom plant (PictSweet property) at State and Cordon.
 - 800 units, work-force housing. Single family units using a “skinny lot” design.
- Adjustments in water/utility bills. Revamping low income assistance. More to follow on this.
- Garbage rates will be increasing.
 - Recycling market is down resulting in increased costs.
 - Diesel prices are up significantly.
 - City controls rates but we have to maintain pricing in order for companies to make a small profit.
 - Background: 30 years ago, a law was put into place in the county (Marion only) that ALL garbage had to go to the burner which is more expensive. In order to change

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6. Committee Reports:

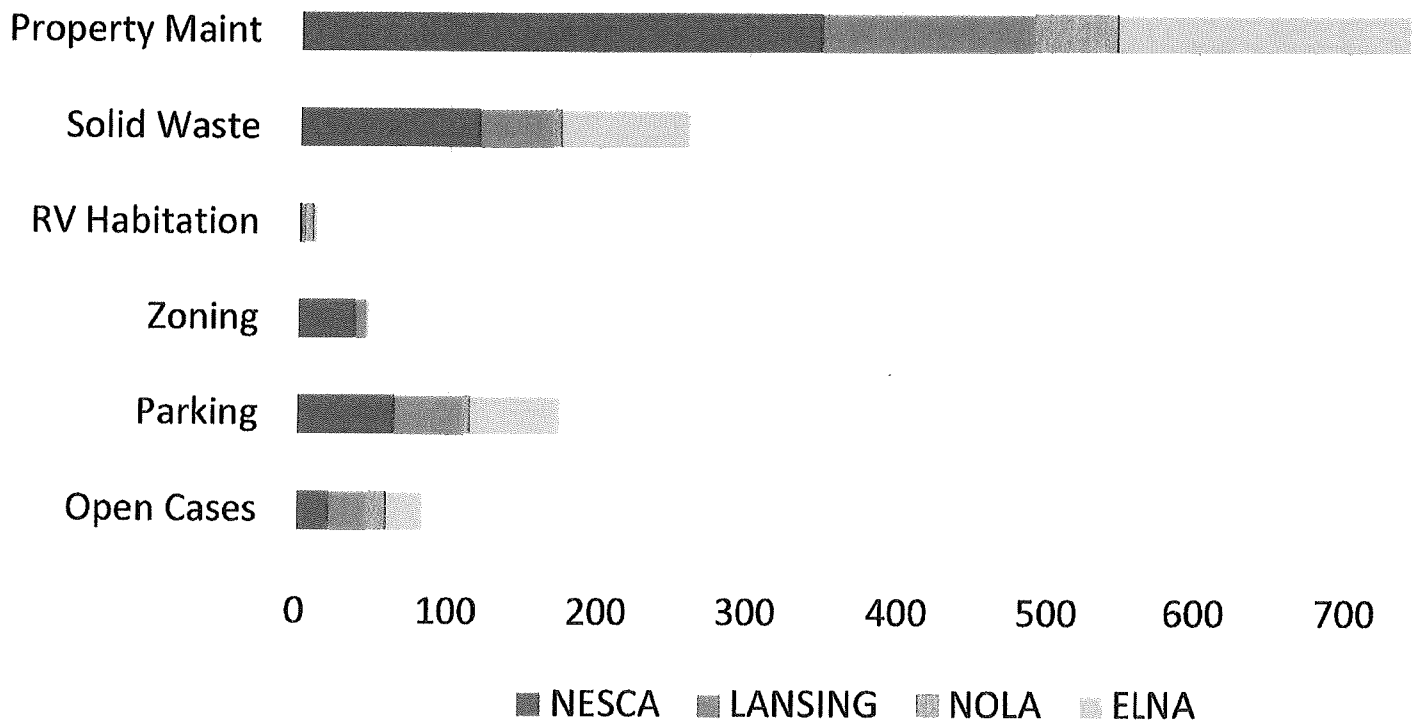
- a. Land Use Ian Johnson
 - i. Ian was unable to attend this evening’s meeting but provided a Memorandum regarding the “Update to City Comprehensive Plan”: Ian’s information is provided as an addendum to these minutes.
- b. Transportation Julie Redden
 - i. Julie reported that the 30 mph sign westbound at 25th is still pending.
 - ii. ADA issue on the D Street overpass. (NE side – up bound). Julie wrote a letter regarding the issue. It does appear to be a city issue and she was told it will be checked on and hopefully fixed.
 - iii. Councilor Hoy mentioned tha the city did put up pedestrian signs at 37th and D Street (across from the cinemas) but will continue to push for painted crosswalks.
 - iv. No speed cart has been set yet on 24th.
- c. Parks Eli Brody
 - i. Eli thanks Michael Brown for his Thorpe Park information.
- d. Hoover School Liaison Teri Lupoli
 - i. School supplies gathered from our neighbors were delivered to Hoover School. Linda Mungia-Hernandez, our liaison contact, was thrilled with the large amount of supplies that we were able to deliver.
- e. Watershed Gary Pullman No report
- f. OSH North Campus Ian Johnson No report

Mike thanked everyone for attending this evening and wished every a very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. There will be no NESCA meeting in December. Our next scheduled meeting will be January 15, 2019.

