

## FINAL Meeting Minutes – WSNA – 2019-09-16

Jim Allhiser called the meeting to order at 7PM. 34 members signed the roster, but more bodies were present. Mike Evans moves to approve minutes – second by Kevin Chambers. Vote unanimous approval.

### **Presentation: Brandi Dalton Multi-Tech Engineering ([bdalton@mtengineering.net](mailto:bdalton@mtengineering.net) – 503-363-9227)**

Dan Dobson – Developer - Titan Hill Properties NW Corner of Orchard Heights and Doaks Ferry

109 homes Preliminary idea of lots shown on map – not yet submitted to the city.

Question about Traffic Impact Analysis and request that mitigations be done first to see if they are adequate to offset the proposal's impact.

Question about who is building the homes - Wind River. Banner Homes. 2 homebuilders partnered with.

Question about Min sq ft per lot? Min sq ft per lot is on the map (tiny)

Question about Min sq ft per home? Builder will decide. Not done yet.

### **Reports:**

#### **Salem Police – Officer Brian Davis**

Fewer car break-ins and theft reported. Homeless are moving out of parks. They have been evicted out of the quarry property, and there soon will be an effort to enforce eviction from adjacent property. Be aware of kids and school zones now that school is back in session. Beware of warming vehicles in a manner where they can be stolen. Review the information provided about the proposed sit lie ordinance. There are fliers on table. Read more here:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-responds-to-growing-concerns-of-activities-in-public-right-of-way-including-sidewalks-and-parking-strips.aspx>

#### **City Councilor Cara Kaser – Absent**

**City Councilor Jim Lewis** – Over 75,000 hours total volunteered to the city. Fun awards ceremony this evening.

The City's 2 fund raising proposals are the Employee tax – asked to refer to voters and that it be used for public safety only. Possibly on May or Nov 2020 ballot. Tax on anyone who works in the City of Salem. Specifics yet to be determined. Second, the city operating fee – collected by means of a fee on your city utility bill. Approx. \$8/month for single family residence. First reading of the ordinance soon. Send in written comment. You can also comment at the council meeting.

Questions – What is the bill we can comment on?

#### **Agenda Item 7.1C 12-19 Ordinance Bill**

Sit/Lie Ordinance. If in fact it is true that homeless now have a place to go, then maybe it is time for an ordinance like this. Another forum will be soon to hear from the homeless populations.

Question - Where would they go? City Parks during the day are open to everyone. Union Gospel Mission. HOPE. And more.

Land use issues – ex parte I can't participate in discussions or be privy to information that any other councilor or citizen was not privy to, such as conversations, emails, otherwise.

It was fun to present an award to an 18-year-old from South Salem, now attends U of O. She volunteered time to generate funds for a shower trailer for the homeless that is now available.

## Land Use – Steve Anderson (speaking for Sarah DuVal)

Need for people to be on the land use committee. Please, if you are interested, contact Jim or Sarah.

Extensive discussion around 2 issues, related yet separate.

1 – discussion to appeal Planning Commission’s decision regarding Phase 2 of the Riverbend project on the grounds that traffic impacts, studies, mitigations, etc. including comments from WSNA were not considered and were not even consistent with Phase 1 of the project.

2 – discussion to raise issue to the City Council to discuss what the traffic infrastructure plans are for West Salem now that no third bridge is being considered. Since the Salem River Crossing studies are “thrown out” allegedly the traffic counts and studies done to support that effort have no basis or standing for consideration in any current land use issue. That is, since we threw out the data that shows Glen Creek and Orchard Heights at Wallace Road are “failed” in terms of capacity; we don’t have any data to cite that they are failed, so, they aren’t. As such, no mitigations or considerations necessitated by ODOT or other planning goals apply, because there’s no data to show that the intersections have failed. But, anyone who commutes in the morning can tell you the traffic didn’t disappear just because we threw away the studies from SKATS/MWVCOG.

Furthermore, extensive discussion about how in general all members present at the meeting felt that the city services they receive are not commensurate with the taxes they pay. That is, their level of service for police patrols, emergency public works equipment, and other basic city services are at a lower per-capita level than the rest of the city.

Additionally, extensive discussion that traffic mitigations such as trip caps are not effective because not to anyone’s knowledge has anyone ever “enforced” a trip cap. That is, who measures the trips after a development is done. How does one enforce a trip cap? How many times has a trip cap been enforced by either restricting traffic or imposing fines? Who gets fined? Who gets fined 10 years from now?

Lastly, extensive discussion that the land use planning process does not take into account the cumulative effects of development over time, and that no link exists between the cumulative effects and road infrastructure improvement processes. Discussion that 309 lists (infrastructure improvement projects) are not prioritized based on where the funding (systems development charges) actually came from.

**Motion** by Kevin Chambers to appeal the riverbend decision based upon the information in the traffic analysis versus Statewide planning goals, and **motion** to discuss at city council the 3 bullet points raised by our land use committee and the letter from WSNA’s past regarding infrastructure improvements.

Second by Craig Evans

Vote: 30 Aye, 0 Nay, 0 abstain

Motion passes

The West Salem Neighborhood Association vote on this decision was made only by those in attendance on 2019-09-16 without prior public agenda notification.

## Transit - Absent

### WSBA – Tim Klarr (past president)

What happens if the earthquake comes? Business community participation? Thoughts around accumulating a “registry” of heavy equipment or other assets our business community has that they might be willing to use / share during an emergency. Helping identify areas of assembly for emergency assistance (water, food, etc). WSBA elections coming up in November. WSBA meetings every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday for lunch, but 2 months it is the third (spring break and November (thanksgiving)). 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays board meetings at Salem Electric 3pm.

**Traffic – Nick Fortey**

Blackberries at Eagle (something) were cleared/corrected. Repair of sidewalk and railing on Cascade/Rosemont will happen. Comment - Ask for 7<sup>th</sup> and McNary school crossing or crosswalk notifications, potentially a 4 way stop or other solution to speeding versus children walking to school.

**Parks – Micki Varney - Absent****Edgewater – Steve Anderson**

Thanks for supporting the farmer's market. This month's "walking cruise" is supporting the Mad Hatter Dash. September 28<sup>th</sup> – Mad Hatter Dash 5K fun run – wear exciting hat or costume. Supports Salem Dream Center. @Madhatterdash

**Watershed – E.M. Easterly**

No longer funded by State Water Resources Department. Project to assess the Willamette River upcoming, specifics being still defined.

**Old Business –****New Business –**

**Nominations** – Kevin Chambers – for Chair, by Jim Allhiser

Phone to call Kevin in case you want to discuss anything is 503-586-8188.

**GOALS Discussion:**

Renew all current goals as goals for 2019-2020. Remove Salem River Crossing and simplify to either "3<sup>rd</sup> bridge" or "additional river crossing." Add goal to suggest that emergency "public works" equipment be staged at a location in West Salem. Discussion that there may be a funding mechanism or other mechanism to obtain equipment via a State legislative program, where Polk County would have to agree to maintain the equipment, but the original purchase cost or lease cost is picked up by the State.

Meeting ended at 8:45PM

**Attachments: Land Use Proposal, northwest corner of Doaks Ferry and Orchard Heights, Goals for 2019-2020**

**Respectfully submitted – Chris Wilhelm – WSNA Secretary**