

August 20, 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 asked everyone to introduce themselves and tell where they live. A motion to approve the minutes of the July 16 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Teri Lupoli, Secretary/Treasurer reported that we have earned an additional \$25 for our communication funds because of our National Night Out party, hosted by Mike and Lucy Beringer. Current Balance is: \$1,207.50. A form to request reimbursement of personal expenses for the party was provided to Mike.

Code Enforcement follow-up: Teri reported that the Code Enforcement online complain form is currently NOT available in Spanish. Irma Dowd said that she and Brady Rogers will look into this and see that this oversight is rectified.

2. Police Officer Report: Officer Inzhirova

1. Through July most crime stats are down in most categories, larceny being the exception, so she suggested that everyone still needs to be careful.

2. There have been several calls because of dogs being left in hot cars. If anyone sees a dog in a hot car that appears in distress, they should call SPD immediately. People need to be careful in breaking a window to “rescue” a dog as the dog needs to be in imminent danger before such extreme measure is taken. There is a possibility of being charged with criminal mischief if it is determined the dog was not in danger.

3. SCRAM Program. If anyone has a video surveillance camera, they can register it with SPD then if there is a crime in the area, they can ask to check your camera for any possible suspects. The video is never used at any other time and does not give police access to your camera without your consent.

4. Due to the recent number of shootings, there have been a lot of calls received regarding “shots fired.” In order for SPD to investigate these calls, very specific information is needed (a specific location if possible). Because of the lack of information available for many of these calls, a lot of them are not investigated.

3. City Councilors’ Reports: Chris Hoy

- **City Budget.** The City hasn’t done a very good job of explaining the need for the additional revenue. Measure 5 of many years ago limited funding and the city has basically been using money from their “savings account.” Salem Police Department has not been able to increase personnel in 10 year. We are still needing two additional fire stations, and we are short personnel in Code Enforcement. The City is going to have to stop using savings and add revenue in order to keep the city functioning based its growth. Possible sources of income discussed were:
 - **Gas Tax.** This tax can only be approved by voters and funds generated can not go into the general fund. As a dedicated fund, it can only be used for road requirements. (Dedicated funds can not go into the general fund. For example, the city can buy parks with funds dedicated for that purpose but can make no improvements to the park from those funds.)
 - **Payroll Tax.** .3% (.003). The example was given that this would amount to \$150.00 per year on a \$50,000 annual salary. There are approximately 60,000 who commute into that the city daily who do not pay any city taxes while still enjoying the privileges of the city. This tax will resolve that inequity. Council consensus was to send this proposal to the voters. There are 34 cities in Oregon who do a payroll tax similar to the one being considered by Salem City Council.

- Hoover's Back to School Event is scheduled for September 3 from 4 – 6 pm. NESCA will set up a table and will visit with parents, encouraging them to sign up for the newsletter and to attend monthly meetings. (flyer attached to these minutes)
- e. Watershed Gary Pullman
 - Gary reported the Mission Street Parks Conservancy may have the Bush's Pasture Park oak trees/Art Fair on the agenda with the City planning group. Citizen involvement kept the Division Street trees and this group, along with interested citizens, will be working to keep others.
- f. Oregon State Hospital North Campus
 - Teri reported that there have been several instances noted of people camping on the property at the North Campus. Darrin Brightman of DAS has passed along information that if campers are seen, we can contact OSP via *677 on a mobile phone or at 1-800-442-0776 from a landline. These numbers will connect to OSP Dispatch. Callers will need to be as specific as possible regarding location as Dispatch is often unfamiliar with city locations.

6. Business - Other:

- NESCA Street Cleaning
 - Saturday, August 24. Meet at 8:30 AM at the north end of the Park & Ride lot next to the Holiday Inn (former Red Lion). All equipment is provided including fashionable orange vests!

