

June 19, 2018
Fresh Start Market

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Eli Brody.

1. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes: Eli Brody, Chairman

Eli welcomed everyone to the meeting. He requested everyone to please be sure to sign in, be as brief in comments as possible due to a lengthy Agenda, and to be courteous.

Motion was made and seconded to Approve the 5/18/18 Meeting Minutes as provided. Motion carried.

Announcements:

- NESCA Street Cleaning project will be next Saturday, 6/23. Meet at 8:30 AM at the north end of the Park & Ride on Hawthorne, just east of the Red Lion Hotel.
- Volunteers are needed for the Enlace/Thorpe Park event scheduled for July 27. Talk to Eli if you're interested or need more information.
- Tuesday, August 2 is Neighborhood Night Out. More information is available on Facebook and the newsletter. Also from the City web site.
- Special Guest this evening is Salem City Manager, Steve Powers. He will discuss the current water issues a bit later in this meeting.

2. Traffic Safety Report: Julie Redden

- Julie met with the City Traffic Engineer. One thing that could be done in the immediate future is 25 mph speed signs. Neighbors can provide data on locations of shrubs that are obstructing signs and they will remove or ask the owner to remove the needed shrubbery.
- Julie asked for crash data for a 3-year period for Park, 23rd from D to Market Street.
- She got a traffic gun and checked speeds of passing cars, mostly on 23rd. 100+ cars passing through, many at approximately 30 mph, but others definitely very high speed. The neighbors are not imagining the high speeds. She was told that if she would get the speed and the plate number of the offender to the city, they would contact the owner of the vehicle. The problem is that when using the gun and cars are going 45 mph or greater, it's nearly impossible to get the license number. 2 people would be needed to do this and when the cars are traveling at excessive speeds it's very difficult even with two to determine a plate number.
- Councilor Chris Hoy mentioned that he has submitted a request for a marked crosswalk at 37th and D due to the high volume of pedestrian crossings at that point (across from the Willamette Town Center Mall/theaters, etc).
- Neighbors asked Julie about getting more of the signs that she distributed last meeting. All available signs have been distributed. As Julie paid for the signs herself, she can't provide any more. She did suggest that anyone wanting a yard sign should check on line. Others did say they will also be doing a traffic count.

3. Police Office Report. Officer Tangney

- Officer Tangney is well-aware of the traffic and speeding issues that have been constant complaints of the neighbors. He is always willing to sit in driveways to try to help slow the traffic or to deal with speeders. He also spends a lot of time patrolling through the neighborhood which does provide some help.
- **Crime Analysis.** While not specific to our area, he stated that with the increasing temperatures, crimes of opportunity generally rise. Suggestions to help eliminate crimes of this type:
 - Close windows at night or when leaving the house.
 - Keep garage doors closed to eliminate easy access for theft.

- Do not leave items in sight in cars. “Smash and grab” crimes are up lately.
- Water Safety: be extremely cautious when using rivers, lake, streams for recreation as well as pools.

Special Guest: Steve Powers, Salem City Manager

Mr. Powers visited NESCA to discuss the current city water issues. He reported that there was some good news, that we are currently in the 11th day of testing showing the water is safe for everyone. Regarding the current issues:

