

NESCA MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2021

ZOOM Meeting

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

Mike opened the meeting shortly after 7 PM and welcomed all who had checked in.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 19th meeting minutes as provided by email. The motion carried.

2. Salem Police Officer Report: Officer Mark Jantz

- The main topic for this evening was regarding the Strategic Plan (mentioned previously at past meetings). The community survey, asking questions about the wants/needs of the community, was completed and submitted. There were 480 responses submitted. An outside consultant will be reviewing the responses and adding them into the plan.
 - The Plan will go to the City Council in December.
 - The Plan will then be released to the public in January 2022.
- Salem PD is beginning to collect Christmas toys for kids, the 35th anniversary of this effort by the department. Donations of new, unwrapped toys for children up to the age of 14 are needed. Wrapping paper and tape donations are also accepted. For those who want to buy for older teens from 15 to 17, Officer Jantz suggested sporting goods, craft projects, and makeup for the girls. Gift cards are always good for teens. Donations will be accepted at the donation sites through December 13th. Any donations after that date should be taken directly to the Salem Police Station. There are five drop sites available for the gifts:
 - Cycle Country, 4764 Portland Rd. NE
 - Salem Electric, 633 7th St. NW
 - White Oak Construction, 2455 River Road S.
 - Caffe Capri, Reed Opera House, 189 Liberty St. NE
 - Salem Police Station, 333 Division St. NE
- With the time change and as it is getting darker earlier, Officer Jantz reminded everyone to be more careful when driving, watching for pedestrians and bicyclists. He also urges pedestrians and bicyclists to be sure to follow all traffic laws and suggested that everyone should wear reflective clothing, have appropriate lighting, or add reflective tape to clothing. When walking, pedestrians should walk against traffic to see cars that are approaching, rather than having them coming up from behind.
- Officer Jantz said he had reviewed previous meeting minutes and noted that the NE neighborhoods have been hit with crime. Salem PD is continuing to work on these issues. In response to a question about the demographics of the recent shootings, Officer Jantz said it seems to be a younger crowd, teens up to mid-twenties. The uptick in these shootings may partially be a result of being unable to lodge some into jail due to COVID. However, there are no doubt multiple reasons for it, and they are doing their best to curtail the activity.

3. City Councilor Report: Chris Hoy

- Homeless Issues
 - Council is now working with County Commissioners on homeless issues. They are now helping to supplement mental health services at Redwood Crossing on Fisher Road. On-site mental health services are operated by ARCHES.
 - The Navigation Center is slated to be opened in late spring, however, will be used as a warming shelter this winter as needed.
- Redistricting Process
 - There are three possibilities as how the wards may change. Everyone is encouraged to go to the city website to weigh in on this issue. There will be some impacts on NESCA as well as all other neighborhood associations. The purpose of the redistricting is to try to even out the population in each ward. There will be a public hearing at City Council on 11/22. The hope is to decide on one of the plans at that time which will allow elections to go forward.

- Our Salem Comprehensive Plan
 - The Council will look at the Our Salem, which is a re-write of the Comprehensive Plan, in December and will vote on the Uniform Development Code. Everyone is encouraged to participate. Chris feels this is one of the most consequential things he and Virginia will probably ever work on as City Councilors as it will help drive development for the next many years.
- Climate Action Plan
 - Also to be discussed at the December City Council meeting. Chris is not sure if there will be a vote on this in December.
- Next Year Land Use Planning
 - Parks
 - Transportation
 - Riparian Zone issues
 - The city has apparently been out of compliance for some while on this issue, which came to light in West Salem when the Planning Commission approved a development and learned that all of the streams weren't delineated accurately. Data that needed to be followed was apparently out of date and needs to be brought current.
- November 15th Council
 - A work session on Council priorities that will allow the City Manager to develop budgets is to be finalized in January. The #1 priority is Homelessness.

3. City Councilor Report: Virginia Stapleton

- Fall Leaf Haul.
 - Leaves can be dumped for free from 9AM to 3 PM at Brown's Island Demolition Landfill at 2894 Faragate St. S, Salem OR, 97302
 - 11/20
 - 12/11
- There are many openings on City Boards and Commissions, for example Community Policing and Parks. Virginia encourages anyone who has an interest in helping our city to check the website for a list of all current openings. Also, a unique opportunity for kids ages 15-21 to serve on the Human Rights Commission. This would be a great opportunity for our young people. The Parks Board has three openings. Currently all positions on the Board are filled by people from West Salem so we need to get some East Salem people involved. Planning Commission has openings and is such a key part of our city governance and citizen participation is strongly encouraged.
- There will be an infrastructure bond coming next year. More to follow on that later.
- "20 is Plenty"
 - Local resident Ray Quisenberry has been educating people about the efforts to slow traffic and has been attending many neighborhood association meetings to discuss the "20 is Plenty" program instituted in Portland with some success. It is hoped this program can be brought to the City Council.
 - The main issue is how much it will cost. Virginia asked staff and learned that it will cost about \$100k to update all the street signs.
 - NOTE: ODOT is in control of speed on city streets in every city except Portland. Salem may need to get ODOT and/or legislative approval to implement the program.

