

January 21, 2020
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 introduced our guests. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted for the November 19, 2019 meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried.

2. Police Officer Report: No report as no officer was available this evening.

3. City Councilors' Report: Chris Hoy

- City Councilors had a special work session this evening so Chris was unable to attend our meeting this evening. He submitted his report on the Homelessness issue that is being discussed. His report is made a part of these minutes and is attached.

4. Guest Speaker Presentations: Alex Nelson, Assistant Planner, Harper Houf Peterson Righellis, Inc.

Alex presented a proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change for the North Campus property that faces Center Street, including the Dome Building property. Property being discussed for this zoning change is roughly from Center Street north to Fredrick, and 23rd Avenue NE east to Park Avenue and does not include the Mountain West development plan.

The property being discussed is currently zoned as Health. The requested change will be to Mixed Use which includes commercial, educational services, and residential (multi-family or single townhomes). Pre-application confirmation with the city has been done, but no formal proposal has been presented nor have any dollars been exchanged. Alex did mention that they are using the NESCA plan (NESCA 9 Points) to help them with this plan. Attached to these minutes is a copy of the handout discussing this project.

4. Guest Speaker Presentations: Louise Newswanger, Salem Public Library Foundation

Louise came to talk about the fourth season of the "Salem Reads" program. This year the book for this program is "Piecing Me Together" by Rene'e Watson, a young adult novel. Louise brought two books to pass out to anyone who was interested. 400 free books (to library cardholders) will be given away. If anyone is wanting a book and does not have a library card, take a picture ID and proof of address to the library to get a free card and a free book. If the free books have all been distributed, the library will have 120 copies in circulation to check out. There will be opportunities to meet the author at an opening night reception at the Grand Theater on February 6. Doors open at 6pm and the lecture begins at 7pm with a book signing afterward. Tickets are not necessary. If additional information is needed, please contact the Salem Public Library Foundation at 503-588—6183.

Louise reminded everyone that the Salem Library will be closing on February 3 for approximately two years for upgrades and earthquake retrofitting. All services will be operating out of the old Capital Press building, 1400 Broadway NE, beginning February 18.

Marilyn Moritz suggested that anyone who is so inclined to provide charitable donations to worthy organizations might consider donating to the Salem Public Library Foundation. The Foundation does great work for summer reading programs and other educational endeavors.

4. Guest Speaker Presentations: Amador Aguilar, Enlace

Amador reported that he has organized an opportunity to come together with Enlace for an approximate 40-minute program to be shown on CCTV. The goal is to bring more of the Hispanic population into the conversations pertaining to the community and to connect to the neighborhoods.

Amador also mentioned a new posting wall at the big flea market on Portland Road (near Harbor Freight). He is encouraging neighborhood associations to post newsletters, events, etc. on the wall as another way to encourage the Hispanic community to engage with the various associations.

5. Committee Reports:

- a.Land Use Ian Johnson
 - Ian was not able to attend this evening, but Teri read information from an email received from Brandon Pike, Planner for the City of Salem. Brandon mentioned a current proposal for construction of two new fourplex apartment buildings and associate site improvements. The applications sought include: Class 3 site plan review, Class 1 design review, Class 2 adjustments, and Class 2 driveway approach permit. The subject property is at 1038 Park Avenue NE. Brandon pointed out that the application has not yet been deemed complete and may change substantially based on comments. It is also possible that the application may be withdrawn or may expire before notice is sent. Copies of the application and any documents are available by emailing: Bpike@cityofsalem.net with the subject of "Early Notice of Land Use Application Submittal". Application numbers for this project are: 19-125032-RP, 19-125033-DR, 19-125034-ZO, 19-1250037-ZO.
 - The Developers will make a presentation to NESCA prior to finalizing any plans.

- b.Transportation Julie Redden
 - Julie was not able to attend this evening so there was no report.
- c.Parks Eli Brody
 - NESCA is still planning to participate with Enlace for the festival at Thorp Park on the last Friday of July. More to follow on this.
 - There is apparently a proposal that the State will provide Yaquina Hall free to the Salem Housing Authority due to several missed deadlines caused by the State.
- d.Hoover School Liaison Teri Lupoli
 - Sent an email to our contact, Miss Maira, regarding Channel 8 TV reporting from there to find out what was going on. No return info by the time of this meeting.
- e.Watershed Gary Pullman
 - No report. Gary was unable to attend this evening.
- f. Oregon State Hospital North Campus Ian Johnson
 - No report other than the presentation by Alex Nelson.

