



Northgate Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes: 7:00 pm – 8:35 pm, 02/11/2019

Meeting Opened at 7:00 PM

Police and Compliance reports from City: Report on graffiti, gang activity and a suspected drug house in the area. Police Officer gave report on large police activity on Summer Street with the capture of home intruder.

Code Officer Morales spoke of work he has done to clean up debris from homeless groups moved out of area. He will tow vehicles such as campers / vehicles park in neighborhoods that do not belong there or are illegally parked. 13 vehicles have been towed. Not one vehicle was stolen. Northgate graffiti was taken care of. When you see graffiti report it.

Speeding in the neighborhood and during school hours was discussed. Parents and teachers are driving to fast down Felina Ave. The school will be notified. There are signs available to put in your yard to encourage drivers to slow down.

We need to let people know not to park in front of a mailbox for an extended period.

Chair: Frank Pack and the Salem Neighborhood Coordinator, Irma Dowd, updated the meeting attendees on the January Salem city sponsored chair training and information session. The co-chair, Amador Aguilar, attended for Northgate Neighborhood Association. There will be a training session for other members of neighborhood associations at the end of March and notices will be sent out. The topic is traffic safety.

Toni Whitley, City of Salem Park Planner: The City of Salem is looking at a 45-acre property on Hazel Green Road. This park will be an urban park with a ballpark that will be a beautiful area for families to enjoy plus accommodate major events. This property is just outside the city limits and within the urban growth boundary. The first steps in starting the process of developing this property is annexing it into the city limits. The plans must first go through planning commission and city council. Some of this area is industrial zoning. Some of it is urban transition. The Zoning identification needs to be changed. Marion County needs a comprehensive growth plan. The area has new homes and is expanding development and this area is growing.

The City Council will hold a public hearing for this park. The park development is funded by the builders developing the area through fees charged on the master plan system development of parks, water, sewer and storm water.

Toni Whitley explained the process a neighborhood association could go through for small grants to develop smaller neighborhood parks adding picnic tables, play structures, bike racks and other items that improve parks.

Chair Business:

1. We had a motion to move meeting to 3rd Thursday of the month, starting at 6:00PM – 7:30 PM. The vote was unanimous. Later we had confirmation that we could use the new Cornerstone Apartments located across from Goodwill on Portland Rd. in their Community Room for our meetings.
2. We had another vote to pay Amador for his financial cost of hosting a community event. The vote was unanimous. Chrystal, the treasurer, said she would submit the receipt and paper work needed to the city for a check to be issued to Amador.
3. The committee decided that we needed to review the bylaws of Northgate Neighborhood Association and develop improvements to guide the association. Committee members to review the bylaws before the next meeting and bring in their suggestions for changes. Length of term for board members and when we will hold the next board elections.

Irma Dowd explained our account balance that we could use to purchase bags to give out to the neighborhood. We chose the bags and amounts we wanted to give out to the community. We have not decided where or when they would be given out.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

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