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## Minutes of Northeast Neighbors board meeting

November 10, 2020

**Board Members Present:** Lynn Takata, Laura Buhl, Alan Scott, Jeremy Mills, Ken Simila, Ken Houghton, Nick Cantonwine, Joan Lloyd, Nancy McDaniel, Cindy Kimball, Jacqueline Schindele, Delana Beaton

**Excused:** Ken Betterton

Meeting called to order by **Chair Lynn Takata** at 6:30 PM on ZOOM.

**Lt. Jason VanMeter** of Salem Police Department thanked NEN for organizing a Neighborhood Watch program for several months in and around Englewood Park. He announced there will be increased traffic watch on Market Street for 8 to 10 hours a day during November and December. Lt. VanMeter announced Salem's new Chief of Police is **Trevor Womack**, and he will begin December 7.

Question about online crime statistics reports. He is not aware that the reports are online but will send a link to the reports if we email him.

**Jacqueline Schindele** voiced her concern about parking in unlit alleys. Lt. VanMeter asks her to call police nonemergency number to report this unsafe parking.

Officer Van Meter mentioned he is available to have scheduled meetings with neighbors for coffee and conversation.

City **Councilor Tom Andersen** gave a report from City Council. He spoke about the challenges in policy and practice regarding policing.

Newly elected city councilor **Virginia Stapleton** will officially be installed in January. She spoke about her goals of unifying our area.

**Eunice Kim**, city planner, presented an update on "Our Salem," Salem's long term planning tool. She announced December 23 is the final day for responses through the on line survey. Eunice will send an email to Lynn Takata to be shared with all NEN board regarding proposed changes in NEN area.

**Rob Romanek**, parks planner, announced there will be a new park in our area along D Street between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. The city is expected to close on the purchase of this land from the state by the end of the year. A map showing the current plan for this park will be sent to Lynn Takata who will share this by email.

This coming Saturday, November 14, there will be a **work day in Englewood Park** to spread bark dust to help prevent invasive species from returning in areas where they have been cleared.

There will be a **new warming shelter** opening soon in a building near State Street and 18<sup>th</sup>. Priority will be to house mothers and minor children and couples. Church at the Park will have leadership responsibility. ARCHES will also participate. This warming shelter will operate through March, 2021.

It was announced that a small food stand near Nebraska and 19<sup>th</sup> which has given much fresh food to area residents has closed for the season.

**ACTION ITEM:** Using the ballot available by ZOOM, members voted to approve the revised NEN Bylaws. This passed with 12 aye votes.

**ACTION ITEM:** The next vote was to approve the new slate of NEN board members. There were 12 ballots cast and the entire slate was elected. Welcome new board members!

Lynn Takata announced that the board will consider goals for 2021. She suggested each member before the December meeting read our goals and consider how they might be consolidated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Next meeting scheduled for December 8.