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NEN Neighborhood Association

Oct 2, 2018	6:30 pm	Location: First Church of the Nazarene
Type of meeting	Regular Monthly meeting (1 st Tuesday month)	
Chair	Lynn Takata (LT)	
Secretary	Delana Beaton (DB)	
A g e n d a		
Board Member Roll Call		
Present	Excused Absence	Absent
Lynn Takata, Nancy McDaniel, Ken Betterton, Nic Cantonwine, Ken Simila, Delana Beaton, Jeremy Mills, Jacqueline Schindele	Laurel Begnoche, Laura Buhl, Cindy Kimball, Joan Lloyd, Leslie Polson	Ruth Hudgens, AP Walther
	Quorum: Board Members 8 Guest Speakers: Richard Berger: Mt. West Update Irma Dowd & Brady Rogers: Neighborhood Services Neighbors: 5 guests	
Introductions & Minutes	Consideration of minutes of previous meeting postponed until next meeting.	
✓ Certificate		
Discussion	There were no recommendations for certificates of appreciation.	
✓ Police Report –		
Discussion	<u>None</u>	

✓ Neighbor Concerns	
Discussion	
✓ City Councilor Report –Cara Kaser(CK) – absent; Tom Andersen (TA) - absent	
Discussion	Councilors not present
Richard Berger- Mt West North Campus Update	
Discussion	<p>Richard Berger presented an update from Mountain West about their progress on development of the east end of the “North Campus.” He said that Mountain West now has the parcel bordered on the north by D Street “under contract” with the State of Oregon. He commented that fully developed, it will include single family homes, “town homes,” and three story apartment buildings. He said it would not include any structure with four stories. He said the company has a goal of tree preservation and that there is no plan to remove the trees on D or Park streets. Mountain West plans to retain ownership of the apartment buildings and will be responsible for continuing maintenance and landscaping care. There was general discussion about best practices for positioning of homes bordering D Street. Would it be best to have backyards along D, bordered perhaps by a developer built standardized fence or wall? Or, might it be best to not build a barrier between the new homes and the rest of the neighborhood. Could the new homes instead face D Street and open their front yards out to the street. Garages and parking behind the new homes could then be accessed from alleys or streets flowing through the new development. Richard Berger said he would return to NEN with timely updates.</p>
✓ Brady Rogers – Dangerous Homes and Blight to Bright Program	
Discussion	<p>Brady Rogers of the City of Salem addressed issues of homes now deemed to be “dangerous,” specifically the house at 990 17th Street NE. He said this is under the city’s “Blight to Bright” Program.” He said the city has engaged in the lengthy process designed to eventually lead to the demolition of that house. It is complicated by having a \$275K mortgage on the property. The appraised value of the lot is \$85K. It is currently posted by the city with No Trespassing signs. Brady will be available to</p>

	keep NEN informed about developments concerning that property. There was general discussion of a number of other properties of concern.
✓ Old Business- By Laws Update	
Discussion	The Board held extensive discussion about the NEN Bylaws. This discussion was tabled when it was discovered that members were working from different versions of the proposed revised document language. Some issues under consideration were the concept of “quads” within NEN and whether or not numbers of board members should be limited by quads. It was agreed the NEN board meeting on October 16 will be devoted to further discussion of the Bylaws. It was agreed that Nancy and Alan would meet to create one clear version of proposed Bylaws and would bring copies of that unified document for all to consider.
✓ Ken Houghton – Update on Work Teams for Unsheltered Neighbors	
Discussion	Ken Houghton presented a plan he is developing which will create volunteer work teams, designed to include unsheltered neighbors and sheltered neighbors to work together to clean up and maintain specific problem areas. There was discussion of possible activity under bridges in the NEN area. Board members reported differing observations about what they noted upon inspecting the area under the 14 th street bridge. It was suggested that Ken’s new teams consider adopting that bridge as one problem area. Ken stated that the first focus will be the downtown blocks where merchants are asking for help. Then as more teams are built, areas outside the downtown core could be added. Ken invited NEN members to join him for the initial planning meeting for this project. Ken can be reached at Kenneth.houghton@MWVCAA.org . Ken is an outreach worker for ARCHES Project, a branch of Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency.
✓ Annual Meetings	
Discussion	It was agreed that the NEN annual meeting will be December 4, 2018.

Englewood Park Update	
	<p>There was discussion of issues relating to Englewood Park. One question is whether or not herbicides could be used in a limited amount in one problematic area. The primary goal in work in the park is to remove invasive species and to replace with native species. On Oct. 25th at Pringle Community Hall, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM there will be a city provided training on parks for neighborhood associations.</p>
Motion	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted by Delana Beaton, substitute secretary for this meeting</p>