

NESCA MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 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. A motion to approve the April 20th meeting minutes, as provided, was made and seconded. Motion carried.

2. Police Officer Report: (No Report)

3. City Councilor's Report: Chris Hoy. Chris passed along the information that Councilor Virginia Stapleton would not be joining us this evening as she is ill.

- Budget Committee meetings, are primarily "status quo."
 - o Funds to be available for Spanish and ASL (American Sign Language) a for City Council meetings
 - o Body and car cams for Salem Police Department
 - o Funds to help fund a mobile crisis unit.
- Federal funds will also be coming to make up for pandemic losses with some being used to shore up city reserves, to help with the homeless situation, etc. Information is still pending on how those Federal funds can be used.
- Chris had a meeting with Governor Brown and the CEO of Fred Meyer regarding the homeless issues at the I-5/Market Street exits. Fred Meyer is greatly impacted by these camps and is seeking help for this situation. As it is ODOT property, it falls to the State to help provide solutions to this problem. Chris felt it was a productive meeting as Governor Brown has committed to freeing up some State-owned property to set up managed camps to alleviate the situation until long-term solutions can be found. Chris is hoping we will see progress soon.
- June 1st is campers at Cascades Gateway and Wallace Marine parks are scheduled to begin vacating. Camping in these areas caused many unintended issues that will hopefully be resolved. The City is working on this situation, but Chris cautioned there are no quick fixes.
- Chris mentioned that the budget did not provide for additional Salem Police Department staff.

4. Guest Speakers: Rob Romanek, City of Salem Parks Planner & Gary Myzak, City of Salem Public Works

D Street Park:

- The D Street property on the northwest corner of the North Campus is now officially a city park. The city can now begin the task of doing frontage improvements from 23rd NE to 25th NE
 - o A new 4-way stop at the intersection of 23rd NE and D Street will be installed.
 - o ADA curb cuts and improvements will be made at the intersections of 23rd, 24th, and 25th Streets NE along D Street.
 - o Paving of the entire street from 23rd NE to 25th NE
 - D Street will be closed to through traffic for approximately 5 weeks during part of this process.
 - o Sidewalks in the park on D Street and on 23rd.
 - o Work is scheduled to begin late June with expected completion by October 2021.
 - Work hours have been established from 7:30 AM to 6:30 PM with no Sunday work (unless there is an urgent need due to unexpected circumstances). 6-day work weeks could happen but are not expected
- There is a \$1.7m budget allotted for the upgrades that are a part of the D Street frontage improvements.
 - o The bid for the project was awarded to North Santiam Paving of Stayton.
- 23rd is currently closed due to work that was required by the State but will be re-opening next week. It will be open for a short window of time before North Santiam Paving begins their work which will again close 23rd to through traffic. It is expected to be closed for most of July.
- A Site map and Fact Sheet for this project are included as attachments with these minutes.

Geer Park:

- The new map shows the change in the playground location that was requested. Previously it was directly next to the skate park but was moved to the west with a berm between the two locations.

- Because of safety concerns for those who are walking along Park Avenue, discussions are being held with the State in how best to address this situation.
- Because of the proximity of the parking lot to the playground, Rob mentioned that there will be water run-off areas between the two which should provide the needed safety.
- Public response to the survey showed a general lack of support for more ball fields. As a result, a large open area in the center of the park will be left for multi-use purposes.
- A comment was made that the size of the dog park for large dogs seems a bit small. Rob said while it could possibly be slightly increased, this dog park (except for Minto Brown which is a unique situation) is actually larger than in other city parks.
- Tennis courts had very minimal support in the early stages. The courts at Hoover School need resurfacing and may be a part of the overall city parks plan.
- Pest control, specifically nutria
 - Nutria are plentiful and rapidly expanding their numbers but the storm water facility in which they thrive is not actually a part of the park, but rather the State storm water services. Councilor Hoy said he will work with Rob on this issue.
- Fencing on the north end of the park is not allowed. It is possible residents in that area could receive a variance to increase the height of their fences beyond the standard six feet to dissuade those from the homeless camps from coming into their yards. Currently, neighbors of Geer Park are seeing increased thefts, including mail theft, and other issues because of the camps on the southeast corner of the park as well as on the east side of Hawthorne.
- While the start date for improvements is not known at this time, the conceptual design will likely be approved this summer.
- Budget for the project is stated as \$2.9m.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Land Use/OSH North Campus

