

SESNA Minutes May 22, 2018

Attendance: Neighbors Megan White, Jennifer McDonald, Brett Warner, Elias Erazo, Charlotte Erazo, Patrick Cassidy, Cordawna House, Seleste Liyanage, Kirk Leonard, Bill Smaldone, Jeff Leach, Marcia Hoak, Beth Eck, Ron Leavitt, Shannon Priem, Ken Jacobs; Officer Libby Salem PD, Officer Hinkle Code Enforcement, Ben Bales Salem PD, Allen Dannen Salem Public Works, Tom Andersen Ward 2 Councilor, Tricia Ratliff and Sam Thomas HOME Youth Resource Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / GOOD NEWS: Previous minutes approved, litter pickup was a success; on June 10<sup>th</sup> the WillaMutt Strut will be held at Riverfront Park: [whs4pets.org/strut](http://whs4pets.org/strut).

OFFICER REPORTS: Officer Libby reminded everyone that with more daylight, warmth there are more crimes of opportunity; car break-ins, keep an eye on your garden tools, dowels in open windows. Officer Hinkle noted that it is tall grass and weed time but is a fairly low priority, will get to all they can; shopping carts can now be reported on the city website.

NEIGHBOR CONCERNS: Officer Libby received a report of 6 people living in a shed behind 2238 Trade; in addition to police follow up a letter to the city manager, mayor was recommended. Officer Hinkle received reports of excessive garbage on lot behind Bentley's Coffee, junk and solid waste at 298 24<sup>th</sup>, 625 25<sup>th</sup>, at end of Hyde, and 625 18<sup>th</sup>. Crimes have gone up in past couple of months; measures that can be taken: talk to your neighbors, request street lights if none near. A neighbor reported that traffic on Hyde St. has increased significantly, requested info for next steps in getting traffic back to normal.

COUNCIL REPORT: Councilor Andersen will be looking at street light fees; homeowners pay \$2.80 while Wal Mart pays only \$13 per month; he has introduced a measure to ban plastic bags; the Planning Commission ignored both neighborhood preference and staff recommendation regarding State Street Corridor...in short, cars win; regarding State St. NEN expressed concerns about building height, parking in neighborhood...discussions will continue.

GUESTS: Teresa Ratliff, Program Director for HOME, a homeless youth drop in center, presented. HOME will be moving into the former Cavasos Center at 15<sup>th</sup> and Ferry; will be called Taylor House; donations accepted; will need a conditional use permit, neighbors will be notified; she requested a Letter of Support from the NA. Plans are to open on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Ben Bales and Allen Dannen presented current status of new police facility, will be coming to SESNA meeting on occasion; demolition is underway, 90% of material is being recycled, building should be done in year 2020; can track progress at [cityofsalem.net/police-station](http://cityofsalem.net/police-station).

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Moved and seconded to spend \$330 for food, serving items and flyers for Summer in the Park Ice Cream Social on June 24<sup>th</sup> (reserve the date!); booths are filling, Umpqua has donated ice cream servers, music is on tap. Boys and Girls Club may operate the after school program at Capital Park Wesleyan. We now must earn our communication funds: hours spent on volunteer projects, testifying, flyers, etc. Vinyl wraps are done, Eng+Span, soon to be installed. The Board has a separate e-mail list on Slack. Jeff has identified 40 potential tree properties, survey soon. Adjourned.