

May 21, 2019  
Fresh Start Market

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

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

Mike welcomed all in attendance and invited everyone to introduce themselves and tell where they live. A motion to approve the minutes of the April 16 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

**2. Police Officer Report: Officer Mike Tangney**

1. With the warmer weather, more windows are left open and property crimes tend to escalate. Officer Tangney reminded all to check windows and have them secured. Also suggested to not leave garage doors open with valuables in sight when going to the backyard and to communicate regularly with your neighbors.

2. Auto thefts are still up around the city. Older model Hondas are especially susceptible.

3. Transient issues are all over the city and not just downtown. Many of the transient population are truly in truly desperate situations; others are there by choice. POP Unit (Problem Oriented Policing) is working with the City of Salem to try to clear camps and cart "trains". There are currently two officers assigned to allow regular patrol to stay on the street for other issues. POP will work on multiple issues regarding the transient population.

4. Another new program, SCRAM, teams the City with homeowners who have video surveillance systems. Homeowners can register their system with the City and police are then able to use the video from those cameras to try to help solve crimes committed in that neighborhood.

5. Call the non-emergency police number anytime there are questions or concerns or call 911 if there is someone on your property and you feel they are a potential threat.

**3. Marion County Prole & Probation Officer, Fredrickson:**

Officer Fredrickson was unable to attend this evening.

**4. City Councilors' Reports:**

No councilors were available to attend tonight's meeting.

**5. Guest: Richard Berger, Mountain West**

Richard thanked the NESCA members for their support at the Planning Commission meeting to provide neighborhood context to the request for the zoning change.

- The zone change was approved from Hospital to Mixed Residential for single family homes and apartments. While there was opposing testimony, the meeting was generally positive, and the zone change was approved. The decision is final. If interested in reading the ruling, it is available on the NESCA site on the City of Salem website.
- Next is the site plan and design review. Mountain West was hoping to begin work on the infrastructure this summer, but the date was missed. As such, nothing will start until summer 2020.
- The Statesman Journal dated today has a large article about possible bodies buried on the North Campus. The State, in consultation with the Tribe, learned that an old map once showed "cemetery" on the area of the new D Street Park site. They will be doing a sweep of the property with ground penetrating radar to determine if there are any remains that need to be removed. This includes all the open grounds, including that designated for Mountain West.
- Richard will plan to have an updated site plan with pictures available to share with NESCA in the Fall.

## 6. Committee Reports:

- a. Land Use Ian Johnson
  - As Richard fully covered what has been happening with North Campus, no further report was provided.
  - Mike Beringer commented that NESCA is very lucky to have had Ian Johnson watching over the North Campus issue for several years and for guiding our actions as a community to help preserve our neighborhood. There was a round of applause from all for a job well done!
- b. Transportation Julie Redden
  - Julie was unable to attend tonight. No report available.
- c. Parks Eli Brody & Marilyn Moritz
  - Eli said he had no report on park conditions this evening. He did mention that it appears we may not be able to get a chemical toilet for our joint festival with EnLace. There is no insurance available so if it's left over the weekend for Monday pick up and it gets vandalized, NESCA is responsible. If we want it picked up the same day, there is an additional cost.
    - A motion was made/seconded for Marilyn to apply for a grant to pay for the chemical toilet and the extra for same day pick up. Motion approved.
  - Salem Parks & Rec Advisory Board meeting was held; board voted to push for D Street park.
  - The Multi-Cultural Festival with EnLace is set for July 27 at Thorpe Park. Fee has been paid for sound equipment. Everything looks good.
- d. Hoover School Liaison Teri Lupoli

No report.

  - Ian requested that the school supply drive for Hoover School be added to next month's agenda.
- e. Watershed Gary Pullman
  - Mill Creek at North Salem High School was cleaned up.
  - Attended North Santiam Basin Summit tour. They are still not putting in a fish ladder so will continue to truck the fish.
  - There will be two hearings on the EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) for the Downstream Project. Contact Gary for more info.

## 6. Business - Other:

- Amador Aguila - EnLace
  - Amador reported that he has been trying to make connections with various schools, creating activities for kids, working to inspire kids and their families to become more involved with community activities. EnLace is working with a non-profit that provides assistance for his efforts. On June 3 there will be a fund-raising festival at South Salem High School with parents providing food and he invited everyone to attend.
- Hawthorne Street Cleaning Project
  - The next street cleaning project is scheduled for May 25, 8:30 AM. Meet at the Park & Ride east of the Holiday Inn, entrance at the north end of the lot.
- Neighborhood Chairs Meeting
  - Discussion of the Salem Water System. New systems are in place with plans for upgrades, etc. They do not believe there will be any issues with water service this year. However, should the worst possible scenario happen, they have contingency plans for being able to provide water to city residents much quicker than last time.

Mike thanked everyone for attending this evening. **Our next scheduled meeting will be June 18, 2019.** There being no additional regular meeting business, Eli closed the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli  
Secretary/Treasurer  
NESCA

Attending:

Mike Beringer\*, Eli Brody\*, Teri Lupoli\*, Marilyn Moritz\*, Lynn Cardiff\*, Dianne Wilke\*, Gary Pullman, Mary Murphy, Amador Aguilar, Ann O'Rourke, Gary Horowitz, Kim Grace, Richard Berger Mountain West, Mike Tangney SPD

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