



NEN General Meeting Minutes
7/11/23

Call to order: 6:50pm. in-person at Englewood Park

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

Guest speakers: Salem City Mayor Chris Hoy and City councilor: Virginia Stapleton

Salem Police Department: Officer Salazar and Officer Juhasz

Total in attendance: 44

Salem Police Department Report:

The officers gave an update on a few specific areas in NEN:

1. The home located at 1190 20th Street NE, adjacent to the Englewood School parking lot. This home has had a history of homeowner/tenant drug problems and there has been an increase in “activity” so Salem PD will be paying more attention to it.
2. There has been an uptick in violence at the state fairgrounds on Silverton Road, so the police are paying attention to this area.
3. Right now, the hotspot of most concern is Salem’s downtown, where they are working on reducing violent crime.

Lynn requested that the police provide extra attention on August 4th in the area surrounding Englewood Park (anniversary of the shooting and gang violence that took place in the park).

Mayor and City Council report:

1. The Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan (NTMP) was updated by the city council on June 26, 2023. This update includes more traffic calming measures and creates a method to prioritize projects across the city. It also includes the addition of a Neighborhood Stop Sign Plan. Here is a link to the NTMP site:
<https://www.cityofsalem.net/home/showpublisheddocument/20116/638236296158100000>
2. Four “Safer Crossing” upgrades are planned for Market Street with enhanced safety devices. Mayor Hoy encouraged “feedback” from NEN regarding the plan.
3. Update on the Mobile Crisis Unit: It is the county’s responsibility to provide funding for mental health services in Marion County. The county receives both federal and state dollars to provide this service. The city of Salem has been working with the Marion County Commissioners who have said they have a “plan”, but they are having difficulty recruiting and hiring staff.

4. There is a third micro shelter opening on Turner Road strictly for youth.
5. There was a discussion on this year's extremely noisy fireworks and whether we could instate a city-wide ban. Mayor Hoy suggested we contact our legislators and suggest a state-wide ban.
6. Salem faces an \$11 million budget shortfall. The Salem City Council voted July 10 to adopt a 0.814% Safe Salem employee-paid payroll tax for all work performed within city limits. The payroll tax was set to be imposed on wages for individuals working in Salem, regardless of where they live, as early as July 2024. The tax would not be imposed on those earning minimum wage. It would bring in the much-needed money to continue funding our critical infrastructure including police, fire departments, library, and parks.

If you are interested in contacting either Mayor Hoy or Councilor Stapleton:

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Announcements:

1. **NEN board voted unanimously in July to cancel our meeting for August.**
2. Englewood Forest Festival fundraiser at Salem Cinema on Tuesday, July 18. Movie: Redwood Highway with guest speaker Chemeketan Elizabeth Seibert
3. Tuesday, August 1 is Neighborhood Night Out
4. Englewood Forest Festival is Saturday August 12. Please contact Lynn or Leslie if you are interested in volunteering.
5. There will be no fireworks at the State Fair this year.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 PM

August 19, 2023: NEN board voted (via email) to approve the June minutes.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy Kimball 8/20/23