

Northeast Neighbors (NEN)

Minutes of board meeting February 9, 2021

Meeting convened on Zoom at 6:30 by Chair Lynn Takata.

Board members present: Jacqueline Schindele, Jeremy Mills, Leslie Polson, Nick Cantonwine, Cindy Kimball, Ken Houghton, Alan Scott, Lainy Kruger, Laura Buhl, Ken Simila, Lynn Takata, and Delana Beaton

Minutes of January 12 approved by acclimation.

Police officer report by Lt. Jason Van Metter. Discussed issue of concerns about safety on Market St. NE. Officer Van Metter said that a traffic camera light on Market would create about 10,000 new tickets, and we do not have court capacity to process that.

Brandon Klukis of Salem Public Works led additional discussion of speeding on Market Street.

City Council update by Councilor Virginia Stapleton. There will be continuing cleanups in city parks.

Volunteers are needed at warming shelters this weekend.

The city has begun to shut off water service for patrons not paying their sewer/water bills from the city.

Virginia Stapleton announced that the motion from Jackie Leung last month referred to staff was returned to council and passed unanimously. This action states that racism is a public health issue.

Discussion of shelter for 100 unsheltered at the Pavilion on the state Fairgrounds. **Ken Houghton** put his phone number in the chat, so members would have access to him for additional information.

Laura Buhl asked if religion could be added to non-exclusion guidelines for shelters.

Brandon Klukis (bklukis@cityofsalem.net) of Public Works at City of Salem is the Sidewalk Concrete Maintenance Supervisor. He shared that Salem includes 932 linear miles of sidewalks. It costs \$12 per square feet to replace. Currently he has 318 reported sidewalk repair requests in NEN. Mr. Klukis urges people leaving requests for repairs to be sure to leave their full names, phone numbers, address of needed sidewalk repairs. Sidewalk repairs are funded through gas taxes. These repairs are not funded through property taxes. To report needed sidewalk repairs, please contact Dispatch at 503-588-6311.

ACTION ITEM: Lynn Takata requests approval of a letter from the NEN board requesting approval of improved lighting to provide greater safety on Market Street. Motion offered by Ken Houghton. Second from Cindy Kimball. Passed unanimously by acclimation.

Additionally, there was no objection to **Lynn Takata's** letter thanking the school district for showing protection for trees near Englewood School and Englewood Park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021.