

Final Meeting Minutes – WSNA – 2018-09-17

Jim Allhiser called the meeting to order at 7PM. 23 members signed the roster, but more bodies were present. EM Easterly moves to approve minutes – second by Wes Hill. Vote unanimous approval.

Paula asks to add an item about a dog in Wallace Marine Park if the SPD officer does not show up.

Reports:

Salem Police – Not present

City Councilor Cara Kaser –

[Open Streets Salem](http://www.openstreetssalem.org/) – Sept 22 – 11a to 3p - <http://www.openstreetssalem.org/>

Open Streets Salem is a free community event, open to everyone. The event is an opportunity for residents of Salem to safely explore active transportation options such as walking and biking, engage in fun activities, and build community, all while enjoying the CANDO, Grant, and Highland Neighborhoods. Ultimately, the event will transform our community and streets into vibrant, people-centered spaces where neighbors can connect with local organizations and each other.

The [route](#) will follow the proposed Maple/Winter Bikeway with four Activity Hubs (Salem Saturday Market, Grant Community School, Broadway Commons, and Highland Elementary School) along the route that will offer food, entertainment, and free activities for all ages.

Plastic Bag Ban – <https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2018/09/10/salem-city-council-tables-proposed-plastic-bag-ban/1259145002/>

Downtown Homelessness Solutions task force – <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/downtown-homeless-solutions-task-force.aspx>

Congestion Relief Task Force – <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/congestion-relief-task-force.aspx>

A question from Councilor Kaser – Looking to bring a motion forward at council, regarding organized camping in the city, with the view of finding a way to “house” the homeless. I would like to get some of your ideas and feedback already while I form and start to formalize my ideas. If you would like to debate as a neighborhood association, I am happy to do that, and would entertain a place on the meeting agenda to do so.

City Councilor Jim Lewis –

“Water Crisis in Review” report – Self-explanatory. I suggest you read it when you get a moment. I don’t agree with channel 2’s representation of the issue, but it is expected with the Media from time to time. Water event after-action report - <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/water-advisory-report-suggests-improvements.aspx> and <https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/water-advisory-after-action-report-2018.pdf>

Riverfront Park Master Plan Review – <https://www.cityofsalem.net/riverfront-park#masterplan>

Public hearing October 8th – Utility Rate Proposal. The city will be sticking to its pledge to not raise rates more than 3% a year. Also, garbage rate discussion will be coming up on November 13th. Plastic Bag ban, October 22nd.

Comprehensive Plan – “Our Salem” – a committee looking at Our Salem today as the first part of the overall city comprehensive plan review.

Question – Les Margosian about rates, where did 3% come from?

Every 2 years a rate assessment / cost of service analysis is done by an external consultant. The reports should be available on the website. If not, Public Works can provide it to you. <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/utility-rates-and-other-fees.aspx>

Land Use – Wes Hill

2183 Morrow Ct NW – VRBO short-term rental application. Hearing date not set yet.

Question – Linda – will current owners live there? No, they say they will move away / live offsite.

Question/Comment – EM – Let neighbors know?

Taybin – lot partition. Hearing date not set yet.

1200 Riverbend Rd – Approval and moving forward.

1774 Sunburst Terrace NW – setback for stairs - notice for approval / conditions for approval? No concerns from me (Wes) as it appears it is repairing/rejuvenating an existing structure.

245 Patterson – Staff report is out and recommends approval. We voted last time to not take an official position, but will submit the comments/discussion that was had.

EM comments and appreciates that there were new materials submitted to address concerns raised in the last meeting RE: 245 Patterson.

Traffic & Infrastructure – Nick Fortey

Edgewater St – bicycle merge area (at Eola, at HWY 22 onramp, at ramp that goes off onto Wallace Rd). Asked city if they could put the consistent green paint markings, especially because of the heavy right-turn volume in those locations. Might not paint until the spring, for maximum adhesion and material life of the green thermoplastic paint material.

EM moves that the WSNA support the efforts of the traffic chair and support the efforts of the city to complete this work. 2nd by Herb Shaw

Aye – all. Nay, none. Abstain – 2.

Difference Makers – Craig Evans

Committee will brainstorm what to do, as there haven't been any applications/nominations. If you know people that should be recognized, let us know! The goal and point of the committee was to bring a positive light to the meetings.

Jim Allhiser – Recognizes Sandy – a resident that is always picking up trash with her headphones in. She does not want any formal recognition.

Disaster Preparedness – Mike Evans

Unprepared Documentary – Friday October 19th – 1PM, Chemeketa Community College – Building 6 Auditorium, with panel discussion following. Discussing what's been done and what's going on with disaster preparedness regarding a Cascadia event. Also, discussion about individual preparedness and disaster kits.

WSBA –

None.

Transit –

None.

Parks –

None.

Edgewater – Jessica Preis

Edgewater Walking Cruise –

Try to arrive same time Mayor's bike ride arrives, to watch puppet judging.

Farmer's Market – Thursday 10 – 2. 2 Saturdays left. 99% sure there will be a 2019 season, starting in May this time.

Edgewater Partnership Meeting (bookmark)

Watershed – E.M. Easterly

Still working with Rickreall watershed partners and coordinating with Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB).
2nd Tuesday in October, Breezeway part of Salemtowne, 5:15pm.

Linda Bierly - Loucks Auditorium – Urban Streams presentation. Tomorrow night, 6:30PM.

Old Business –

New Business –

Nomination of Candidates –

Paula Fordham nominates Jim Allhiser for Chair. 2nd by Wes Hill. Jim accepts nomination.

Paula Fordham nominates Chris Wilhelm for Secretary. 2nd by Jim Allhiser. Chris accepts nomination.

Jim Allhiser nominates Tyson Pruett for Vice-Chair. 2nd by Wes Hill. Tyson is absent, so we will report back next time on whether he accepts this nomination.

Dog in Wallace Marine Park – Nextdoor App

Little dog, possibly off-leash. Homeless person with a larger dog on a leash. Little dog was bitten and injured severely enough by the big dog that it needed to be put down. The community said that this large dog had attacked children on the soccer field, in the past via the nextdoor app. Apparently, the authorities were called. Polk county allegedly had no one to send. Salem Police allegedly said it was not their problem.

Suggestions?

Contact Park Ranger through public works department. 1 ranger for the whole city however.

Les Margosian – did anyone contact Polk County Animal Control? Not that we are aware of.

Linda – we could ask our Parks Chair to elevate.

Jim will follow up with Gary Deming, Parks Chair, and ask for someone from Polk County animal control / sheriff's office to speak to the matter or will read a written response, at the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted – Chris Wilhelm – WSNA Secretary