



Northgate Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting Only

Meeting Minutes: 06/04/2020

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Location: Board Members Private Home

Board Members Present: Pennie Morley, Robert "Bert" Stinnett, Sherri Stinnett, Ramona Gillett, Marlayne Madison, Tony Zitelberger, Wendy Zitelberger, Kaethe Mentrum, Bayard Mentrum, Flora Morales, Don Jensen

Absent: Excused - Kelly Bence, David Wilbourn

Introduction of those present included Don Jensen and Flora Morales.

Old Business:

Chair, Pennie Morley: Reviewed some of the difficulties regarding our past and current meeting. Due to COVID the KROC Center has been closed and we have not held regular NGNA Meetings due to the fact that we were waiting until we could add other means of voting and online virtual meetings with bylaw changes. The NGNA Bylaws had to be changed to allow this process. We had a special vote in February that passed where we could now vote by email.

Pennie reviewed the goals for this year, "The Welcome to Salem" sign and the "Northgate Park" projects. There were numerous obstacles and it was decided to conduct a survey for the local community as to what the community would like to see in the Northgate Park.

Kaethe Mentrum, the Northgate Neighborhood Association Parks Community member who designed the "Welcome to Salem" sign discussed the new sign/design and proposed upgrades for landscaping and lighting for our new members. This project is now turned over to the city and they have plans of completing the project.

Chair Report: The discussion of current regular maintenance to the Northgate Park was discussed. The park needs to have the signs at each entrance repainted.

The Chair included reported dump sites around the local area and that our Compliance Officer, Nelson Morales, had been notified and he had responded to the situation of trash dumped in several areas and it is now cleaned up. The city has cleaned up the graffiti that has been reported.

The need for dog mits on the east side entrance of Northgate Park needs to be mounted. We have had people threatened with an pit-bull dog that is let loose and off leash in the park. This apartments complex is the two tone beige apartments on the East side of the park. We need to

encourage residence in the area to call animal control or police when loose dogs are running in the park.

The community is especially concerned when dogs off leash are listed as dangerous breeds and considered aggressive. They can kill someones small dog that is on a leash or injury or kill a child or adult.

The city does not want to keep the splash pad when it break down. This is one of the enjoyments for children that live around the Northgate park. This area has no public swimming pool available for free.

The Chair asked that if citizens in the community see abandoned trash, furniture, tall weeds or grass not cut or abandoned cars in the Northgate area to please report them to the Compliance Officer by going to the City Page and filling out the form.

Link below:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/report-neighborhood-problems.aspx>

If you see illegal camping please call the police and report that issue. Report to animal control for any dogs not leashed. We appreciate the community helping to keep our Northgate neighborhoods looking clean, safe and cared for.

The board voted and passed the following items:

1. The Board voted and passed unanimously to make the Northgate Park and Survey and outreach to community for their feedback our number one priority. We hope to focus on encouraging new membership as we look to the future Executive Board.
2. We voted to work only on the survey now and building up the association membership so our annual meeting would have some good people that could be interested in being part of Northgate Neighborhood Association and joining the
3. The Executive Board voted and passed the reimbursement of the pizza and water for \$51.88 that was served at this meeting.
4. Minutes for April business meeting had a motion to pass and the vote was unanimous.

1. Don Jensen, local builder, who was nominated as Chair of Land Use in the interim until our annual meeting. His years of experience in that field, his understanding of regulations, laws and permits required will help the community in understanding what projects will benefit our northeast part of Salem.

2. Flora Morales, has experience as a board member of CaPES and community outreach projects, was raised in the Northgate area and passionate about seeing positive changes for all families of Northgate has accepted the challenges with enthusiasm for the Public Relations Chair as interim until our annual meeting. The description of this position has change to be make a clearer understanding of what the task of this position represents.

The motions to add both new members was made and the vote was unanimously passed. We thank Don Jensen and Flora Morales for joining this association and becoming Chairs of the association.

The decision to change the name of Community Liaison to "Public Relations Chair" was voted on and passed. This will be added to the Bylaws.

Vote was taken to adjourn and the meeting ended **7:19 PM**

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