

Draft Meeting Minutes – WSNA – 2019-10-21

(To be voted on for approval at 2019-11-18 meeting)

Jim Allhiser called the meeting to order at 7PM. 43 members signed the roster, but more bodies were present. E.M moves to approve minutes – second by Kevin Chambers. Vote unanimous approval.

Elections:

Keith Norris self-nominates from the floor.

Kevin Chambers introduced himself, spoke about system development charges (SDCs)

Keith Norris introduced himself, a new home owner in West Salem. Moved from Washington D.C. Worked as director of policy and communications for a non-profit.

Donald Bond introduced himself as Don. Lived in West Salem for 16 years. Retired from Oregon Military Department, 42 years with ORANG.

Question to Keith – What’s your stance on traffic and infrastructure?

Engage with the city to find a way forward

Question to Kevin – experience?

Chair of Polk County Republicans, small business owner, business process optimization.

The nominated person for Secretary was not present to speak. *(Secretary’s note – If the elected secretary chooses not to accept the election, duties of the Secretary will fall to the vice chair and chair until they select a secretary to serve with them.)*

RESULTS:

Kevin Chambers elected Chairman (19 votes) Keith Norris (15 votes).

Don Bond elected Vice-Chair (33 votes)

Tammy Goad elected Secretary (30 votes), Write-in (1 vote).

PRESENTATIONS:

PAUL EVANS – SPIRE Grant

Was designed to provide necessary equipment to be used during massive scale disasters by people who would normally not be able to afford such a piece or pieces of equipment.

A story about the emergency response actions in Vernonia during the flooding.

5 million to be granted on a prioritized basis.

The intent was to purchase and stage some of that equipment around the state.

The original goal was to have 10 items, and only 10 items. Well, that changed a bit. There will be a phase 2.

Looking to put 20 million towards the next phase.

The long term goal is to purchase it, depreciate it over a schedule, then gift the residual value (asset).

Engage with your city and county emergency managers to talk about what equipment and where.

The other thing you can do is come and testify during the hearings.

Question – what is going on to prepare individuals?

There are all sorts of materials and lists, Oregon Emergency Management website.

Who to call?

Greg Walsh – City Emergency Preparedness Manager – gwalsh@cityofsalem.net – 503-589-2139

Irma Dowd – Neighborhood Services Coordinator – 503-540-2303

CERT Zone 6 - Luc Charwin is the contact. 503-930-5042.

SHERIFF MARK GARTON –

Civic Ready program –

Flyer on table. All of the city agencies worked together, youralerts.org, where you can sign up for alerts. Email, text, or voicemail. It could be sheriff, fire, public health, public works, any sort of public issue you should know about in the county.

Question – how prepared are we?

Well, that's a big question so I can tell you what we do.

We apply for grants all over the place. We get grants for generators, radio communications and volunteers to operate them. Redundant and backup communications gear. Dispatch services operated by City of Salem.

We'll figure it out. IF there are resources available, we'll work together in the moment and figure out the paperwork afterward. We're human and we'll help.

JAMES GRAHAM – CENSUS – ROAD TO 2020

Powerpoint presentation.

Easy, Important, Safe

James.S.Graham@2020Census.gov

971-388-9825

MARK WIGG – West Salem Loop trail Contact Info: mark_wigg@hotmail.com

A trail that goes all of the way around West Salem. I help build trails around Salem. I've worked on 4.

Powerpoint presentation.

Asked that WSNA form a committee to carry and further the idea, working with the city.

Question – Any thoughts about mitigation of the homeless population potentially moving into the area? Other areas show this is not the case. See next question.

Studies about whether trails increase crime? They do not. Good use drives out bad use. Good people using the trail keep bad people away.

Question about rails to trails?

Yes, I am familiar and follow.

Reports:

Salem Police – Officer Amador – couple of stolen cars and recoveries, 2 burglaries, some smash-and-grabs from cars. Oct 26th – Prescription drug turn-in day. Comments in support of how Goodwill incident was handled. Comments about traffic safety and stop sign. Don't drive distracted please.

Officer Brent Hedrick –

Dangerous Buildings – 2295 Salem-Dallas Highway (detached garage dangerous, property is a public health hazard), 2 other structures on property are also dangerous buildings. 1707 Lambert St. NW – 8 months on derelict property list, lender is now in possession and we'll try to get them to address the issues. New update – you may have up to 6 chickens and now 6 ducks.

Question about signs on telephone poles? It is not legal to post such signage on utility poles. As the weather turns, we plan on going out to clean up some of those signs.

City Councilor Cara Kaser –

Absent.

City Councilor Jim Lewis –

Discussion about creating special urban renewal districts. Effort is to support affordable housing. Monday the 28th is the next council meeting.

Land Use – Steve Anderson

Appeal is heard Monday the 28th at 6PM. You are invited to come testify with us. Please start by asking city council what you'd like them to do, such as place conditions for traffic mitigation, etc.

Traffic & Infrastructure – Nick Fortey

Still looking into 7th St issue with transport to school

WSBA – Absent

Transit – Chi Nguyen

Cherriots Saturday service celebration was successful. All Saturdays in September were free. For the first time in Salem's history we will be introducing Sunday service. Night time hours will extend from 9 to 10pm, then 11pm. Question - Investigate park-and-ride options. Certainly.

Question – Capitol Manor – bus or other option that would go to and from the Grocery Store? It is a demand service now, not on a regular schedule. Website: <https://www.cherriots.org/shopandride/> Call 503-315-5544

Parks – Micki Varney

Salem Park Improvement Fund – Chandler Park Ivy Removal and/or trail improvement.

Eagle's View Park – volunteer trail building event. Master Park planning process will start in January.

Edgewater – Steve Anderson

Monster March – Wednesday Oct 30th – 5 to 8 PM – Trick or Treat the Residents of Capitol Manor

Watershed – E.M. Easterly

If you're interested, Glenn Gibson WC facebook page – quarterly report and pictures are available here. We've decided to go for a floodplain Willamette River study between Hayden Island (mouth of Rickreall Creek) and Windsor Island. We're looking for funds and support for this study.

Old Business –

New Business –

Chair Kevin Chambers formed and asked for volunteers for a West Salem Loop.

Motion to accept 2020 Goals by Roberta Taylor – Second from E.M Easterly.

Unanimous Ayes on accepting 2020 Goals.

Meeting ended at 8:50PM

Respectfully submitted – Chris Wilhelm – WSNA Secretary