



MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m.
North Neighbors Resource Center
945 Columbia St NE, Salem

Present:

Executive Committee Members

Leigh Gaynair, Co-Chair, Enrichment Chair
Ryan Erickson-Kulas, Secretary & Treasurer
Holly Schiefelbein, Outreach Chair
Heather Ames, Member At Large

Guest/Association Members

Tim Patterson
Tracy White
CJ Jensen
Joey Gomez
Sarah Vick
Scott Steit
Virginia Stapleton- Ward 1 Councilor
Brandon Gould- Salem PD

Minutes

1. Introduction/Approval of Minutes
 - a. **Motion:** Ryan Erickson-Kulas
 - b. **2nd:** Holly Schiefelbein
 - c. **Vote:** Unanimously Passes
2. Reports/Updates
 - a. Salem Police Officer - Officer Mark Jance
 - School started so watch for school zones, more pedestrians, different commute, be aware, lots of school zones in neighborhood
 - Every Tuesday at 6:45 AM on KBZY 1490 am there are police updates
 - Pine and Laurel (6 weeks)- Sarah Vick
 - b. City Councilor(s) - Councilor Virginia Stapleton
 - Micro shelter program. Currently at 186 beds and 30 new ones this week on Turner.
 - Homelessness audit of programming started by Moss Adams. They will present in 6 months.
 - Monday 9/18 work session around payroll tax; supplemental budget would need to be adopted that would hit Jan 1 if payroll tax failed;
 - Save Salem campaign is taking volunteers and donations
 - Punx in the Park 2023 on Saturday 9/16 at Marion Square Park
 - Paid parking system downtown which would eliminate business tax is about 18



months away or so; parking in lot would be free

- Can now pay for bus on phone; Free kid rides are being extended a couple years
- 3. Introductions/Open Nominations for Board
 - a. Discussion of bylaws and roles working session before Thanksgiving
 - b. Thurs Oct 26th time and location TBD
- 4. Highland NA Board/Committee Chairs Updates
 - a. General Board Updates/Announcements
 - ¡Viva Salem! Festival on September 23rd
 - Navy Week September 25th and 27th
 - Gmail Accounts
 - New account is highland@salemneighbors.org
 - Discussion to replace emails on our webpage with new Gmail account.
 - Marion County Outreach
 - Need more investment in homeless services from the County.
 - Lane County currently gives \$4m dollars a year to help with the sheltering crisis,
 - Marion County gives between \$300-500k a year for the sheltering crisis (but \$1.5m to the animal shelter).
 - Discussion of engaging other NAs at the Chair's meeting to see what a group effort to engage Marion County could look like
 - Treasurer Report
 - \$1,060.59 currently in communications fund
 - Zoom hits this month at \$150
 - Trust and Agency account- \$1,956
 - Items donated (including funds) will be matched up to \$250. Donor needs to provide some documentation on the value of the donation.
 - Salem Reporter Blurb-
 - Our first blurb was submitted and accepted and next one due 10/9
 - Bike Drive at the Jane Goodall School
 - School hoping to collect 25 bikes for students
 - HNA committed to a 10 bike goal to donate to the school
 - Discussion of connecting the school with Salem Bike Vision
 - b. Committee Updates
 - 3rd Annual Halloween Decoration Contest
 - 2 winners each year that each get a \$50 pizza gift card
 - People nominate themselves or others with a photo
 - Thurs 26th winner is announced
 - Highland Park Equipment Update
 - Grant was submitted
 - Spinner was received and will be installed
 - See saw not received yet
 - Highland Cleanup Crew August Recap and September Outing



- 8 people showed up to our August outing
- September outing on 9/16
- HNA & Center 50+ Holiday Event
 - No updates
- Mural Refresh
 - Spring 2024 or maybe August 2024
 - Discussion of getting paint donated
 - Discussion of barriers blocking streets being moved last time
- Heritage Booklet
 - Progressing with a dozen more photos. Photo arrays to be reviewed by HNA next meeting

5. Neighborhood Concerns

- a. Halloween costume swap at Englewood elementary by Salem cloth project. We can amplify
- b. Discussion of lawn tool swap with an entry fee HNA could charge
- c. Salem Sandwich Squad- Ryan Erickson-Kulas
 - This is our second year of providing delicious meals to our neighbors through Sandwich Squad on Saturdays at Marion Square Park (Commercial side).
 - We set up in the park just prior to 3pm - servers are hopefully there to help and then the first sandwich maker arrives with their deliciousness for our neighbors at 3pm. The dishes arrive every 15 minutes after that, with the last one at 4:45pm.
 - We offer sandwiches and hearty salads that volunteers sign up to provide. A food handler's card is required to make food for Sandwich Squad and also to volunteer to serve but if you don't have a food handler's card, you can still sign up for a server position and you can help with the table that offers period packs, hot weather aid and harm reduction.
 - Holly Schiefelbein and Ryan Erickson-Kulas are the point people for Sandwich Squad at Marion Square Park on Saturdays.
 - You can follow our Instagram page, @salemsandwichsquad for more information

6. Land Use

- a. No Updates

7. Motion to adjourn

- a. **Motion:** Ryan Erickson-Kulas
- b. **Second:** Holly Schiefelbein
- c. **Vote:** Passes unanimously

*Next monthly meeting: October 12, 2023

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