



**June 10, 2021 meeting minutes, 7:00 pm.
Annual Meeting**

Board member attendees: Christian Kelly, Chair, Emily Palmer, Treasurer, Susan Huston, Secretary, Bonnie Wood, board member, Rick Kokel, board member. With special meeting facilitator, City of Salem, Irma Dowd. Councilor Virginia Stapleton.

Six additional neighbors attended.

Guest speakers: Code Officer Wolf with Multi Housing Inspector Gorham and SPD Lt. Aguilar

Board discussions: Annual meeting started with comments shared by Irma and Rick K. (long time board member) about the history of the association and past longstanding collaborations between Highland NA, neighbors, and the City. Irma spoke on the benefits of a City recognized NA like funding, staff support, Land Use consideration and more. She also offered support with Highland outreach efforts and to help facilitate neighborhood events.

Elections took place with nominations put forward by neighbors in attendance in person and via Zoom. Each nominated board member introduced themselves and spoke a little about themselves and their interest in serving on the board. New board members are listed above. Christian Kelly, Chair, offered lots of ideas to help raise meeting participation from neighbors such as hosting summer potlucks, neighborhood concerts, starting a community garden, and build a more robust relationship with City representatives like the SPD. Lots of ideas to help improve Highland and great enthusiasm was shared amongst all board members and guests.

Susan, Secretary, offered ideas on the best way to start a community garden and spoke on the City's Tree Canopy Program. Will make contact with the City's Urban Forester Milan Davis to discuss tree planting options in Highland. Susan comes with professional experience in landscaping design.

Irma will connect with new board members to discuss executive board member roles, answer questions, provide City materials, and mail welcome packets. Rick asked for Highland half sheet flyers to help promote Highland and will hand deliver to neighbors. Irma will create a flyer and share with Rick for distribution.

Code Officer Wolfe & Inspector Gorham: Neighbors raised concerns about code violations at apartments on Laurel Ave. Salem PD and Inspector Gorham are aware of the situation at this property and will continue to monitor and work with the property owner. C.O Wolfe shared the new reporting tool online at <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/report-neighborhood-problems.aspx>. Cases submitted using the online system are assigned to an officer the next business day. All other forms of case submission will take 3 to 5 business days to be assigned to an officer for processing. Code Compliance phone number is 503-588-6421 but reporting issues online is highly recommended and preferred.



Lt. Aguilar: Salem Police Dept. new building is at 333 Division St NE, staff moved in in December 2020. SPD has been working on contracting with a new vendor to provide residents with a better functioning crime report database. The new program will be LexisNexis and will be posted to the City website by August. Neighbors will be able to view crime reports in their neighborhood or search by address. Lt. Aguilar will be working closely with Chief Womack to attend as many NA meetings as they can and will schedule coverage if they can't attend. Encouraged neighbors to continue to call in and report illegal activities, non-emergency phone number is 503-588-6123 or call 911 if it is a life-threatening emergency. Council Stapleton asked about loud cars and what neighbors can do about the disturbance. Lt. Aguilar advised to call non-emergency phone number to report but officer must witness vehicle speeding and loud noise to issue a citation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next meeting is July 8, 2021.