



Northgate Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes for 02/20/2020

Time: 6:00pm - 7:43pm

Board Members Present: Pennie Morley, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Bayard Mentrum, Kaethe Mentrum, Ramona Gillett, Tony Zitzelberger, Sherri Stinnett,

Absent: Pedro Mayoral, Amador Aguilar, Marlayne Madison, Councilor Matt Ausec

Meeting starts 6:00 pm with Pennie Morley, Chair: Opening introductions

First Speaker: Officer Singleton, Salem Police Department - Presented a 3 month crime report, November 2019, December 2019, January 2020. Highlights of the crime report show that auto theft, car break-ins, vandalism and drugs are the main crimes in the area. One neighbor reported abandoned carts and trash in areas around NE Salem and the officer said he would check those areas out that evening.

Second Speaker: Bob Barron, City of Salem, Financial Officer, Budget Report -

The city is adding a payroll tax consideration to the May ballot. The reason that this tax is being asked of the public is the constant deficit in the basic services the city provides for all residents and that includes emergency services of Fire, Police and code enforcement. If we do not have this deficit covered the city will be faced with eventuality having to cut essential services.

We get 50% of our budget for essential services from property tax which has had a cap of 3% since the early nineties, which is losing ground each year because the cost of essential services does not have a cap and keeps going up. This fund from taxes covers public works, libraries, roads, bridges, police, fire and code enforcement to mention a few.

60,000 people come from outside this area to work and then go home, but they also use the emergency services provided. Those that work in Salem and live in Salem are approximately 35,000.

The payroll tax would work like this: Those making minimum wage would pay nothing. Those above minimum wage to \$15/per hour would pay a very small fee and this is on a sliding scale based on what you make.

Those making \$50,000 was used as the average for a yearly income in Salem to calculate what they would be required to pay per year.

This essential service payroll tax would be \$198 per year. This would go into a “special account safety fund” where only police, fire and code enforcement would be able to receive these funds.

We would be able to create a special new fire unit with 12 fireman, hire 25 more policeman and have a better staff of code enforcers. If it passes it will take at least a year before it is implemented too. We will at least not lose any services, but if it doesn't pass the city will be faced with some very serious decisions on what to cut in the next several years. You can view the City of Salem Budget Book online.

Third Speaker: Allan Pollock, General Manager Cherriots - We are going to have vacancy on the board. The board has monthly meetings. You have a voice when we might be adding stops and other issues. This is a volunteer position and a great way to give back to your community. For those that are interested in applying for this wonderful important position to the Cherriot Board please call: Allan Pollock, 503-588-2424, allan.pollock@cherriots.org

Fourth Speaker: Annalivia Palazzo-Angulo - Spoke on being a neighbor of Northgate Park, her involvement with the Peace Garden and her memory of the shooting that happened ten years ago and what the memorial meant to her. She said that we need to have a meeting in regards to the Memorial Garden to hear all sides of that issue.

New Business: The following issues were motioned, seconded and voted on:

1. To move forward working with Rob Romonik, Salem City Planner III, on plans for Northgate Park Improvements. Please note: This is going to be an addendum to the Master Plan for a 2-5 year old play structure and area.
2. To apply for Salem Parks Foundation Grant which will be used to as part of the money needed to pay for the expert in playground equipment to create three designs and a powerpoint with total cost to be presented to the Northgate Neighborhood Association to decide on which design the community wants for this park.
3. Change the bylaws to reflect that we are allowed to vote by emails on issues that come to the board so as to meet the deadlines that some Land Use issues require a vote on before our next meeting.

**** (It is then up to the members of the board to be responsible to study the issue at hand, send questions to the Chair if the Land Use Chair has not explained in detail the issues so they can receive information to give them the needed information to have an intelligent vote.)***

* November 2019 minutes had a motion to pass and a second and we had... ***no vote.***

November is held until March meeting to pass.

* January 2020 minutes did not pass until corrections asked for by Frank Pack. The minutes were then sent to the email vote: January passed with corrections. Three people did not vote to approve or vote against the minutes.

*** Special Speaker: McRae Carmichael** - Hallman Elementary School has had a “Mother’s Group” that walks their children to school going through Northgate Park. They did a wonderful job, but they seem to have lost some enthusiasm with this project now. We are trying to encourage parents to participate in safe walking to the school. Hallman was built to have children walking to the school. This is NOT SUPPOSE to be a school that parents drive their children.

This will evolved over the next year as they move parents to pick up children to the Portland Road area. The front of the school as it is now will eventually be the backside of the school and help to make it easier for parents to pick their children up on Portland Rd.

Ms. Carmichael stated that they are looking for community members that would like to be part of a community action group. For more information please email: mcarmichael@mwvcog.org

Chair Report: This Saturday, February 22nd, for McKay 37 years they have given a free breakfast at the school at 8:00am - 10:30am. Free entertainment and prizes. Show your support!

Adjourned at 7:43PM

*** Next meeting: March 19, 2020 at KROC Center, 6:00pm**

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***Spanish interpreter will be present.**

***Intérprete en español estará presente.**