

January 19, 2021  
ZOOM Meeting

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

Mike welcomed and introduced everyone and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Mike thanked:

- Marilyn Moritz for her suggestion to write letters of thanks to those who helped NESCA with the North Campus project
- Ian Johnson for writing the letters to Representative Brian Clem, to Mayor Chuck Bennett, and to State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
- Teri Lupoli for organizing and ensuring completion of the project.

A motion to approve the December 15 meeting minutes, as provided, was made and seconded. Motion carried.

### **2. Police Officer Report: Lt. Jason Van Meter**

- Lt. Van Meter said the last couple of weeks have been busy in NESCA. There is a current investigation into a shooting that took place last weekend on Savage Road that resulted in a homicide. No arrest has yet been made. As it is an active investigation, Lt. Van Meter was not at liberty to share further details. When an arrest is made, full disclosure will be made at that time.
- Market Street Overpass Camps: There was a crash into the camps recently as well a crash that took the life of a young man by the name of Octavius Calloway. He was going to or from the camps along I-5 when he was struck and killed. Lt. Van Meter said Octavius was well known to Salem PD. Sadly, the young man had many mental health issues and would often act out in stores to have the police called because they always treated him with respect. Unfortunately, they could not get him the help he needed due to the lack of available mental health resources.
- Lt. Van Meter reported that a Command Center has been set up and there are more than enough resources to protect the Capitol and the city during the Inauguration, should it become necessary.

### **3. City Councilors: Chris Hoy & Virginia Stapleton**

Virginia reported there has been a lot going on around our city.

- Homeless Camps: Recent camp clean-ups at Wallace Marine Park resulted in 90 cubic yards of debris, plus an additional 10 cubic yards of metal, representing only about 10% of what was there. A clean-up of Cascade Gateway Park is scheduled for January 29. Both areas are scheduled for regular monthly trash clean up. The city is trying to coordinate with ODOT regarding issues at the camps at the Market Street exit.
- COVID-19 vaccines have been provided for EMS, firefighters, and police. 911 Dispatchers are scheduled for next week.
- At the January 11 City Council meeting, four new councilors and the mayor were sworn in.
- At the January 11 City Council meeting, councilors and the mayor unanimously passed a resolution condemning white supremacy. A link to that resolution follows:
  - <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/all-salem-city-councilors-denounce-white-supremacy-and-acts-of-racism.aspx>
- Protests this past weekend were very minimal.
- City Manager Steve Powers and Homeless Liaison Gretchen Bennett are wanting to wind down park camping by June 1. This can be accomplished with more shelter beds and connecting people with resources. It is requested that more information be given to neighborhoods to keep them informed as to what is happening and what is needed. For those wishing to help provide warm clothing or other needed items, Virginia suggests contacting either ARCHES or Church at the Park. Other suggestions are provided in the attached newsletter.
  - [Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance Newsletter \(mailchi.mp\)](#)

#### 4. Guest Speaker: Bridget West, Principal, Hoover School

Bridget graciously accepted the invitation to our meeting tonight to bring everyone up to date on the construction project at the school. She provided a video tour of the building, showing the new main entry with improved building security. Anyone entering the building must follow security measure to be allowed into the building. The staff now has the ability to not allow anyone in they feel is a danger to them or the students. The office area, formerly down the hall from the entry, is now next to the entry which is a great improvement. The video also showed the cafeteria, which is now larger, additional new classrooms, the gym with upgrades, and a new multipurpose room. Bridget said the library was not enlarged, but air conditioning was added as well as some new flooring.

In response to a question about students in the school, Bridget said there are some children attending school in “blended” learning situations, currently limited to 30 students. It is hoped that more children will be returning to school soon, depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

#### 5. Committee Reports:

a.Land Use

Ian Johnson

b.Transportation

Julie Redden (not in attendance; no report)

c.Parks

Eli Brody (not in attendance; no report)

d.Hoover School

Teri Lupoli

- Invited Bridget West, Hoover School Principal, to tonight’s meeting.

e.Watershed

Gary Pullman

- Gary said that more help is always needed for creek bank cleanups. Virginia Stapleton, Salem City Council, suggested it may be able to form a new partnership with the city to help with these efforts.

f.OSH North Campus Redevelopment

Ian Johnson

- Wrote letters to Brian Clem, DAS, and Mayor Bennett (previously mentioned).
- Still pending on the campus is work on Yaquina Hall, “D Street” park naming, and the portion of the grounds facing Center Street that is still owned by DAS.

#### 6.Other Business:

Lynn Cardiff questioned who is responsible for the Park Avenue extension between the south side of the State Hospital and Geer. A light pole and a tree were knocked down and have been there for awhile. Marilyn Moritz said it is the state’s responsibility and she will call DAS facilities to see when this will be fixed.

There being no further business, Mike Beringer, Chair, thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. **Our next scheduled meeting will be held via ZOOM, February 16, 2021, beginning at 7:00 PM.** The meeting link will be provided to those on the NESCA NEWS mailing list ahead of the meeting.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli  
NESCA Secretary/Treasurer

Attending:

Mike Beringer\*, Marilyn Moritz\*, Teri Lupoli\*, Gary Pullman\*, Lynn Cardiff\*, Ian Johnson, Jim Lupoli, Lucy Beringer, Ken G., Marilyn Kessler, Chris Hoy City Councilor, Virginia Stapleton City Councilor, Lt. Jason Van Meter SPD, Bridget West Hoover School Principal,

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