Date: 2/9/23

Present:

**Board Members:** 

Leigh Gaynair, Co/Vice Chair, Enrichment Chair

Emily Palmer, Treasurer

Heather Ames, At Large

Ryan Erickson-Kulas, Secretary

Vanessa Hemenway, Safety Chair

## **Guest/Association Members:**

Andrea Madison

Holly Schiefelbein

Diane Bourdeau

Rick Brown

Ana Brown

Lisa Marks

Sarah Terry-Arbuckle

Jacob Arbuckle

Christi Olsen, Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School faculty

Dylan Jones, Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School student

Jill Summers, Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School parent

Virginia Stapleton Ward 1 Councilor

Brandon Gould, Salem PD

Irma Coleman, City of Salem

- Introductions/Approval of Minutes
  - Motion: Leigh Gaynair
  - o 2nd: Emily Palmer
  - Motion Passes
- Designate the May 11th HNA meeting as the annual general meeting
  - Motion: Leigh Gaynair
  - o 2nd: Ryan Erickson-Kulas
  - Motion Passes
- Discussion of need to engage Front Street area
- Irma Coleman shared Neighborhood Association signs from City of Salem
- Reports/Updates
  - Salem Police Officer Brandon Gould
    - On December 12th Salem PD Chief presented changes to strategic plan and implementation
      - These are available via website and YouTube
    - Mobile Crisis Response Team- non-law enforcement response that are not dangerous but assist with mental health issues and direct individuals to services; goal to be 24/7 in the future

- Staffing struggles- down 10%. Loss 44 in the past year; happening across the country; recruitment struggles (goal to improve that and retention); Recent shift from a 9 month to 4 month process to get hired; wellness programs for officers is available; switched to 12 hour shifts in January which is a challenge at times
- Roll out of body cam program next Monday 2/13/23
- Discussion for how long vehicles are able to stay parked
- Discussion of neighborhood watch
- Discussion on illegal dumping
  - Call code enforcement or go to cityofsalem.com/neighbor per Irma Coleman
- City Councilor Virginia Stapleton
  - Looking at adjustment to compensation package for sworn officers as Salem is losing candidates to other localities
  - 2023 priorities for OR legislative session
    - Funding for unhoused crisis
    - Direct, narrow, and focused
  - Work session on unhoused ordinances
    - Martin v Boise- changes unhoused individuals sleeping on sidewalks, ensure ordinances are in compliance
    - with new law; need to change laws;
  - Budget work session (2/21)- future looks bleak; online tool you can play with to adjust budget and submit options; can suggest revenue options; only 10 budgets have been submitted; budget due end of June;
  - Salem Reads- Born A Crime
  - Arbor Day events
  - Navigation Center open house 3/23 at 8 pm
    - Ran by Arches
    - Low barrier shelter
    - 70 beds
- Highland Community Garden
  - 33 beds and building 5 more
  - New starts to be planted at the end of the month
  - Have a newsletter
  - Native plant corner planned
  - Gardeners want more flowers
  - Plan to rebuild outside garden beds
  - Contact information: highlandneighorsgarden@gmail.com and on FB
  - Free to join
- Highland Board/Committee Chairs will present their goal planning for 2023.
  - Enrichment- Leigh Gaynair
    - Looking at additions to Highland Park (Splash Pad in the long term)
    - Neighborhood Cleanup Day in the spring
    - 10 yard signs to be purchased

- Leigh Gaynair identified 12x18 \$12 per signs
- Discussion of other cheaper signage options
- City will match \$250 donated
- Agenda item to vote on sign design next week
- Conversation around the NextDoor App
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- Goal to create a new resident packet
- Community garage sale day planned in June
- Alleyway beautification or art installation project discussed as goal
- Safety- Vanessa Hemenway
  - Plant Sale Fundraiser at Emmanuel Church
  - Facebook survey and on Nextdoor and email to residents planned
  - Discussion of motion detection lights giveaway as reward for completing survey
  - Draft of commissioners letter will be shared with the board
- o Treasurer- Emily Palmer
  - Have room for 20 signs in budget
  - Need to pay muralist and will to meet with Irma Coleman to finalize
  - Review of reimbursement process
- Motion to reimburse \$10 to Vanessa Hemenway and Leigh Gaynair for City Club meeting
  - o Motion: Emily Palmer
  - o 2nd: Ryan Erickson-Kulas
  - Motion Passes
- Motion to appoint Holly Schiefelbein to the board as Outreach Chair
  - Motion: Leigh Gaynair
  - o 2nd: Ryan Erickson-Kulas
  - Motion Passes
- New logo review
  - All members in attendance voted an logo options
  - Approved logo attached
- Neighborhood Concerns issues not on agenda
  - Rick and Ana Brown
    - Raised concerns that they were unaware of the 3 story apartment building being built adjacent to their property.
    - HNA members discussed how land use issues should be addressed in the future as timeline has passed around the concerns raised by the Browns
  - Ryan Erickson-Kulas
    - No stop sign at Laurel and Spruce
  - Motion to adjourn
    - Motion: Ryan
    - Second: Leigh Gaynair
    - Motion Passes

## **Attachment**