- The EPA does not require testing for cyanotoxins, however the City of Salem has been testing for this toxin for 5 years.
- The City has been drawing water from the N. Santiam since the 1930s, using a slow sand process with chlorine and soda, for filtration.
- The advisory, announced first on May 29, is the first time EVER for this toxin has infiltrated from the Detroit Reservoir.
- After the first advisory was lifted and then immediately reinstated, it was felt the better option was to leave it in place for vulnerable populations.
- Carbon is now being added to the sand filtration. Testing will continue to ensure the correct ratio. Once it is established that this is ensuring water quality, the advisory will be lifted. The carbon is a temporary fix, but once the water is approved for all populations, the City will then begin looking at long term solutions for this problem.
- Testing will continue for a variety of toxins at 12 separate sites as long as there is algae bloom. The Army Corps of Engineers is working with the City to try to detect the blooms at surface levels as well as 22’ and 166’ down. The City’s focus is on treating the water so it is safe for everyone.
- Councilor Chris Hoy added that while this has been a real challenge, and it started off a bit bumpy, the staff is working around the clock to help with this situation.
- **Question about boiling the water:** Boiling does concentrate the toxins however, it would still require a LOT of intake in order for it to be harmful. Boiled water (cooking, coffee, etc.) has the same advisory as for regular tap water for vulnerable populations.
- **Question about Emergency Advisories:** Mr. Powers mentioned the Salem Community Alert System. For information on how to sign up for the advisories, please see **Attachment A**.

4. Code Compliance Reporting: Dianne Wilke

- Dianne reported she attended a Land Use Planning meeting on May 24, led by Brady Rogers and Lisa Anderson-Ogilvie. Discussed were land use permits/hearings and how they need to proceed as well as community enforcement issues. Dianne said it was a very interesting and informative session. She let everyone know that when making code complaints, anonymous complaints will NOT be taken however one can submit a complaint and request confidentiality. All complaints received in which there may be imminent danger are given the highest priority.

5. Code Officer Report: Stephanie Wile and A. Hinkle

- Stephanie announced she will be leaving our area on 6/30 and introduced A. Hinkle who will be our new Officer.
- Since March when she was last here there have been 58 new complaints in NESCA, 25 still open.
- **Derelict Buildings:**
 - 1105 Savage. However, permits are being obtained to start repairs and some clean up around the around has begun.
 - 1095 38th. This is no longer considered derelict as the bank is actually taking care of it.
 - 3485 Thorndale. Classified as a dangerous building due to a fire. Working on getting this taken care of.
 - Park Avenue NE (north of D Street) is being worked on and a lot of the trash has been removed.
- Stephanie did mention that they do try for voluntary actions before taking legal steps and that compliance is better in NESCA than other areas.

- **Questions:**
 - Is there anything in the Code about multiple garbage bags on the side of the house?
 - Yes. Contact Code Enforcement
 - What about multiple cars being repaired, not running, etc.
 - Junk ordinance for cars has a lot of variables so more information would be needed. Again, contact Code Enforcement with specific information.
 - Is it legal to run a taxi business out of a private home? One appears to be operating from a home on Evergreen.
 - Calls have been received about this and will be looked into.
 - What about abandoned furniture?
 - Dumping junk is a violation. However, enforcement officers have to actually see it being dumped or the person committing the offense must admit that the junk is theirs before anything can be done.
 - What type and how many fowl can be maintained on city property?
 - 6 chickens.
 - 6 ducks (pending city code change)
 - Turkeys? (No)
 - Homing Pigeons (? Unsure)

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6. Clean Streams & Clear Choices Initiative: Stacy Nelson

Stacy was introduced by Gary Pullman, NESCA Committee chair for Watershed.

- Stacy gave a nice presentation on protecting our waterways, the “Dirty Dozen” of storm runoff, data on the amount of rooftop runoff per year per 2000 households, information on where rooftop runoff goes (storm drains or downspouts directly into the ground, preferred).
- Urban area runoff is the #1 contaminant into the water systems.
- Suggested washing cars on grass rather than on the pavement.
- The Capitol Canine Club is asking members and the community at large to join them in pledging to pick up after their dogs to keep animal waste from being washed into the storm drains.
- The Initiative is recruiting volunteers for painting “Dump No Waste” markings on city storm drains.
- Grants are available to help with resources for anyone in Salem.
- There is a staff person to work with the schools.
- Rain gardens can filter 90% of rooftop runoff.

The main theme of the presentation is for everyone to help with this for the benefit of all.

