

Introductions (7:00 pm)	The Chair led introductions and followed with a brief discussion of Officer positions that will be elected at the March 2018 meeting. Volunteers needed to fill these roles.
City Reports	Councilor Ausec was in attendance and reported the following City of Salem Council actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Bennett has created a Homeless Task Force which will be chaired by Councilor Cara Caser. In addition, Councilor Ausec and Councilor Lewis will also serve on the task force.• Issue of grocery carts raised and it was pointed out that there is a Cart Removal Service on the City of Salem website• A question was asked on how people could get information from Councilor Ausec. He can be reached at mausec@cityofsalem.net• Councilor Ausec also indicated that he supported the Lansing and Highland Neighborhood Associations, in addition to Northgate;
Salem Library Retrofit	Kate Van Ummersen from the Salem Library Foundation reported that the library would be moving within the next year. They will be adding vertical supports and the construction will take approximately 3 years. In addition, she reported on Salem Reads Opening Night to be held February 6 and will run through March 5. Documentary: Salem for Refugees
Fully Representing County Residents Within Urban Growth Boundary	The Chair explained that we have had County residents attending our meetings and we wanted to make them full members of our Association. NOLA agreed that they have no objection to Silverton Road being the new South boundary. The West boundary will remain the same. The North and East boundaries will now extend to Salem's Urban Growth Boundary. Joyce Judy, Board Member, read the proposed Motion (see attached) on extending the Northgate Neighborhood Association's boundaries and made a Motion to approve the proposed new boundaries. Crystal Niles, Board Member, Seconded. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
Portland Road Underpass	A lively discussion of the issues with the underpass ensued. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It was reported that it would take \$25 million to replace the bridge and there is no interest in doing this by the Urban Renewal Agency.• The primary issue is the tunnel, which is poorly lit, is filthy with urine and feces and has drug deals going on.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ There was once a car there and complaints were made and it was removed but two weeks later the car was still there.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Another suggestion was made to create an alternative path, but it was pointed out that again that the Urban Renewal Agency wasn't in favor of this.• A suggestion was made that we have Northgate Neighborhood have clean up days throughout the year, which members seemed interested in.• It was noted that Nelson Morales, Code Enforcement Officer, will be at the February 13th Meeting and he will be asked if the railroad and the owner of the property that is always trashed could be fined if they don't maintain the areas.• It was agreed to table the discussion for now.
Approval of Minutes/Amendments	There were no Minutes from the last meeting.
Reports by Chair and other Neighborhood Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nextdoor has emerged as a good place to discuss issues, but it's not an official City site. Nonetheless Northgate Neighborhood information will be posted there to reach more people.• Joyce Judy reported that she is on the City of Salem's Budget Committee and that the 5 year Projection is showing reserves going down, which means the City needs to address revenues going forward.• It was noted that there is a request in for a liquor license in a location near a school. Councilor Ausec indicated that he would look into whether the Neighborhood could appeal the request.
Adjournment (8:45 pm)	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Motion:

I direct the Chair to amend the By-laws of the Northgate Neighborhood Association to modify the association's boundaries as follows:

South: Silverton Road

West: No change

North and East: to Salem Urban Growth Boundary

And to ensure that the By-Laws reflect that any person within these boundaries are eligible to serve on the Northgate Neighborhood Association's Board as an Officer or other elected or appointed Board position.

Further, when communication funds are used, those funds may only be used to contact residents within the City limits of Salem.