



# NEN

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS  
555 Liberty Street SE, Rm 305  
Salem, OREGON 97301

(503) 588-6207  
[www.salemnen.org](http://www.salemnen.org)

## Northeast Neighbors (NEN)

### Minutes of Board Meeting, December 14, 2021

**Meeting called to order** on Zoom at 6:30 PM by Chair, Lynn Takata

**Board members present:** Lynn Takata (chair), Ken Simila (vice-chair). Jeremy Mills (treasurer), Delana Beaton (secretary), Leslie Polson, Nicholas Cantonwine, Jenna Otto, Cindy Kimball, Joan Lloyd, Ken Houghton, Lainy Kruger, Laura Buhl,

**Jeremy Mills** moved to approve minutes of November 9 as corrected. **Ken Houghton** seconded. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

**Councilor Tom Andersen** gave report from City Council. He mentioned that trash/garbage hauler fees continue to rise. In Salem no change is anticipated during 2022, but Salem will see increase in 2023. Council did not approve the 95 gallon trash bin.

Councilor Anderson facilitated a general discussion of Covanta burner, of burning trash in general, and of recycling challenges and opportunities.

It was mentioned Council Andersen will be in Bhutan mid-January through February.

A general discussion followed about trees in Salem, what it means to be a Tree City, and about Salem trees and tree ordinances.

**Councilor Virginia Stapleton** continued discussion of Council and City issues. She presented about the city Climate Action Plan. Council work is continuing.

Councilor Stapleton spoke in support of "20 is Plenty," the plan to limit vehicle traffic through residential areas to 20mph. Also, she plans to request city staff to consider Market Street from I-5 to Capitol for a road diet to improve community safety.

Councilor Stapleton announced the pending retirement of City Manager Steve Power.

Evan Sekulic from Jory Apartments (being constructed between D Street and Center and Savage Road and 25<sup>th</sup>) presented an update on progress. He said that current work on building exteriors is focusing on painting and landscaping. He said that at a later NEN meeting we would hear updates from staff working on the low income housing units within the development.

**Action Item:** Laura Buhl moved and Jeremy Mills seconded that NEN welcome Cindy Kimball as new Land Use co-chair. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

It was stated that NESCA has eight times the per capita space in city parks as does NEN. Three city council members – Tom Andersen, Virginia Stapleton, and Chris Hoy – serve NESCA.

Councilor Andersen requested that NEN leadership send an email to those three councilors requesting a meeting to discuss sharing information about the park on D Street.

**Review of NEN Goals** was led by Chair Lynn Takata.

The NEN goals were read aloud. Various board members made comments. Ken Houghton, co-chair of NEN CERT team, said he would like to pursue a smaller more centrally located supply cache in NEN.

For Goal #10 it was commented that either Lelani Tucker or Leslie Polson could serve as chairperson of the **Englewood Forest Festival** for 2022.

A new goal, which would be #13 was proposed. The purpose would be to help with landscaping and beautification of Parrish Middle School, a need presented to NEN by the Parrish principal.

Cindy Kimball requested a written list of all NEN goals be sent to board members. It was agreed that the board would vote by email on approval of all the goals after time to further study them.

Joan Lloyd mentioned the State Street road diet and suggested we invite Julie Warnecke from the city staff to speak to us about continuing planning for implementation of the State Street plan.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 8:05. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 6:30 on Zoom. All are welcome.

