



MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.
North Neighbors Resource Center
945 Columbia St NE, Salem

Present:

Board Members:

Heather Ames, Heritage Committee Chair

Merideth Patterson, Co-Chair

Ryan Erickson-Kulas, Secretary

Holly Schiefelbein, Outreach Chair

Andrea Madison, Enrichment Committee Member

Emily Palmer, Treasurer

Guest/Association Members:

Sharon Roberts

Cheryl Morrison

Lisa Marks

Caroline Brown

Tristan Bliss

Tim Patterson

Christi Olsen

Audrey Rocha

Dylan Jones

Andrew Jones

Sarah Terry

Virginia Stapleton Ward 1 Councilor

Brandon Gould, Salem PD

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1. Introduction/Approval of March 2023 Minutes
 - a. **Motion-** Meredith Patterson
 - b. **2nd-** Holly Schiefelbein
 - c. **Board unanimously approved**
 2. Reports/Updates
 - a. Salem Police Officer - 5 minutes
 - Review of safety tips
 - Park in visible areas
 - Walk in pairs
 - bring cell phone



- 30 by 30 campaign to increase females in law enforcement to 30% by 2030. Currently at 15%
- Lots of hiring. Down 20 officers which is about 10%
- Navigation center w/ mid willamette valley community access center. Located at Mission st between 19th and 21st on the south side of road. Behind credit union. Near k-mart. 24/7 open. 75 low barrier beds
- Discussion on National Night Out fundraiser to support dog program

b. City Councilor(s) - 5 minutes

- Over 780 people submit to SKATS
- Opening Ceremony for a 52 bed unit with wraparound services near state hospital
- \$150m to new shelter beds but need to be used in a year. Potential partnership with Marion Polk Housing Authority
- Orchard Park apartments will now go to market rate and 80 residents will be interested
 - Working to take over with a non-profit
 - Need \$20m to upkeep and buy
- Fourth of July fireworks at fairgrounds
- Cannery mixed use right on the River coming
- First budget meeting 4/19.
 - New revenue is key. Legally capped amount of growth on property taxes by 3%. Inflation is 7%.
 - Employee payroll tax (Eugene has done this)
 - 0.49% would be status quo (no unhoused programs)
 - 0.66% maintain unhoused and get more fire/police
 - Bond can't buy people just things
 - Hoping to get \$5m a year from state since they pay no tax on land
 - council can increase operations fee
 - Could be 10% cut across the boards (2 fire stations closed, 3 days a week library, close West Salem library)
 - Could be a referendum

c. Highland Community Garden – 5 minutes

- Garden is open!
- Work party Saturday April 15th
- Compost delivered
- 2 open spaces
- JG Elementary native plants garden
- ACT 50+ is participating
- priority 1 garden via Mario Polk Food Share- extra resources and HS students from NSHS to help
- Gardener Agreement this year (guidelines)
- Almost lost garden. under scrutiny; changes to the garden without permission not allowed

3. Highland NA Board/Committee Chairs Updates



- a. Quarterly Chairs Meeting Recap (Ryan Erickson-Kulas)
 - Councilor Gwyn mentioned the opening of Mahonia Hall, the 313-unit multi-generational affordable housing facility, with on-site programming for residents. Some units are 60%, some 80% area median income. Salem Housing Authority is a partner in the project.
 - There is quite a lot going on including Salem In Motion, Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan, Walkable Mixed Use Areas, and Climate Friendly Areas. The Transportation Systems Plan, which will be informed by many of these other planning efforts, will take several years to complete with many opportunities for community engagement and Neighborhood Association input
 - new library hours. West Salem M-Th from 12-5 pm and Saturday from 12-6 pm. Main library T/W/Th from 10-8 pm, Fri/Sat from 10-6 pm
 - Make Music Day Jun 21
 - We presented on Outreach efforts
- b. General Board Updates
 - Stop Sign Additions- Ryan Erickson-Kulas
 - Hazel and Spruce. Add stop sign on Spruce
 - Spruce and Laurel. Add stop sign on Laurel
 - Spruce and Walnut. Add stop sign on Walnut
 - Spruce and Brooks. Add stop sign on Spruce
 - Salem Sandwich Squad- Ryan Erickson-Kulas
 - Opportunity to assist unhoused neighbors. Look for Salem Sandwich Squad on Instagram or reach out to Ryan Erickson-Kulas and/or Holly Schiefelbein. Operates 4 times a month on Saturdays and Mondays.
 - Reimburse Heather Ames for the flash drive that she purchased to edit the Architecture Brochure. Total cost was \$3.49.
 - **Motion:** Emily Palmer
 - **2nd:** Meredith Patterson
 - **Board unanimously approved**
- c. Outreach Committee Chair (Holly Schiefelbein)
 - Yard Signs created and available
- d. Park Equipment (Ryan Erickson-Kulas presenting for Leigh Gaynair)
 - The City of Salem has allotted monies for improvements to our Highland park. In addition, The Salem Parks Foundation has a grant we are applying to for a piece of equipment. (See Attachment A)
 - The SPF grant is due by May 15th and the installation can happen late summer/early fall
 - The City of Salem Parks will move the existing spinner and create spaces for the new equipment closer to where the animal pieces are now. The Salem Parks Foundation Grant will provide a Mutt Mitt station for dog waste and the seesaw. The City of Salem will provide the larger piece of equipment of our choosing. (See



attachment B)

- **Vote:** Board approval for application to Salem Parks Foundation for the seesaw and the Mutt Mitt dispenser. **Passed**
- **Vote:** Larger piece to be provided with community input. **Result: Image 3 on Attachment B won vote**

e. Heritage Committee Chair (Heather Ames)

- Tim Patterson is a photographer who will help with the brochure
- Landmark Commission engagement to learn about the history of the residence. Members expressed interest. Meeting next Thursday
- Grant needed for Hoover plaque \$1500 to \$2000. Need a grant writer.

f. Safety Committee Chair (Vanessa Hemenway)

- Safety survey in development

g. Treasurer (Emily Palmer)

- \$739ish dollars remaining
- Discussion of Zoom subscription

4. Neighborhood Concerns

- a. ODOT roads.
- b. Liberty and Academy crosswalk.

5. Land Use

- a. N/A

6. **Motion to Adjourn:** Holly Schiefelbein

- a. **2nd:** Ryan Erickson-Kulas
- b. **Unanimously approved**

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*Next monthly meeting: May 11, 2023