6. Business - Other:

Eli report that our first street cleaning of the year will be on Saturday, March 21 (the Saturday following our March meeting). As usual, we will meet at 8:30 at the north end of the Park and Ride just east of the Holiday Inn (formerly Red Lion). All needed work and safety equipment will be provided.

The drug house that has been a previous topic of conversation, located at 1185 25th NE, has finally been vacated. The house is now in process of being gutted. In addition to the many needles, other trash, and drug paraphernalia, it has been reported that asbestos has also been uncovered.

Camry Court: The request to subdivide the property in question was approved. Current rules allowed for the subdividing and others had done so previously. The parking issue was discussed and after personally looking at the situation, city officials determined the No Parking signs have been on the wrong side of the street for some time and they have now been moved to the west side of the court.

Allan Adams mentioned an RV and pickup that have been camping on 23rd between Center and D, just north of the Dome Building, for an extended period. He also mentioned new graffiti that he had noticed. For these issues, Mike suggested contacting the Compliance Officer and Graffiti Hotline. Numbers are:

- Code Compliance 503-589-2026
- Graffiti Hotline 503-371-4264

A big “Thank You” to Lucy Beringer for bringing refreshments for tonight’s meeting!

As there was no additional business brought forward, Mike thanked everyone for attending this evening and closed the meeting at 8:00 PM. **Our next scheduled meeting will be February 18 at Fresh Start Market annex.**

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli
Secretary/Treasurer
NESCA

Attending:

Mike Beringer* Teri Lupoli*, Marilyn Moritz*, Eli Brody*, Lynn Cardiff*, Dianne Wilke, Lucy Beringer, Jim Lupoli, Maren Wryn, Ken Gettys, Harold (Allen) Adams, Amador Aguilar, Maggie Crane, Alexander Nelson, Planner HHP, Inc., Louise Newswanger, Salem Library Services

*NESCA Board Member

Attachments:

~Councilor Chris Hoy

- Report on Homeless Issues currently being discussed by City Council

~Alex Nelson, Assistant Planner, HHP, Inc.

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment & Zone Change information for 2600 Center Street NE.

~Louise Newswanger, Salem Public Library Foundation

- “Salem Reads” flyer

City Councilor Update – January 21, 2020

Chris Hoy – City Councilor, Ward 6

My apologies for not being in attendance at tonight's NESCA meeting. A concurrent city council meeting prevents me from joining you.

Upcoming/Ongoing Issues:

- Homelessness
 - We continue to work through the issues surrounding individuals who do not have shelter. You've likely read a lot in the media and on social media. Please keep in mind that those headlines and states not only do not paint a complete picture, they are often inaccurate. Here is a list of things the city and housing authority are doing to address the issue along with other information.
 - We are seeking to purchase Yaquina Hall from the state. This will provide housing and wraparound services for chronically homeless individuals who are experiencing mental illness. Unfortunately, this purchase has been long-delayed by state bureaucracies.
 - We are renovating an assisted living facility on Fisher Road to house chronically homeless individuals and will provide case management services. This facility will also have beds leased to Salem Hospital for transitional care for homeless people discharging from Salem Hospital. This should be online in the next couple of months.
 - We authorized funding for nightly warming shelters through March 31. Unfortunately, facilities did not materialize as promised. So we currently have one church providing daily warming and 3 others providing warming shelters when the forecast falls below freezing. Tonight, I believe we will take action to expand the capacity of a female shelter that recently opened.
 - I made a motion in December to allow organized car camping. If passed, this will take place in parking lots of churches and other places who volunteer to host and manage such services. Access to restrooms and trash receptacles are a pre-requisite for participation.
 - You have likely read that we banned camping in December. We did this as we had significant issues with trash, rats, feces, assault and other issues.
 - Many people have asked why we don't provide portapotties and trash receptacles for people camping. Here's the answer: no portapotty company will provide this service in an unsupervised setting due to the hazards their employees have had to deal with in the past. (needles and other safety concerns). The same reason goes for trash. No company will service these areas due to safety issues. When the city has cleared camps

2600 Center Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

NESCA Neighborhood Association Meeting – January 21, 2020

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