



Northgate Neighborhood Association

Our first meeting held at Cornerstone Apartments Community Room

Meeting Minutes: 6:00 pm – 7:47 pm, 03/21/2019

Meeting Opened at 6:00 PM

Attendance Log: Total of 22 attendees

Members of Northgate Board who were present: Amador Aguilar, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Chelsie Anderson, Marlayne Madison, Katya Goloviznina, Hazel Niles, Chrystal Niles

Absent: Jason Pack, Leslie Caudillo, Pedro Mayoral

Salem Sheriff Representative: Officer Ethan Griffith, spoke to our group. The discussion brought up was on aggressive solicitors entering a neighborhood and harassing neighbors and the neighbors felt disrespected by the responding officer.

Officer Ethan Griffith explain that the department takes customer service seriously and wants officers to be respectful of citizens in the community. The Sheriff's Department leadership will be made aware of this complaint

The department is working on a new program where citizens can go to a website to get crime reports. Now they can receive the information as part of a public information source by calling the records department and paying for the copies they want. This project has been in the works for a year.

Salem Police Department Representative: Officer Evan Whitney and CFO Officer Ramirez, spoke to our group. The CFO Ramirez works doing the paper trail follow-up on crimes where danger is not an issue. The CFO's do not carry lethal weapons. She is planning to continue her training to become a Salem Police Officer.

911 operators are extremely busy receiving many calls per shift. They try to accurately assess whether the call you make is an emergency or non-emergency. They hope that when possible you can help the 911 operators by calling non-emergency instead of 911 when that is possible. This helps keep officer's and emergency crews available for the most serious situation.

Salem City Counselor, Matt Ausec: April is the month City Council will hear any changes or cost to the new police station being built. They have no added information to report to the neighborhood at this time.

City Council is working on downtown traffic flow and now the council has twelve suggestions to work into a plan to put into a design for creating a better traffic flow and that is coming.

City Council working on the budget and the council's goals and to work to make the budget work with 15% of the budget always held to basic city expenses. The budget forecast every year seems to fall behind, and we are working on what to do to correct the situation. We are trying to go back to where we were before the crash. State law restricts where we can raise revenue. April we will have a work session to discuss how to close that gap.

The ways to increase revenue that has been discussed are package or standalone items. Employee payroll tax and gas tax, operating fees. Street light fee and setting a rate. That is a problem for people that have limited income because it is a general fee charged to all income brackets the same.

Plastic ban goes into effect on April 1st.

The city would like a recommendation to update "Welcome to Salem" sign on Portland Road and Hyacinth Street. Northgate Neighborhood Association needs to discuss what they would like for the sign.

Peter Kaupert, Carlson Vet Architects, presenting information and blueprints of the new cheese factory, Ochoa's Queseria, which will be in front of the new Cornerstone Apartments on the right side of the property as you are driving in. This Hispanic Cheese Factory is moving up from Albany. This will be like a mini Tillamook Cheese Factory with a viewing window to watch the cheese process. They will serve ice cream, sandwiches, and other food. They will start building the plant in the Summer. Look for advertisements for the new employees they will need.

Carol Snyder, Salem Parks Foundation: Spoke on city grants available for Northgate parks. She explained how money is available to apply if we want a swing set or other addition to a local park. We have until April 30th to apply. We must get approval of request from Toni Whitler that the item requested fits into what the grants are for.

Philip DeLong, US Census Bureau: Mr. DeLong is now hiring people for approximate 1-1/2 to 2-year job. The pay is \$17.50/hr. flexible part time and field workers work from home.

For those interested in a job with the Census 2020 call 1-855-JOB-2020.

Vote held to reimburse Amador Aguilar for expenses on neighborhood event. Total Expense: \$65.00. Katya Goloviznina brought forth the motion, Jeanne Pack seconded the motion. Total vote was unanimous. Paperwork given to City with Northgate Secretary paperwork. Check will processes by city on Friday, March 29th for payment.

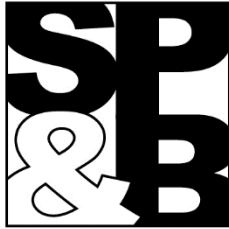
Vote held to approve minutes of meeting for both January and February with correction on February to add officers name that came to speak at our meeting.

- We discussed bylaws and how we could structure our bylaws and study other groups bylaws. Our board decided to hold an executive meeting in May, and we will cancel the regular meeting for May. April will continue with guests we have scheduled. Our annual meeting held in August we will implement newly designed bylaws for Northgate Neighborhood Association with recommended changes from committee. Marlayne Madison made a motion for these changes and Jeanne Pack seconded the motion. Frank Pack, Chair, called a vote and the vote was unanimous.
- We gave out free bags to those that stayed after meeting to receive them.

The meeting closed at 7:47 pm.

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