



Northgate Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes: 6:05 pm – 7:30 pm, 07/18/2019

All board members were present for the meeting.

Absent was City Council member from Ward #5, Matt Ausec.

Minutes of Last meeting, June 20, were passed.

Chair: Frank Park - Meeting opened with introductions of those present for meeting.

Police Officer Joe Scott gave report on why responses on calls are slow.

Talked about rules for public sidewalk loitering and the limitations of police officers. He talked about why calls are slow in answering from 911. Property crimes are up in the summer and tempers are higher. He talked about the new police station and that the funded come from tax bonds and that does not mix with the money allocated to hire police officers.

Sherri Stinnett made a motion to nominate Tony Zitzelberger. Tony added to board.

Sherri Stinnett gave report on graffiti and how she has contacted, parks and recreation, police department, graffiti division and she is working on a forum to take to the two high schools that serve this area to get high school artists involved in the project. She stated she thought to keep it in good taste it should have a Willamette Valley theme. Students would be working on art boards, fences and places that are usually covered with graffiti to create something positive the students do for the part and surrounding area. She needs to talk to neighbors in the area first to get their approval and she thinks that they should have a selection of art for the homeowner to choose to be painted on their fences. We need donations of paint for the students to use. Move to come on this later.

This has worked in other states this has been respected by the graffiti kids and they have started taking pride in the area. This has had some remarkable results for this area.

Irma Dowd explained about applying for grant through parks.

Frank Park suggested that Hallman School also have a art board for the elementary school.

Pennie Morley - Speaking on the city ordinance that would remove the people sleeping on the streets in downtown Salem and the discussion that will open up starting in August.

Irma Dowd said that this ordinance would be different because they would not be arrested unless it happened

Another men's shelter is planned to be built soon.

Pennie Morley announced: National Night out on August 6th

This is the six year that Amador hosts the National Night Out Block Party. He will send out invitation to the board of when and where this will be held. If you want a block party, you can register with the city and they will try to have a police officer come and a mascot. You want to attend the National Night Kick-Off Party held on July 23rd and you can register that same night from 6PM - 7PM at the atrium in front of the police department. Amador spoke on how important was to have some sort of translation at the meetings. We need to keep translation, open comments, and give them knowledge and a voice and ask them what they are hoping for the community. Irma said she did not think that her department did not have translation equipment, but the school does.

Irma Dowd gave us an outline for agenda for our meetings to make them more structured and easier to follow. Irma Dowd said she could go to the city and get price quotes on what it would cost to purchase translation equipment. We had a motion and second and voted to have Irma get price quotes on translation equipment. Our organization would have to vote on whether to pay for the equipment when the prices come in. We need to have someone that could translate for the Hispanic members.

Amador spoke of working to start a non-profit organization to create spaces before the meeting starts and to work with NGNA.

Chairs Report: Request 3625 Portland Rd. to build recreational marijuana growing center.

Questions on this property and could that be leased to a developer on a long lease for homeless boarding home.

Took a consensus of members and no one on the NGNA board wanted this business to expand. They would like a different business that adds a more useful aspect to the community advantage.

We have found that we are not part of the Northgate Advisory and Land Use Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM / Next meeting, August 15, 2019

***Spanish interpreter will be present.**

***Intérprete en español estará presente.**

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