- Trees:
 - Mike Beringer: There was a follow-up meeting with staff on all the reasons that trees were selected for removal and what sidewalk type will be constructed.
 - 8-9 trees in the roadway on 25th were small firs (not the ones behind the backstop)
 - The large walnut at D & Park has to be removed to allow for a regulation ADA corner.
 - 25th and D was in bad shape.
 - The large walnut on Park near Center (where the street curves) must come out to allow for continuation of the sidewalk and is the only one that is really being “sacrificed.”
 - Evan Sekulic: Will be getting direction from Milan Davis regarding sizes and types of trees best suited for replanting efforts. A preliminary drawing will be reviewed and submitted to the City with some tree removal planned for this week. Evan mentioned that the letters recently submitted to Curt Pellatz from NEN and NESCA regarding preservation of mature trees along D Street and Park Avenue were helpful to ensure that everyone is on the same page with this project.
 - Evan Sekulic: Next week, after 23rd Street is open, the contractor will then transition to Park Avenue for street improvements. Similar to previous closures, residents on Park Ave will have access but through traffic may be limited.

b. Transportation

Julie Redden (not in attendance, no report)

c. Parks

Eli Brody (no report)

d. Hoover School

Teri Lupoli

- Information received from Principal Bridget West stated that the 2018 Bon Project included security upgrades and they now have cameras around the entire exterior of the building for the purpose of monitoring school property. Whenever requested, images captured are available to law enforcement

e. Watershed

Gary Pullman (no report)

6. Other Business:

- Derelict houses:
 - o Kay Duffey brought up the issue of an abandoned house on Ladd Avenue between Park and Evergreen. The address is 2735 Ladd Avenue NE. Councilor Hoy will check on this.
 - o Marilyn Moritz provided the information that, if there is a current work permit in place, houses can appear derelict, but nothing can be done. The property at 1195 Park Avenue NE was specifically mentioned, as it has been in various stages of demolition and rebuild for quite some time. Since permits are current, it follows city codes.
- NESCA Litter Patrol:
 - o Eli announced the next litter patrol is scheduled for Saturday, June 19. Everyone is to meet at the north end of the Park and Ride at Market and Hawthorne (next to the Holiday Inn) at 8:30 AM. Another announcement will be made at the next meeting. The next litter patrol after June will be scheduled in September.

There being no further business, Mike Beringer, Chair, thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM. **Our next scheduled meeting will be held via ZOOM, June 15, 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*, Eli Brody*, Lynn Cardiff*, Gary Pullman*, Mark Neuman, Ken Gettys, Kay Duffey, Chris Hoy City Councilor, Evan Sekulic Neighborly Ventures, Rob Romanek, City of Salem Parks Department, and Gary Myzak, City of Salem Public Works Department

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A follow-up regarding the property at 2735 Ladd Avenue NE was received from Councilor Hoy prior to these minutes being completed. He provided the following information:

- Councilor Hoy has learned that this house was an open case with Code Enforcement from June to December last year but was closed when some clean-up occurred.
- Christi Wolfe, Code Enforcement Officer for that area, visited the house earlier this week and has sent a correction notice to the owner. She will keep Councilor Hoy updated with any developments.

Also received as a follow-up to issues raised at the meeting was information from Rob Romanek regarding the nutria problems:

- Nutria issues are happening all around the City wherever there is water. Anita Panko, Stormwater Quality Supervisor with Salem Public Works, is happy to serve as a point of contact and can address maintenance issues at the Geer Park wetland mitigation site and water quality swale that are City maintained.
 - o Anita M. Panko, Stormwater Quality Supervisor
 - o City of Salem, Public Works Department
 - o 1410 20th St. SE/ Building 2
 - o Salem, OR 97302-1209
 - o ampanko@ityofsalem.net
 - o Office 503-589-2188
- Many of the wetlands and stormwater facilities are owned by the State. Affected neighbors should contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife for assistance in those areas.



D Street NE Park Frontage Improvements

Project 720403

May 2021

FACT SHEET

PURPOSE

- Provide frontage improvements required by conditions of the subdivision plat that created D Street Park.

PROJECT FEATURES

- Installation of new curbs and ADA-compliant sidewalk ramps at intersections.
- Installation of new curbs and sidewalks on the east side of 23rd Street NE from B Street NE to D Street NE and on the south side of D Street NE from west of 23rd Street NE to east of 25th Street NE.
- New pavement on D Street NE from west of 23rd Street NE to east of 25th Street NE and on 23rd Street NE from Center Street NE to north of D Street NE.
- The D Street NE and 23rd Street NE intersection will become 4-way stop controlled.
- New storm drain improvements.

BUDGET

- \$1,750,000 from Parks SDC funds.
- \$68,100 from City share of State Highway revenue.
- \$40,000 from City utility rates.

