

Minutes from Northeast Neighbors (NEN) for meeting on September 8, 2020

<u>Present:</u> Delana Beaton, Laura Buhl, Nick Cantonwine, Ken Houghton, Joan Lloyd, Jeremy Mills, Ken Simila, Lynn Takata

Excused: Cindy Kimball, Nancy McDaniel, Ken Betterton, Jacqueline Schindele

Meeting called to order by Chair Lynn Takata at 6:30 PM on ZOOM. A quorum was present.

<u>Minutes</u> from August 11, 2020 meeting approved. Moved by Simila, Seconded by Houghton. Approved unanimously, 8 aye.

<u>Lynn Takata</u> announced there would be no city councilor comments this meeting since both councilors serving NEN area, Cara Kaser and Tom Anderson, are engaged helping with fire evacuee relief efforts.

<u>Nick Cantonwine</u> can be contacted at <u>nickcantonwine@yahoo.com</u> for information about future NEN Adopt-a-Street Clean-up activities.

Thank you to all volunteers who have participated in clean-up work.

A Neighborhood Watch has been established for Englewood Park and immediately adjacent areas. The expectation is that participating volunteers will only be observers and will contact Salem Police Dept or security company hired by Salem Keizer Public Schools to provide security for Englewood Elementary School, if they observe any activity of concern. From several participants fifteen hours of surveillance were logged last weekend. Lynn Takata will send NEN board members a sign up to give all members opportunity to be included as a volunteer.

<u>Laura Buhl</u> introduced concerns about new significant foliage planted along a path on the south side of D Street between Thompson Street and the entrance to the cemetery. Extensive discussion followed. Joan Lloyd suggested bark chips for the path, especially during rains.

Joseph Boyd owns the home at the intersection of D and Thompson and planted the foliage in question. He presented his reasons for this planting and his thoughts about it and about the pathway in general. He pledges to adequately prune the trees when they block the public right of way.

<u>Joan Lloyd</u> moved, Ken Simila seconded that NEN send a letter to the city to request a judgement about this path and public right of way. This motion passed 7 aye, and 1 abstention.

<u>It was announced</u> by the chair that the city forester is invited to the next meeting of the NEN board for discussion about city trees.

<u>It was announced</u> that the SPIF grant applications are due in January. Nick Cantonwine volunteered to work on this with Joan Lloyd.

<u>Ken Simila</u> shared observations on the North Salem High School renovation work, including sidewalks on 14th street in front of NSHS.

Meeting was adjourned by chair Lynn Takata at 7:29 PM.

Next meeting will be October 13, 2020, at 6:30 PM on ZOOM.