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NEN Neighborhood Association

Oct , 16 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)	
Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By Law Proposals voted annual meeting December 4th. • Quad Membership not consideration for NEN Board 	
Agenda		
Board Member Roll Call		
Present	Excused Absences	Absent
AP Walthers , Nancy McDaniel , Ken Betterton, Laura Buhl, Jeremy Mills, Alan Scott, Delana Beaton, Ken Simila, Leslie Polson, Lynn Takata, Laurel Begnoche & Nick Cantonwine	Joan Lloyd, Jacqueline Schindele, Nick Cantonwine, Leslie Polson (left early), and Cindy Kimball.	

* Richard Berger presented an update of progress on the planning by Coldwell Banker Mountain West for potential development of seventeen (17) acres from a northwest corner at the intersection of D Street and Park. Mr. Berger pledged to return and keep NEN informed as this development moves forward.

* Lynn read a statement from Salem-Keizer Public Schools regarding scheduled construction work on the grounds and in the buildings of North Salem High School. Updates will follow. These improvements are made possible by the recent passing of the school bond.

* AP Walthers gave a report on the resolution of the issues surrounding a stump on the grounds of Englewood Park. Earlier three NEN board members met with three

employees of the City at the site of the stump and developed a plan agreeable to all. The stump will be left in place. Holes on either side of the stump will be filled in to avoid possible injuries. The area at the edge of the park will be extended to include the stump and to incorporate it as a natural feature.

* It was announced that October 27 there will be a three hour work party for restoration work in Englewood Park.

* Salem City Councilor Cara Kaser announced that on October 22 there will be continued Council action about the possible ban on single use plastic bags. Also, possible updates for the city's Comprehensive Plan will be presented to Land Use chairs of the Neighborhood Associations. The public is invited to a Town Hall to give input on priorities for the Comprehensive Plan updates on the 24th at the Broadway Commons.

* Councilor Kaser also gave an update on the planning for the Sobering Center. It is planned to be housed in the Community Action building at 615 Commercial NE. Planners are coordinating with leaders of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. Artifacts have been found during construction work on the Salem Police facility directly across the street from the site designated for the Sobering Center. These artifacts are currently in storage on the University of Oregon campus. Therefore, the tribe will work with the construction process on the Sobering Center.

* Garten Foundation currently is charged with separating the mingled garbage received curbside in Salem. There was an extended discussion of issues relating to contaminated recyclables. Alan suggested having garbage pickup fees added to water/sewer fees.

* The Salem YMCA is planning a major capitol construction project which will include demolition of the current building.

* Councilor Kaser reported on a meeting of a group of city leaders, including herself, Mayor Bennett, Police Chief Moore, Jimmy Jones, Executive Director of Community Action Agency, Audrey Schackle of Salem Homeless Coalition, and several others. This group convened to address the growing need for housing for the homeless people in Salem. She mentioned that the group is considering the feasibility of using the site of the former Hillcrest facility as emergency shelter.

* It was suggested that Andi Tobin of 911 dispatch could be invited to speak to NEN. Ms. Tobin recently spoke to the Grant neighborhood association and distributed brochures advising when to call 911.

* NEN Bylaws were discussed. Alan and Nancy led discussion of proposed changes. AP moved and Laura seconded the proposed changes being voted on at the annual meeting on December 4th. This was unanimously approved.

* A discussion of the possible use of the concept of “quads” within NEN. After extensive discussion, there was general consensus that NEN would not now regulate that members of NEN be elected by quads.

* Neighborhood concerns: Neighbor from 19th street presented concern about tree roots damaging sidewalks. There was discussion about how one might learn the planning for the rotation of areas of sidewalks being repaired throughout the city.

* Lynn adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM. Next NEN meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM, November 6.

Respectfully submitted by Delana Beaton, substitute recording minutes for this meeting