

# Northgate Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes: 7:15 pm – 9 pm, 6/12/18

Board Members Present: Amador Aguilar, Leslie Caudillo, Pennie Morley, Sheri Stinnett, Alex Baren, Sandra Hernandez, Hazel Niles, Frank & Jeanne Pack

City Presenters: Steve Powers, City Manager. Irma Dowd, Neighborhood Services Coordinator.

Marion County Sherriff's Office Presenters: Ethan Griffith, Derek Hayman, Kieran Colahan

Steve Powers, City of Salem Manager presented about water challenges from the last two weeks. Assured the group that the water is safe to drink. Algae blooms (cyanotoxins) at Detroit Reservoir made it unsafe for the vulnerable population to drink the water. Advisory was put into place after Memorial Day weekend but lifted after two days of water testing showed the water was safe to drink. Water advisory for the vulnerable population was put in place once more after toxin levels were found to be above the EPA guidelines. And was left in place until the City has established testing since adding powdered activated carbon to the current water treatment process in the attempt to eliminate the toxins. Water samples are taken in 12 locations. The City has added a water quality gage to their website. Detroit Reservoir has been Salem's drinking water source since the 1930s and follow EPA guidelines. Civil alert was sent by OEM but it was an error on the state's part. FAQ now online in both English and Spanish. City has purchased an initial screening test, ELISA. There will not be a rate increase for the carbon use. Customers will only be charged for the water they use. Steve Power's attendance was well received and the group was appreciative of the City's communication. Thanked Irma Dowd, City of Salem Neighborhood Services Coordinator for her help in the communications center during the water advisory.

SPD Officer Anthony Fultz took notes of neighbors' issues with Northgate Park. There has been an uptake in gang graffiti at the park, he will talk to the gang until about neighbors' concerns. Some neighbors expressed their concern about the homeless increase in their neighborhood.

MCSD Ethan Griffith will host two NNO, one at Chemeketa CC and the other one at Santana Park. Will push on NextDoor. There will be about 15-20 members helping at the events. It was too difficult to attend all of the NNO in the past. He oversees the Neighborhood Watch Section for MCSD. Neighborhood Watch can be any size but not too large. He thinks it costs about \$40 for a Neighborhood Watch street sign from Marion County.

D. Hayman, Parole & Probation Officer from Marion County. They don't only enforce the law but also teach life skills to parolees and help them integrate back into society. Can answer some questions about his clients but not all questions as some information is confidential.

Councilor Matt Ausec met last night about adding some speed bumps at Maple St project. Meeting tomorrow night about homeless issue at City Hall. He invited everyone to attend. The public will be able to speak about the homeless issue, the public was not able to speak in the

previous meetings. July will be the final meeting to decide on how to move forward and what issues to pursue. He spoke about Boards & Commissions openings list online.

Eric Freeman from Freeman Motor Company has been in business for 28 years. Main office is in Portland but they originally started their business in Salem. They have purchased the old Oregon State Police building and plan to open their next car sales building early next year. This will create 41 new jobs for the community. He said that their belief is to always give back to the community. Portion of each car sold is donated to local schools in Salem, each customer chooses which school receives the donation. Company was well received by the majority of the group. Board member Alex does not believe this is a good move for the company and expressed his concern that this move will increase rent in the area. Board member Sandra echoed his concerns. Carl expressed his thought that this is a good move as it will create many jobs for the neighborhood.

Chris Homes Parker and his family have been working on purchasing and improving old and run down properties in Salem but mostly in the Northgate area on Portland Rd. The group thanked him for his work.

At the closing of the meeting Pennie asked the board if they would like to host their annual park party at Adam Stephens since Northgate now includes the county residences (with in UGB) in that area. Motion passed by majority vote.

Neighbor (Nichole) asked if future meetings should take place at Adam Stephen's going forward since this meeting had such a big turnout and Northgate NA now includes county to the east but within the UGB, Hazel became very upset at this request. Nichole, Hazel, and Crystal Niles argued until the meeting was called to end by Irma as there was a lot of yelling back and forth and it was very close to 9 p.m. Vote was not taken to change location.