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## Minutes of Northeast Neighbors (NEN) board meeting Tuesday July 13, 2021

Board members present: Lynn Takata, Ken Betterton, Ken Simila, Ken Houghton, Jacqueline Schindele, Jeremy Mills, Joan Lloyd, Nick Cantonwine, Ben Witt, Delana Beaton. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Chair Lynn Takata. This meeting was held in a large backyard off Kansas between 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. It was attended by ten NEN board members, Irma Dowd from the City of Salem, two Salem City Councilors, Lt. Aguilar of the Salem Police Department, and twenty guests from the NEN neighborhood. This was the NEN board annual summer potluck. It was a BarBQ, and visitors were welcome as always. It was therefore a particularly informal meeting and discussion.

Irma Dowd presented several handouts she had brought from the city. One found particularly valuable was titled Who To Call and listed the resources and contact numbers to call at the City for various needs.

Lt. Aguilar was available to respond to questions from all in attendance. She spoke about policing in the area and answered questions centering around concerns over possible drug dealing in the area.

City Councilor Virginia Stapleton gave updates about the work continuing within the Our Salem planning process.

Councilor Tom Andersen spoke about the climate action work within City Council. He reported that City Council has adopted the goal of Salem being 50% carbon neutral by 2035, and 100% carbon neutral by 2050.

The councilors led a general discussion about transit planning and about area concerns about specific transit challenges and street safety concerns within NEN.

Lynn Takata reported on possible joint meeting with members of the NESCA board to explore possible collaborative work on the D Street City Park. There was discussion of amount of parking spaces needed /planned for Geer Park.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. Next scheduled meeting will be August 10.