

September 18, 2018
Fresh Start Market

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

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

Eli welcomed everyone to the meeting. He requested that everyone please stay on topic and be courteous to all.

Announcements:

- NESCA street cleaning is set for Saturday, October 13. Please meet at 8:30 at the north end of the park and ride next to the Holiday Inn (formerly Red Lion).* Eli announced that our last street cleaning earned our treasury an additional \$250.00. Our balance is currently \$1202.
- Eli has learned that John Rich, who was NESCA chair for approximately 10 years, has passed away. No further details available.
- Michael T. Gay, Salem Health, who is on our Agenda for this evening is unable to attend tonight. He will plan to be at our October meeting.

*Provides funds to our account from the City.

- Eli called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the August 21 NESCA meeting. A motion was made/seconded. Motion carried.

2. Police Officer Report: Police Liaison & Community Safety

- Mike Beringer, Police Liaison:
 - A November meeting has been scheduled with the City Engineer. Mike will be gathering data for the meeting to help determine needs and suggestions for remedies. Issues are not just within NESCA but are city wide and all neighborhood associations are asking for help.
- Julie Redden, Community Safety:
 - Julie and Eli met with the City Engineer regarding issues of traffic safety, especially at the intersection of Market St NE and Park Avenue NE. Some of the ideas they presented to the city are not possible at all for various reasons. The possible signal change may be a possibility if the city determines it is appropriate.
 - A traffic cart was requested for 23rd to be set up north of Ladd.
 - A 4-way stop at D and 23rd was discussed and may be a possibility.
 - There may be a possible grant for a Safe Driver Pledge campaign.
 - The neighbors can also get a radar gun but there needs to be a team of 2 people working to get all the information needed.
 - Julie questioned why the speed limit on D Street is 30 mph but only 25 mph on Hawthorne. Chris Hoy reported that some streets are under the direction of ODOT who set the limits. There is a possibility that will be changed so the city can take charge and then make changes as needed.
- Officer Renz:
 - He personally checked out 23rd and 24th and there is a lot of speeding. A suggestion was made that sometimes paint designs slow traffic, but Julie reported that has been discussed with the city and they have said "no more paint."
 - City has limited resources/funds and there are many needs. Grants may be available for some items.
 - LOTS of traffic. Officer Renz feels there is definitely a safety issue. Unfortunately, enforcement only works when it's visible and then everyone goes back to their old ways.

- Officers rarely have time to sit and do traffic. There are more distracted drivers (phones, music, food) and a lot of patience is gone which adds to speeding and running red lights.

3. Michael T Gay – Salem Health

- Postponed. Rescheduled for October 16.

4. Andy Wilch & Nicole Ute – Salem Housing Authority Administrator: Yaquina Hall

- Information was previously distributed that caused erroneous assumptions to be made as to who will be living in the Yaquina Hall when it is completed. It is intended for low income and there likely will be some who are disabled as there can be no discrimination based on disabilities. All who are selected to live at Yaquina Hall will have to provide:
 - Criminal background check
 - Landlord references for 3 years
 - Professional references
 - There will be other criteria for those who are homeless and unable to provide references, but they will still be screened for suitability.
- Yaquina Hall will be a very secure building. A resident manager will be on site and there will be camera systems in place.
- Parking will be sufficient.
- There will be 52 units with mixed demographics. The building, as an historic building, is a very complex property but hopes to be housing tenants within the next 8 months or so. All units will be 1 bedroom with 3 persons max per unit.
- **SHA** works with all new police recruits to provide information to them on how to help those who are on the street.
- **Nicole** did tell everyone that they can call the 211 Referral Line at anytime to determine what help is available for specific situations. She also suggested that interested parties can go to the SHA website for additional information. Salemhousingor.com

5a. Enlace – Amador Aguilar

- Amador invited everyone to attend the Salem Saturday Streets festival this coming Saturday (9/22). It will be taking place on the Maple Bikeway from the Saturday Market to Highland School with info tables and activities at various stops along the way. There will be a potluck from 1-3 PM.
- Eli mentioned that the Enlace event at Thorpe Park was a great outreach by the Hispanic community and he was so impressed at how gracious the community was at serving the homeless who came to the event.

5b. City Councilors' Reports:

Chris Hoy

- Riverfront Master Plan
 - Amphitheater
 - Possible change of location/direction
 - Improved parking
 - Salem on Ice will be back with an extended season
- Water Advisory action
 - Learning from responses on issues during the water crisis.
 - Studying for lessons/actions should the same situation arise in the future.
- Water/Sewer rates
 - Postcards were mailed to all city of Salem water/sewer users. Some bills will go up but others will go down as everyone will now be paying for actual usage.
- Plastic Bag Ban
 - Not yet ready to be voted on as the wording needed to be reworked a bit. The vote will be on October 22. The ban DOES HAVE the support of grocers but, as written, there were some unintended consequences.

enjoyed talking with a lot of our neighbors. We were able to add 20 names to the email list for the NESCA NEWS which was given to Ian Johnson.

- ii. Teri is still collecting school supplies for Hoover School. They can be dropped off at her house (882 Park Avenue NE) at any time. If no one is home, they can safely be left on the covered front porch. Anyone who would prefer to write a check may do so. Make the payable to Hoover School with the notation that it is for 2018-19 School Supplies and drop it off with Teri or take directly to the school if preferred.
- e. Watershed Gary Pullman
 - i. SOLV Cleanup 9/29 at 9:30. Mill Creek Team will meet at the old Olinger Pool area for cleaning up in that area.
 - ii. Englewood Park (near the school) 9/30 at 3:00 PM Candidates' Forum.
 - iii. D Street Retention Basin Gary is suggesting that we might try to get neighbors at the Lancaster Gardens Adult Living complex to become involved with this parcel. It would also be a good project for Friends of Trees.

- **Business**

Eli mentioned that our next meeting on October 16 will be the election of new board members. He will be stepping down as Chair (will maintain a presence on committees, etc.) and is hoping that someone will step in and accept the position.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 16, 2018
Fresh Start Market
7:00 PM

There being no additional regular meeting business, Eli closed the meeting at 8: 45 PM.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli
Secretary/Treasurer
NESCA

Attending:

Eli Brody*, Mike Beringer*, Lynn Cardiff*, Teri Lupoli*, Julie Redden, Gary Pullman, Marilyn Moritz, Maggie Crane, Mary Murphy-Casey, Kristine Mayer, Amador Aquilar, City Councilor Chris Hoy, Officer Lynn Renz Salem PD, Andy Wilch Salem Housing Authority, Nicole Ute Salem Housing Authority