UPDATE: Information received from Ray Quisenberry advised that with the passage of SB 558 in 2019, ODOT is allowing this change (on residential streets only) without the need to petition the agency. City Council just needs to vote to do so. Other street designations will still require petitions to ODOT.

4. Guest Speaker: Andrew Marshall, Program Manager, ARCHES Inn

Andrew introduced himself as the Program Manager for the new ARCHES Inn (the old Super8) on Hawthorne. He stated that he appreciates what NESCA does and thanked us for inviting him to this evening's meeting.

- Landscaping is now done, and the goal is to have no one be able to tell that the location is housing the homeless.
- Still in the process of getting staffing, doing training, etc. The hope is to be able to be housing individuals within the next few weeks, maybe by mid-December.

- The ARCHES Inn will first be working with those people, including some families, who are were affected by the wildfires with the goal to stabilize their situation and get them into permanent housing. Subsequently there will be no families as they will have no real accommodations for them.
- The ARCHES Inn will be providing wrap-around services on site, not just housing. The goal is towards self-sufficiency.
- The location is considered a 90-day shelter from the date of moving in until a more permanent situation is achieved.
- Coordinated Entry Selection Process.
 - There is a metric used, a vulnerability index, to see who scores as having the least number of resources, to determine who will receive help and in what order. Service is not provided just based on when someone signs up on a list. The medically fragile will always be a higher priority.
 - Several ARCHES locations do assessments to determine the correct location for placements. Some are referred to locations other than those operated by ARCHES.
 - Chris Hoy mentioned that three years ago there was a 20% participation rate for coordinated entry and now it is over 85%.
- There will be 80 rooms but not all will be residential. Renovations will include rooms for various staff offices.
- Dining Facilities
 - Initially residents will be eating in their rooms, mostly due to COVID. Eventually a commercial kitchen will be installed where the swimming pool is currently located. The plan is to try to expand a common area for community dining and shared living experiences.
 - The rooms will have small refrigerators and microwave ovens, but no stoves or hot plates.
 - Currently there are no fire sprinklers, and the inn will be operating in an “emergency situation,” allowing it to operate without them. Without the sprinklers, no cooking is allowed in the rooms. Fire sprinklers are a priority for the Phase 1 remodel.
 - There will be a “grab & go” pantry area with some toaster ovens.
 - ARCHES is working with the Marion-Polk Food Share and the downtown ARCHES kitchen to provide food for residents.

A question was asked about where people go to learn about this facility. Andrew said that initially they would likely learn about it downtown or at other coordinated entry locations. It was suggested to Andrew that their flyers could be laminated and added to kiosks in various city parks.

4. Guest speaker: Evan Sekulic, Neighborly Ventures – The Jory

- PGE now has power to the site.
- Granite counter tops are going in and are quite beautiful.
- Awnings are going on.
- Evan’s pet project is for a tiled dog wash area.
- Landscaping is coming to some areas.
- Outdoor lighting – village style will be added. The lights will have a cap to help maintain darkness in the sky.
- A 2-bedroom model unit is tentatively scheduled to be open to view in February.
- Evan directed everyone to check out the Grove, another project of Neighborly Ventures. While the project layout, finishes and building style are not the same as The Jory, it provides good insight into the quality they are striving for.

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- Neighborly Ventures Property managers will be on-site in mid to late December and can take applications for the “affordable” units and a “wait list.” Evan will find out more about the application process and bring

the information back to a future meeting. He will also bring someone from Marketing to a meeting who will answer questions.

- There are 25 apartment buildings with two other smaller buildings, the Rec Center, and the maintenance building.
- Rainwater detention systems are in. There is one more that needs to be completed, which will bring the total to four on Park Avenue plus the recently landscaped roundabout in the center of the entrance. Evan said it is his understanding that there will be smaller versions of the planter boxes on the street side of each of the private homes being built by Comfort Homes, not Neighborly Ventures. Evan will plan to bring a representative of Comfort Homes to one of our meetings.
- The single-family homes will have an HOA.
- Evan will be talking to the Marketing department to determine if there are any welcome brochures that NESCA could distribute. It was suggested that it would be helpful to have a summary of NESCA in that brochure so residents will know they are a part of a neighborhood association.

