

Final Meeting Minutes – WSNA – 2018-11-19

Jim Allhiser called the meeting to order at 7PM. 32 members signed the roster, but more bodies were present.

EM moves to approve minutes as amended by Steve Anderson. Second by Sarah Duval. All Aye, no Nay, no abstain

Reports:

Salem Police – Officer Fultz

How many people per shift? Just 1. Lately, been pulled over to northeast quite a bit.

City Councilor Jim Lewis –

No report, I just came from a work session tonight. But, I wanted to communicate the following Council motion I'm bringing forward a motion on November 26th.

I move that council direct staff to prepare an ordinance and all other necessary land use actions to respond to the items remanded in the LUBA decision. The ordinance and other actions shall be presented to the council by June 30th, 2019.

I waited for the congestion relief task force to conclude and present to council. There is no magic bullet. My motion is simply to ask the city to respond to LUBA.

Question from Steve Anderson – What are the 3 items to address? See attached letter from SKATS chair for answer to that question.

Land Use – Wes Hill

4 decisions since last meeting. Decision on next phase of Capitol Manor, carports and setbacks. Morrow Court VRBO (short term rental) approved with conditions. 1690 Edgewater. And, 3065 Orchard Heights (outside of city limits) driveway permit.

Traffic & Infrastructure – Nick Fortey

Congestion relief task force – city web page – video is available and recommendations, as presented in front of the City Council. Nick summarized the actions and potential next steps as discussed by the city council. E.M. adds that a councilor proposed that we should define and come to agreement on quantifying what “congestion” and “unacceptable delay” is.

Difference Makers – Craig Evans

Dean Chambers nominated by Roxie Perrone. See attachment

Disaster Preparedness – Mike Evans

Nothing New. Greg Walsh - CERT Training. Last week he did an hour-long presentation at the Edgewater Partnership. Jim says he'll get Greg to come to WSNA.

WSBA – None

Transit – Steve Evans - Nothing to report.

Parks – Micki Varney

Oct 24th Parks Planning meeting. FYI, Parks Planning and Parks Operation are separate units within the city. Also, there is a prioritized 5-year plan specifically addressing deferred maintenance. If there is an issue in a park, or a maintenance requirement, you can call “dispatch.” The number to call is 503-588-6333. You can always email me mickivarney@gmail.com with questions or ideas.

November 8th – Salem Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting – presentation on Street Tree Inventory. 2001 and 2009, and now this one 2018. 18% canopy coverage with our trees. In 2013, the city developed a Community Forestry Strategic Plan. The goal is 23%, but we're still at about 18%. Friends of Trees December 8th. Another group, Treecology has also started working with the city in 2018. In 2019, there will be a "national championship" game hosted July 24th – 29th for "Western National Championship" in softball. Bush Park master plan is being revised/updated.

There are a few different park classifications. 9 neighborhood parks (West Salem, Straub, Brush College, etc.), 2 community parks (Orchard Heights, etc.) and 1 urban park (Wallace Marine.)

Edgewater – Steve Anderson

1 hour straight forward presentation from Greg Walsh on what you can personally do. Also, it is possible there will be a 2-hour CERT class in the future.

Next walk – Art Walk – Peace Lutheran Church and their art gallery. November 25th, 3PM. Coming soon, Sneaky Elf project.

Watershed – E.M. Easterly

Glenn Gibson and Rickreall Watershed Councils, working with consultants. 4 hours on the 29th to learn the lessons and experience of the consultants.

Chair Announcements – Jim Allhiser

Dec 8th and 9th – Leaf Haul – Brown Island landfill.

Nov 26th City Council Meeting – 2nd reading of Plastic Bag ordinance. Jim Lewis will introduce a motion regarding the city's response to the remanded items from the LUBA.

Our Salem is continuing to move forward.

Old Business – Presentation – Jordy Gaither

Concerns about the construction at the apartment complex on corner of Linwood and Orchard Heights –

Oak Trees and Large slope on north end of property.

The slope of the entire property was too steep to meet ADA accommodations and requirements. We must lift the north and lower the southwest to meet the incline/decline requirements of the ADA. Specifically, the incline and decline of the property would be too steep if left as-is.

The portion of the site where the tree was had to be lowered 6 ½ feet in elevation. The city forester and other city staff agreed that it was not possible to save that specific tree and lower the earth that far, exposing roots and more.

The north side had to be raised up significantly. To address concerns of erosion or landslide, the dirt and style of fill has been pre-tested to be structural fill. It goes in, in layers, and is tested between each layer to make sure it is very stable. We've exceeded the city's standards with a tackified mulch compost blanket that improves the stability of the fill. It is the same kind of product that ODOT would use on a steep incline adjacent to a highway. Additionally, straw waddles are in place staked into the structural fill at 10 feet spacing.

How many feet was the elevation increase? 26 feet higher on the north end. The landscaping package for that area is robust and will mitigate visibility concerns of the adjacent properties.

New Business –

Ethics complaint – Unfounded. See attachment.

Respectfully submitted – Chris Wilhelm – WSNA Secretary