- **For further information: See Attachment B.**

7. City Councilors’ Report(s):

- **Chris Hoy:**
 - Brown Road project, bike lanes, etc. is in process.
 - Fisher Road (NOLA).
 - Moving forward. Strip mall just north of Market Street is being demolished.
 - Stop signs have been installed on Fisher Road.
 - 2 permanent speed reader signs have been installed on Fisher Road.
- **Tom Anderson:**
 - The Budget process is now “Priority Based” and now aligned with the Strategic Plan. It is felt this will be a better, more accurate way of allocation of available funds. The budget will be approved next Monday. It is a much better process and was brought to the city by Steve Powers when he became our City Manager.
 - State Street Project: Council had thought there was a deal for the initial “street diet” plan* from 12th to 17th (with the goal to then assess the plan and follow suit from 17th to 25th). However, the Planning Commission is apparently more interested in simply moving the most number of cars as quickly as possible and wants to dump the “street diet” plan. But, as any plan would have to pass the City Council, it will probably go back to more what was

Attending: Eli Brody*, Mike Beringer*, Teri Lupoli*, Dianne Wilke*, Lynn Cardiff*, Maren Wryn, Gary Pullman, Ian Johnson, Steve Powers (City of Salem), Irma Dowd (City of Salem), Chris Hoy (City Council), Tom Anderson (City Council), Cara Kaser (City Council), Officer Tangney (SPD), A Hinkle (Code Enforcement), Stephanie Wile (Code Enforcement), Amador Aguilar, Laura Jimenez, M. Cervantes, Julie Redden, Julie Frasier, Lindsey Jones.

*NESCA Board

Minutes of the Special NESCA/ENLACE meeting follow on the next page.

NESCA/ENLACE: Special Meeting for coordination with Hoover School volunteers

Attending:

Amador Aguilar (Enlace Representative), Laure Jimenez, Ma. Cerrvantes, Teri Lupoli (NESCA), Eli Brody (NESCA), Ian Johnson (NESCA), Mike Beringer (NESCA), Lynn Cardiff (NESCA), Dianne Wilke (NESCA), Irma Dowd (City of Salem).

Amador:

This year's principal has moved to another school for next year. Parents are looking to speak with the new principal. Have organized, new Principal has introduced herself but did not engage with the Enlace group. Parents are a bit frustrated as there is no one to really work with at the current time. Working to bring ideas to connect families through Hispanic traditions. Example: graduation celebration, bringing food, etc. In the past, similar activities were possible however the current Principal, Mrs. Vanslander, chooses not to do so.

Ian:

Question: Do we know if the new principal's hesitation is:

1. Personal preference
2. School policy
3. District policy

Ian said he believes it to be #1.

Mike B.:

Mike suggested inviting the new principal to Enlace activities that are on their agenda, for example the event at Thorpe Park on July 27.

Amador:

Mothers want to organize with the new principal so she can be more involved. Purpose of Enlace is to educate so the doors can hopefully be opened to more involvement. Creating a stronger connection between the moms' group and the school gets kids invested in the school too.

Ian:

We need a cross-cultural leader to look and listen to what is going on; to attend school events and speak about, and on behalf of, and support the Hispanic group.

Mike:

It's time to connect more of the Hispanic/Anglo communities. NESCA is ready to help and hoping to be able to work with the new principal to provide a new opportunity of cooperation.

NEXT STEP:

Amador will introduce himself to the new principal and invite her to the Thorpe Park event. Moms want the opportunity to provide ideas for cultural events. It was suggested that a small presentation could be prepared for August 20 meeting (after the Thorpe Park event) and then invite teachers to the meeting.

Amador announced various Enlace events. A copy of upcoming events is attached. **Attachment C.** Enlace has a Facebook page and all were asked to please connect.

Minutes compiled from notes taken by Ian Johnson and Teri Lupoli. Submitted by Teri Lupoli with monthly NESCA Meeting Minutes.