



NEN

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Board Members Present: Lynn Takata, Laura Buhl, Nancy McDaniel, Ken Betterton, Hen Houghton, Ken Simila, Nick Cantonwine, Joan Lloyd, Cindy Kimball, Delana Beaton

Excused: Alan Scott

Meeting called to order by **Chair, Lynn Takata** at 6:40 on ZOOM.

Salem **City Councilor Tom Anderson** spoke of issues being addressed by City Council. This included a discussion of the city tree ordinance. It was mentioned that white oaks are viewed differently than other tree species.

Salem's new **city forester, Milan Davis**, introduced the Adopt a Tree program. With only two staff available to help trees throughout the city, Mr. Davis mentioned the need for citizens to help water newly planted trees during the heat of their first summers. He said the city plants around 250 trees a year. The planting is done between November and February. To date about 80 citizens have volunteered to help, and more are needed. Currently the tree inventory for Salem is about 15,000. One challenge to the health of new trees is that PGE applies growth inhibitor.

Richard Berger of Mountain West gave an update on the **Jory Apartment** project at the intersection of Park and D Streets. Construction began there on Oct 2. Richard introduced the two project managers, **David Jacobsen and Evan Sekulic**, working on site and made them available to answer questions that may arise. They needed to remove trees to clear for construction, and the project plans to plant 259 new trees on the site.

It was announced that the **Isaac's Room** conditional use application was approved. The only condition attached to the approval was that the property needs to be operated by a nonprofit.

Nick Cantonwine spoke about the plans for the upgraded basketball court at McRae Park. The letter of intent regarding applying for funds for upgrades at McRae Park will be due at the end of October. Nick and **Joan Lloyd** will work on this for NEN.

Nick reported that the **Adopt a Street cleanup** last Saturday had six volunteers participate. All trash cans placed on 12th Street need more frequent pick up. There are no clean up dates scheduled for December or January.

The **NEN CERT** cache will be scheduled for an inventory as a part of the city CERT coordination.

Cory Poole, chair of SEMCA neighborhood association shared a slide show of some challenging situations in Cascade Gateway Park where unhoused people are currently camping in conditions far less than ideal. Mr. Poole specifically highlighted issues with trash, fires, and the cutting of trees for firewood.

Lynn Takata announced that our November meeting will also be the NEN annual meeting. The annual meeting will be formally separated from the regular board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.