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Northeast Neighbors (NEN) Board Meeting

Minutes of ZOOM meeting, August 11, 2020

Board members present: Lynn Takata, Joan Lloyd, Jeremy Mills, Alan Scott, Nancy McDaniel, Ken Simila, Ken Houghton, Cindy Kimball, Delana Beaton

Thirteen community guests were also present.

Board members excused: Laura Buhl, Nick Cantonwine, Ken Betterton, Jacqueline Schindele.

The meeting was convened by NEN Chair Lynn Takata at 6:35 PM.

Minutes of NEN meetings on May 12 and July 14 approved as corrected. For May 12 minutes the edit was to change “boys” to “young men.” For July 14 minutes, under Other Actions added “and a question about interest from the businesses.”

Treasurer Report (submitted by email) by Treasurer Jeremy Mills.

NEN accounts currently hold a balance of \$1092.17. There is a balance of \$995.39 in the Trust and Agency Account. The Trust and Agency Account has two different funds. There is \$533.64 to be used in the Court-Chemeketa Historic District. The remaining \$461.75 are funds from the Neighborhood Cleanups that NEN and Grant neighborhood associations held in 2018 and 2019 and are intended to support future Neighborhood Cleanups.

Salem Police Department Report: Lieutenant Jason VanMeter

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Lt. VanMeter discussed the following: 1) possible drug house at 1545 17th Street NE, 2) Salem PD stops at two locations for crosswalk/auto actions, and 3) The Lt. also discussed issues of speeding on Market Street NE, and 4) also of amplified auto muffler citations in the NEN area. A NEN area guest suggested that police could consider drive bys to monitor activity inside Jason Lee Cemetery on D Street NE. Questions about speed cameras were also discussed.

Officer Wolfe of Salem Code Compliance, newly assigned to NEN area, was introduced and spoke about code compliance goals and procedures. She mentioned the “Blight to Bright” program. Also mentioned a significant backlog of concerns for District 3, which includes NEN. Officer Wolfe announced the intention to address this backlog.

City Councilor Report: Councilor Cara Kaser spoke about the following:

- On August 10, 2020 Salem City Council voted to extend the camping approval for Cascade Gateway Park and Wallace Marine Park until January 2021.
- City Council also voted to extend utility assistance until June 2021.
- Councilor Kaser announced the pending opening of Redwood Crossings on Fisher Road NE. This new facility is owned by Salem Housing Authority and will be managed by ARCHES of Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency. It will house 31 currently homeless and difficult to house individuals. It will also offer five rooms for convalescent and respite housing for individuals released from Salem Hospital. These five rooms will be managed by Salem Health.
- Councilor Kaser announced that there will be a council work session on police policies on September 21 and a council work session on Planning Commission on September 23.
- Downtown, State Street between Liberty and Commercial will continue to be closed to allow outdoor dining.

Neighborhood Concerns:

There was general discussion about an Update re State Street Corridor Plan which was passed two years ago. There is no apparent progress toward implementation. Shannon Priem (SESNA Chair) will contact Eunice Kim, planner with City of Salem to request an update and to learn about pending progress.

There was general discussion about parking on streets near North Salem High. What and where is legal?

Jory Apartments approved in area of former North Campus. The number of units to be designated affordable increased from 24 to 36.

Concern and sadness was expressed over NEN community events cancelled due to COVID. These included Neighborhood Night Out, Englewood Forest Festival, and the Neighborhood Cleanup.

Jennifer Martin of Isaac's Room Board, representing Mark and Tiffany Bulgin, spoke in support of a request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow increase in number of residents from five to

ten at Isaac's House at 320 14th NE. Residential Highrise is the current zoning. Ms. Martin expressed financial concerns if a building seismic retrofit were to be required.

Guest Juliana Inman presented neighbor concerns about possible increased number of residents at Isaac's House at 320 14th NE. This property is intended to offer boarding house rooms to young men 18-24 years of age. Juliana represented several area residents who yielded their time to her. Her request was for NEN board to support the following conditions being attached to the permit: operations be limited to those under the leadership of Mark Bulgin, landscaping be done per code requirements, seismic analysis be required for the building, all work on house be done in accordance with Historic Design requirements, number of on-street parking permits be limited to two, and all trash receptacles be required to be placed in back yard.

ACTION ITEM: Nancy McDaniel, NEN Land Use Chair moved, and Joan Lloyd seconded, that NEN board support the Conditional Use Permit with the following condition: that the conditional use not run with the property. The vote was five aye and four nay.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35. Next NEN meeting, also ZOOM, will be September 8.