SCHEDULE

- Design began in July 2020 and was completed in March 2021.
- Construction is anticipated to begin in late June 2021 and be completed in October 2021.

TRAFFIC IMPACTS DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Motorists should expect delays.
- D Street NE from 23rd Street NE to 25th Street NE will be closed to through traffic for approximately five weeks.
- 23rd Street NE from D Street NE to Center Street NE will be closed to through traffic for approximately four weeks.

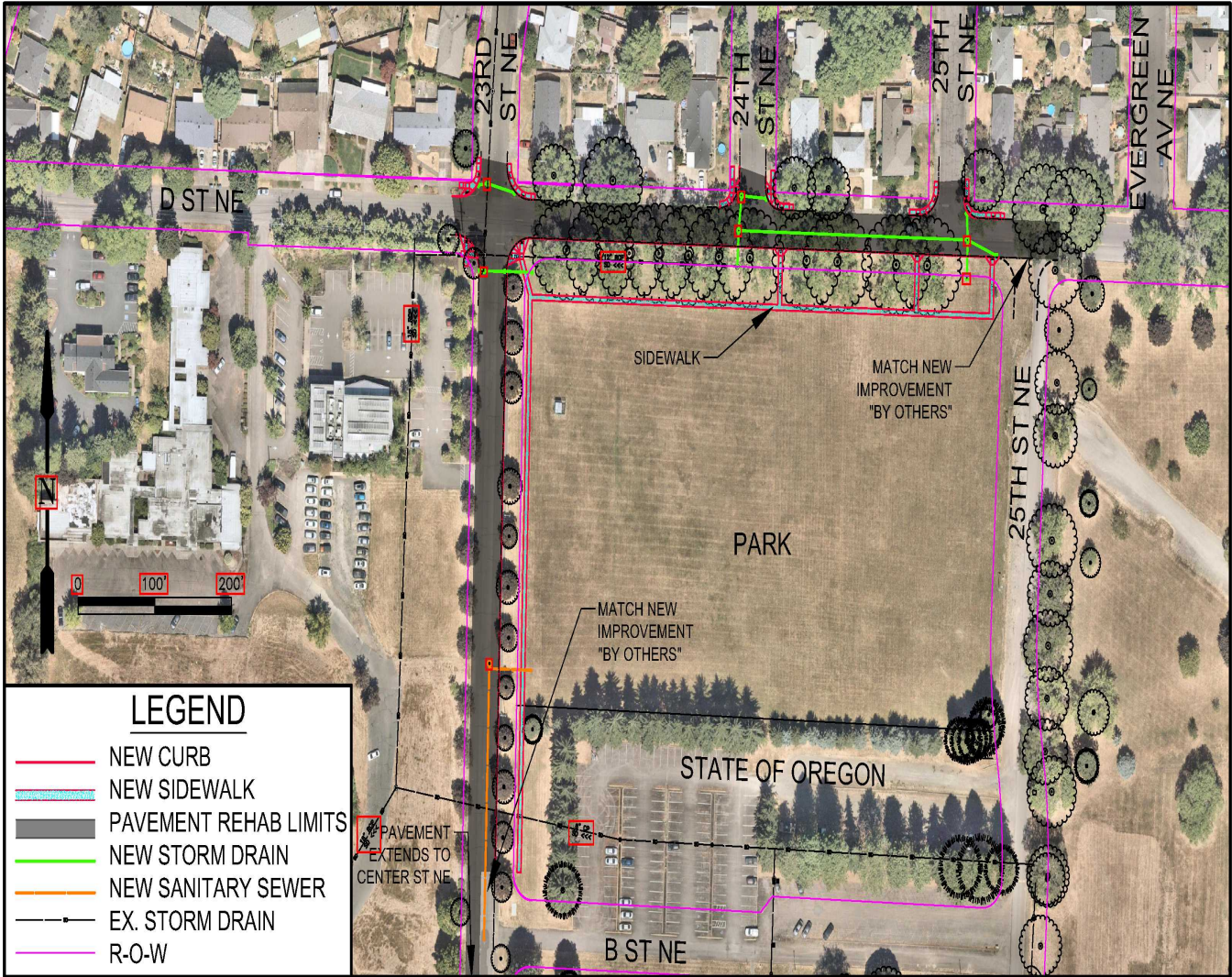
PROJECT CONTACT

- City of Salem, Gary Myzak, PE, Engineering Program Manager, at 503-588-6211 or gmyzak@cityofsalem.net

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LEGEND

- NEW CURB
- NEW SIDEWALK
- PAVEMENT REHAB LIMITS
- NEW STORM DRAIN
- NEW SANITARY SEWER
- EX. STORM DRAIN
- R-O-W

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