Mike thanked everyone for attending this evening. **Our next scheduled meeting will be September 17.** There being no additional regular meeting business, Mike closed the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli
 Secretary/Treasurer
 NESCA

Attending:

Mike Beringer*, Teri Lupoli*, Marilyn Moritz*, Lynn Cardiff*, Dianne Wilke*, Jim Lupoli, Maren Wryn, Gary Pullman, Ann McAvoy, Margaret Mitchell, Officer Inzhirova SPD, Chris Hoy City Councilor, Richard Berger Mountain West Investments, Elliott Pelfrey Mountain West Investments

Attachments (2)

1. Hoover School Flyer
 2. Chief Moore's Response to Recent Shootings
- This was not on the Agenda but is provided as information for those who may not have seen it.

*NESCA Board Member

B A C K



E V E N T!

Hoover Elementary invites you to share your **community resource**
during our Back to School Event.

Please join us!

September 3, 2019

4:00 - 6:00 pm

Location: Hoover Elementary GYM, 1104 Savage Rd NE

Contact: Linda Hernandez-Munguia @ 503.399.3157

RSVP: hernandez-munguia_linda@salkeiz.k12.or.us

When RSVP'ing, please include the number of tables and chairs you
would like Hoover to have set-up.

(please arrive at 3:45 PM to set up, tables will be provided if requested)

CHIEF MOORE'S RESPONSE TO RECENT SHOOTINGS IN SALEM

News Release from **Salem Police Dept.**

Posted on FlashAlert: August 12th, 2019 4:57 PM

The following release is Chief Jerry Moore's response to recent shootings that have occurred in Salem. Chief Moore will be attending tonight's Salem City Council meeting in order to address questions by Councilors regarding the recent events. The Salem City Council meets at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chamber on the second floor of City Hall.

Between August 4 and August 8 the City experienced a series of violent crimes in a short period of time. Our goal is to keep this community safe and we understand when events like this occur so close together community concern grows. I want the community to know the Salem Police Department and our partner agencies are working diligently to solve these crimes and get the criminals off of our streets. I know there has been a great deal of speculation and some misinformation circulating through various sources and I want to provide some facts to help the public better understand what has occurred. On August 4th a young man was shot in Englewood Park and subsequently died of his injuries. A few hours later and a few blocks away on 22nd ST NE, an unrelated domestic homicide occurred. The suspect in that homicide has been arrested and the case has been handed over to the Marion County District Attorney's Office.

On August 5th, there was a drive-by shooting in the 1400 block of Evergreen AV NE and thankfully no one was hurt. A short time later, outside of the city in Marion County, another drive-by shooting occurred.

On August 8th a car was shot near Market and Clay streets NE. No one was injured in that incident. It is human nature to assume these incidents may be connected. That may in fact be the case, but at this time it is simply speculation and our investigation will determine whether that is accurate.

Regardless, we are actively working all of these cases and are working closely with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, the Oregon State Police, and parole and probation agencies.

We understand the public would like more information about events such as these. But, case integrity is critical. We release details as soon as possible once we have verified them, which may take hours or even days. Many times, details are actually clues, which if revealed publicly, can hamper the investigation.

In the age of scanner apps and social media, people are able to get bits and pieces of an event in real time. Yet, many times the initial information turns out to be misunderstood, incorrect, and unfortunately exaggerated. We hope the community understands we will not speculate and will provide facts of the case when it is prudent.

We have been asked if these incidents are gang-related. Whether or not they are gang-related does not change our investigations. We don't conduct our investigations based on labels of individuals; we conduct our investigations based on the behavior and actions of those involved. Gang involvement can be a contributing factor, but usually motives for committing these crimes vary incident to incident, and we may not know until the investigation is complete.

During the course of my career we have in fact had occasion where multiple acts of violence have occurred in a short period of time. Most often it is one or two individuals involved, and once they are in custody those shootings stop. That is our goal in this case.

We understand people want these crimes solved immediately and we do too. The reality is these investigations are complex. We are working continually in an effort to solve these crimes. Officers and detectives are working round-the-clock, yet resources are stretched with the daily calls for service that continue, in addition to our routine duties to keep the community safe.

It is important to point out that this is still a safe community. The majority of Salem's person to person crimes are committed by people who are known to each other, not stranger to stranger incidents.

Your officers are working hard to ensure your safety, but we can't do it alone. How can you help?

Report suspicious activity when it happens. Call or text 911 if necessary. And, be a good witness and contact us if you have information regarding any of these incidents.

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