



NEN General Meeting Minutes  
5/9/23

**Call to order: 6:30 (via zoom)**

Board attendance: Lynn Takata, Delana Beaton, Jacqueline Schindele, Ken Houghton, Ken Simila, Cindy Kimball, Jenna Otto, Joan Lloyd, Erin Grimm, Leslie Polson, Nick Cantonwine

City councilors: Linda Nishioka and Virginia Stapleton

Salem Police Department: Officers Salazar and Diaz

Total in attendance: 18

**Approval of April Minutes:** Delana Beaton made a motion to approve April minutes. Ken Simila seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.

**Salem Police Department:** Officers Salazar and Diaz discussed the problem house located at 1296 16<sup>th</sup> Street NE and Market. NEN has concerns regarding the excessive trash in the yard, junk vehicles, suspected illegal drug use and concerns for the elderly woman who owns the house. NEN requested a “welfare check” be done by the Salem PD.

**City Council report:** Councilor Nishioka

1. City of Salem website: Salem in Motion, where citizens can learn about Salem’s Transportation Plan and input their own ideas and comments.  
<https://www.cityofsalem.net/government/shaping-salem-s-future/salem-in-motion>
2. Salem’s Navigation Center to accept residents starting in June.
3. Yaquina Hall residents will start moving in later in May.
4. As Salem faces an \$11 million budget shortfall the budget committee is proposing:
  - a. An increase of the city operations fee of \$5.50 for a residential unit, \$4.40 per multi-family housing unit and \$26.51 for industrial, institutional and commercial properties. This would go into effect on July 1, 2023
  - b. An employee paid payroll tax for everyone who is employed in the city of Salem. One third of the workforce in the city of Salem lives outside of Salem but use city services.

**Announcements:**

Lynn made a proposal to submit a grant to the Salem Parks Foundation to be used for both Englewood and for McRae parks. She requested that members propose ideas on how to use the grant money should we receive it. Submit ideas to Lynn. Due date for grant proposal is May 31, 2023

Lynn suggested a partnership between NEN and SESNA to collaborate on future Annual Clean Up events.  
**Annual Clean Up May 6th:** NEN board voted unanimously to use the funds raised for future clean ups.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:18 PM

**Next meeting (in person):** Tuesday, May 9, 6:30 PM at McRae Park. 2051 Chemeketa St NE,

#### **Addendum**

#### **NEN Board Vote via email:**

On May 31, 2023 the NEN board voted YES to support the submission of a grant to the Salem Parks Foundation.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kimball 6/13/23