Other: A question was asked regarding expanding the NESCA boundary to include the North Campus. Per Chris Hoy this issue will come from City Council. Chris will be pushing for ALL properties in the city, regardless of who owns them (including State, Federal, and County properties) within the city limits of Salem to be in a Neighborhood Association. He has no details yet but will present this idea again when more is known.

5. Committee Reports:

a. Land Use/North Campus:

Ian Johnson

- Darrin Brightman and Eunice Kim will be NESCA guests in January.
 - Discussion will be the southern portion of North Campus that is along Center Street.
 - The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) has stated they would like to see that area used for commercial purposes and hope to have things moving along in January or February.
 - Part 1 will be Request for Information (RFI) from developers who want to be involved for DAS to create a list of potential developers.
 - They are describing some of the constraints, for example, the Dome Building which is on the National Historical Register and a local landmark.
 - They are including the NESCA 9 Points document with notes that some of the points have already been addressed, including the bike/pedestrian path to Center Street. Also including the NESCA/Lansing Neighborhood Plan and the CESNA neighborhood plan so that developers will be aware of them.
 - There is no draft available yet but when it is, it will be shared with NESCA.
 - Part 2 will be RFPs (Request for Proposal)
 - Public portion, which will focus on site design, usage, etc.
- NESCA will continue to remind DAS that we are still interested in what happens on that portion of the North Campus. The plan has always been to have commercial property there, but at the current time there is a lot of available commercial property, so it may not work out that way. Ian reiterated that NESCA naturally wants DAS to be successful in this venture. We will talk with them again in January and then just keep in touch after that to see what the timelines are and to keep reminding them that we are still interested.
- Question about the property on the west side of 23rd where the old hospital was: when last contacted by NESCA, the representative said they were not ready to discuss the property as they had no current development plans. NESCA will reach out to them around the first of March to see if anything has changed. NOTE: that property is in the Northeast Neighbors neighborhood association (NEN).

b. Transportation:

Julie Redden (report by Teri Lupoli in Julie's absence)

- The sinkhole on 25th Street NE, just south of Englewood, has received what appears to be a permanent fix.

- The city informed Julie that new street lighting will be going in before December 15 on the Northeast side of D on streets between 23rd Street NE and Park Avenue NE. Flags have been added to the area.
 - NOTE: Poles have been added on 23rd and 24th as of the time of this meeting.
- c. Parks *Eli Brody*
 - Eli noted there has been underground construction happening in the parking lot south of the D Street Park. He will find out what this is all about.
 - He has not visited any of the other parks recently.
- d. Hoover School *Teri Lupoli*
 - There was no report on Hoover School, however, Teri did mention that nearly 150 pairs of socks were delivered to the HOMES Youth Resource Center. The staff at the Center was extremely pleased and appreciative of the efforts of the NESCA neighbors.
- e. Watershed *Gary Pullman*
 - Rainwater detention basins will apparently be installed with each house along D Street.
 - Pringle Creek behind Deepwood had some creek cleanup with the Parks Department.
- f. OSH North Campus Redevelopment (included with Land Use report above)

6. Other Business:

- Ian mentioned that a work session to edit NESCA By-Laws is needed. We will push to have this done by the next meeting and may need to assign a committee to work on this because we are out of compliance in some areas of our by-laws. One edit was just recently completed but still needs to be approved.
- Another meeting may be needed to discuss the D Street Field.
- Due to the date of the next scheduled meeting being so close to the Christmas Holiday, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to not have a meeting in December.
 - Ian suggested we may need to have a quick meeting to discuss current issues that may need action in December, so we need to check with Irma about meeting notification requirements.

There being no further business, Mike Beringer, Chair, thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. **The next scheduled NESCA meeting will be held via ZOOM, January 18, 2022, beginning at 7:00 PM.** The meeting link will be provided to those on the NESCA distribution list prior to the meeting. The link is also available on the city website.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli
NESCA Secretary/Treasurer

Attending:

Mike Beringer*, Teri Lupoli*, Marilyn Moritz*, Lynn Cardiff*, Eli Brody*, Gary Pullman*, Ken Gettys*, Ian Johnson, Jim Lupoli, Officer Mark Jantz Salem PD, Chris Hoy City Councilor, Virginia Stapleton City Councilor, Andrew Marshall ARCHES, Evan Sekulic Neighborly Ventures, Leslie Polson

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