



# NEN

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS**  
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NEN Neighborhood Association

August 20, 2019	6:30 pm	Location: First Church of the Nazarene	
Type of meeting	Regular Monthly meeting (2nd Tuesday month)		
Chair	Lynn Takata (LT)		
Secretary	Leslie Polson (LP)		
<b>A g e n d a</b>			
Board Member Roll Call			
Present	Excused Absence	Absent	
Ken Simila, Cindy Kimball, Ken Betterton, Delana Beaton, Lynn Takata, Leslie Polson, Jacqueline Schindele, Jeremy Mills, Nick Cantonwine, Kelly Thomas, Ken Houghton	Laura Buhl	Joan Lloyd, Alan Scott, Nancy McDaniel	
Introductions & Minutes	Quorum: Board Members 11 NEN Neighbors: 18 guests Lt. Jeff Barratt, Mayor Chuck Bennett Violent Activities in NEN Mike Paluszak – Update on Oregon State Fair Virginia Stapleton – Traffic Issues on Capitol Street Tom Andersen & Cara Kaser- Salem City Councilors		
✓ Announcements			
	Saturday August 24 Sale if /adult Fiction books at Salem Public Library. Salem Capitol has art activities with a free art walk at noon and art shows in the governor's office and gallery Just Walk Salem has a tour of NEN of the Little Free Libraries		
✓ Sgt/ Jeff Barrett Shootings and Memorial Related Violence in the Englewood Park Area			
	Memorial has been removed with a notice from the city of Salem to reduce ongoing drive by problems. Death is still the part of ongoing investigation so		

	<p>details are not available. Cautions neighbors that the park is closed after dark and to not walk around in it. Have made arrests in Englewood Park.  Encourages neighbors to use the park during its open hours, be vigilant about activity and contact the police. Swing shift is very busy and the officers go on many calls. Possible neighbor solutions are neighborhood watch, register cameras on the SCRAM system. Some neighbors want to install security cameras in the park as a deterrent.  Concern when slide will be replaced.  Discussed Salem gangs and the legal tools used to apprehend members. Crime will generate arrests not being a member of a gang.  Low revenue has decreased the funds available for police support. City Councilors are looking at revenue solutions to pay for public safety because property tax revenue does not cover the costs. Chuck Bennett supports this effort and is concerned about public safety. Chaired the Revenue committee and has some solutions to generate funds. Email <a href="mailto:citycouncil@cityofsalem.net">citycouncil@cityofsalem.net</a>. City Council Meeting Sept 23 will discuss revenue options.</p>
<p>✓ Chuck Bennett – Revenue Solutions</p>	
Discussion	<p>Property Tax limitations from the 1990’s affect the funds for Salem. Property taxes were frozen at the rates. Corvallis and Eugene had higher rates. Eugene is the same size as Salem but initially had a higher tax rate.  Kicker tax is also a source of limitations which is based upon returning money for poor economic forecasting.  Looking at an employee tax which will be administered by the Department of Revenue and an operating fee.  Police Station overruns have meant changes in features. Project is still on budget. When the price of 300 sq. ft went to 400 per sq. ft. adjustments were made. Building is being paid by bond and urban renewal funds. Articles in the paper do not mention this fact.</p>
<p>City Councilor Report –Cara Kaser(CK) – present; Tom Andersen (TA) -present</p>	
Discussion	<p>Refer the payroll tax to the voters. People making under \$25,000 will be exempt. Graduated tax. People making over \$50,000 will pay \$ 150 a year. Operating Fee will be added to the water bill. Voters need to decide what type of community they want to live in? Will discuss Sept. 23.  Expect another sidewalk behavior ordinance to spear. Criteria will be on behaviors not status.  OUR Salem is having a public meeting in October. Check the website for dates.  McMahan’s Property being redeveloped with KOZ funds. Salem Housing Authority has ability to work out tax rebates for developing affordable housing units. Concern that the Housing vouchers are frozen and there is not enough affordable housing for residents.</p>

	Cara Kaser would like NEN to take a position on the revenue ideas. To be put on agenda in Sep 3.
✓ Oregon State Fair - Mike Paluszak	
	Sound permit was accepted by Brady Rogers. Meets cities guidelines. No fireworks but will have firedancing and laser light show.
✓ Dangers of Capitol Street – Virginia Stapleton	
Discussion	Parrish Acres – in between Shade and Lambertson has 17 children which use the ground at the State Archives to play. Getting across the street is dangerous due to the speed of vehicles that drive on Capitol. Suggest getting on Capitol Improvement Process and working with NEN Grant Partnership Processes.
✓ Lynn Takata	
Action	Neighborhood walk – visit interesting places to bring people together.
✓ Treasurer's Report Jeremy Mills	
Discussion	Tabled
Motion	At the conclusion of the neighborhood Association , there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. s/ Leslie Polson Secretary North East Neighbors August 20, 2019