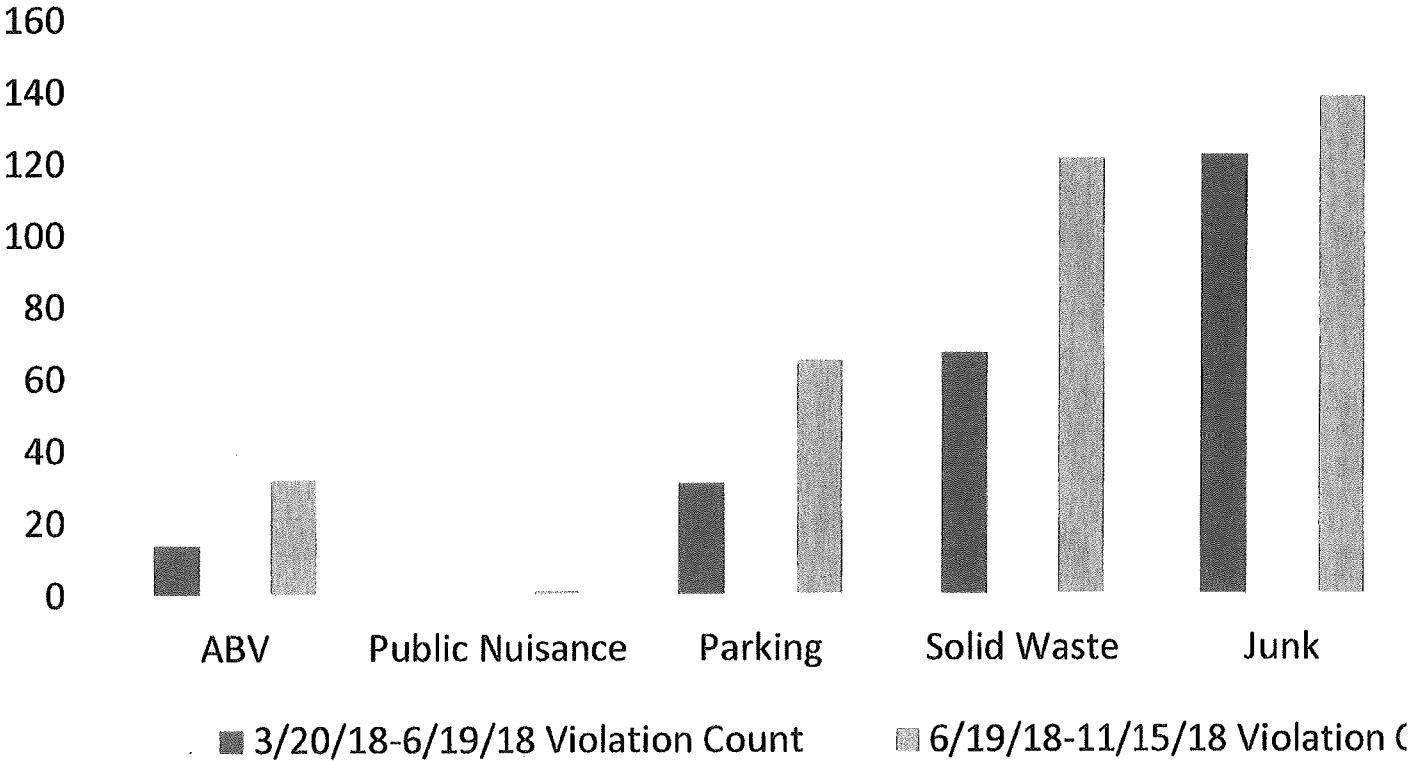
There being no additional regular meeting business, new Chair Mike Beringer closed the meeting at 9 PM.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli
 Secretary/Treasurer
 NESCA

Comparisons 6/19/18-11/15/18



NESCA Stats



Memorandum

DATE: November 17, 2018
TO: The NESCA Board
FROM: Ian P. Johnson, NESCA Land Use Chair
RE: Update to City Comprehensive Plan, Phase One, Our Salem: Today

This brief summary quotes extensively from the Our Salem: Planning for Growth website created by the City of Salem. I added details from my notes taken at the November 5th stakeholder meeting, which is described in more detail below.

The City has launched a multi-year project to update the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan addresses all aspects of a city's development, including services, land use, parks, open space, infrastructure, and transportation. The comprehensive plan will be written to align with the City Council's strategic plan adopted in October 2017. NESCA was asked to participate in the first phase of the process as part of the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) that included elected officials, representatives from other neighborhoods, Planning Commission members, and others. The first phase, called Our Salem: Today, focuses on examining the existing conditions of the city and evaluating different scenarios for how Salem could grow under current policies.

I attended the first SAC meeting on November 5th. Following an overview of the project, the group's task was to review and rank the relative importance of specific, measurable outcomes across several broad categories to evaluate the City's progress towards its potential goals to be addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. The categories included Good Governance; Welcoming and Livable Community; Natural Environment and Stewardship; Safe Community; Safe, Reliable, and Efficient Infrastructure; Strong and Diverse Economy; and Welcoming and Livable Community. Within each category, the group was provided a list of metrics. For instance, the Welcoming and Livable Community category listed affordability, neighborhood housing mix, parks per capita, regional trail miles, etc. Relying on our neighborhood's recently adopted Envision Neighborhood Plan, I emphasized the need to track quality-of-life issues, such as parks, public transportation, access for pedestrians and bicyclists, and sustainable growth that supports neighborhoods. A public meeting to discuss the plan update and how to measure the City's goals will be held on December 5th from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Court Street Christian Church, 1699 Court St NE, Salem. At the workshop, the community will have the opportunity learn more about the project, ask questions, and provide input. The SAC will meet again in 2019 at a date and time to be determined.

The first phase is expected to take nine months to a year to complete. It will inform critical discussions and decisions about future growth in the city. Future phases will be determined after phase one is complete but may include establishing a community vision for development and an update to the comprehensive plan.

The City is currently asking residents to weigh in on several questions about what to measure and how. The current question asks, "How important is it to measure Salem's greenhouse gas emission. Residents can respond through the project website: https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/our-salem.aspx?utm_source=Community+Connection&utm_campaign=73def0139a-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_10_22_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d587610385-73def0139a-414478473.