



Northgate Neighborhood Association

Cornerstone Apartments Community Room

Meeting Minutes: 6:00 pm – 7:20 pm, 04/18/2019

Meeting Opened at 6:00 PM

Members of Northgate Board who were present: Amador Aguilar, Frank Pack, Jeanne Pack, Chelsie Anderson, Marlayne Madison, Katya Goloviznina, Hazel Niles, Chrystal Niles, Leslie Caudillo.

Absent: Jason Pack, Pedro Mayoral

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY: Minutes passed with no corrections.

Salem Police Report: Shooting about a month ago by Harbor Freight which was a self-inflicted accident. Rodeway Inn, Drug activity. Police are working on this as a priority to clean up drug activity.

Solicitors are legitimate but may be more aggressive than citizens in the community would appreciate. They were from Brinks and a Carpet Cleaning companies. They should leave if told to leave to do so.

Citizens reported - "Welcome to Salem" sign has homeless people hanging clothes on the sign, changing clothes under the sign. The police are keeping their eye on Northgate camps. If it is more than people just camping, then the police will respond to the issues. The city is working on finding housing for these people. Homelessness is not a crime, but a social crisis.

Person to person crimes are exceptionally low. Only those involved in illegal activity would be likely to be involved in assaults. Property crimes are high in Salem. This is fueled by drug addiction. Inpatient treatment seems like a good choice. The district attorney is trying to find other avenues such as treatment instead of incarceration as an answer.

Stores are not cooperative with the cart theft because of cost and time in court. Therefore, the police do not have any cooperation on that type of theft. This is one reason you see grocery carts abandoned around the area.

Graffiti free paint is available. Citizens need to cover it up in a reasonable time. It is part of a city ordinance.

For reoccurring graffiti on your property - PLEASE REPORT THIS TO THE GRAFFITTI DIVISION IN THIS ONLINE ADDRESS:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/graffiti>

Parole Officer: We have moved into a new building we call “the public safety building.” It was in the budget all ready. The location following Lancaster rd. to 3610 Aumsville Hwy. next to the Marion County Dog shelter. The jail is also out there.

Matt Ausec -Absent with illness – His message was delivered by Chair, Frank Park: Budget shortfall and the city counsel is working on it.

Andy Tobin: When to call the 911 emergency and when to call 911 non-emergency number was explained. She supplied handouts to participants. She explained process at the 911 center on how the triage of calls is setup and how the 911 specialists talk to the caller and send the calls to those talking directly with officers. The 911 emergency number is to be used when immediate danger to person(s) or community is a current event. 911 non-emergency is theft of property, something that happened earlier and is not happening immediately, and no person is at risk of injury immediately.

Non-emergency is reviewed and followed up. All calls priority managed.

Stacy Nelson, Marketing Expert, Administrative Analyst, City of Salem, Public Works, Salem Clean Streams Clear Choices Initiative: We all want residents to realize that they contribute to our clean streams by everyday choices. There are several steps Salem residents can take to keep our stream clean from pollution. Salem’s average rainfall is 39.1 inches per year. Based on 2,000 sq ft roof, that produces 4,800 gallons of rainwater run-off per year. There are approx. 14,000 storm drains that drain directly into local streams and then flow into the Willamette river. 90 miles of stream run through the City of Salem. Urban run-off is the number #1 source of pollution. The pollution comes from run-off from sidewalks and driveways into the streets and down storm drains.

Storm run-off in Salem does not go through a treatment plant in Salem but goes directly into the streams and rivers. The dirty dozen Storm Runoff is: Household Hazardous Waste, Dirt, Zinc, Garbage, Nutrients/Fertilizers, E Coli Bacteria, dirt, garbage, elevated temperatures, Chromium, Copper, Lead.

Car care is also not good on driveway’s or on street. You should either wash car on lawn., auto wash facilities, or school auto wash fund raisers as they have systems for clean run-off. Gardens help to stop the pollution run off. Roof top gardens also are a desirable choice.

Information found at link below:

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/clean-streams-clear-choices-initiative.aspx>

Tim and Jerry Moneke bought property to build affordable housing, 102-unit apartment complex in NE Salem off of Claxter Rd. July 17th breaking ground. They have received the same type of financing as the new Cornerstone Apartments on 99E. NE.

These apartments are low income, but not section #8. Capped at 60%. They cannot give the exact price of these apartments, but they will be priced at a capped 60% of the MFI. The example of using the MFI of 2018 would be pricing a 2-bdrm apartment at \$800 and a 1-bdrm apartment at \$720.

They would have 6 – 12 units set aside for those that are on the far end of affordable housing including homeless persons to cap 30% MFI with partnership of housing. Like the new cornerstone apartments.

Getting into an apartment can be expensive and they have said that they have taken that into consideration and that will depend on the income for those applying. They hope to open in the Spring.

They had a street traffic impact study two months ago. They determined that there should be negligible impact of traffic to the area. Claxter St. and 22 street might change into a 4-way stop.

1. Now it is a 1.75 parking spots per apartment.
2. Bus service is within walking distance.
3. Children will go to Highland School District.
4. They are hiring local builder and local management company too.

Amador Aguilar– Northgate Gardening Project: He was picked for this community activist and teacher for the Hispanic community. His classes are about the Hispanic culture and community. He needs to expand to build bridges and have work together and connect with each other. He wants to learn more about the community challenges.

He was asked to be the coordinator of the Northgate garden. He is learning about the community garden and what that means. He is creating a system to have people use garden beds. There are only 14 beds available. They are going to rent the beds. Food Share has given a grant for this project and gives free seeds for the families to use.

The goal is to create a place where families can enjoy the park and they will have a picnic table to bring their lunch and work in the park garden area too.

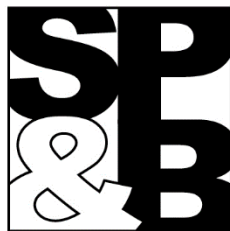
If interested, you can contact Amador Aguilar at enlace3c@gmail.com if interested in joining the garden area in Northgate park.

Meeting closed at 7:20 PM.

Please Note: May 16th meeting will be a board meeting held at the Community Center of the Cornerstone Apartments on May 16th at 6:00 PM. Our meeting will be on reviewing, discussing, and designing and updating bylaw for our organization. We will also have booklets on and discussion on holding a more organized process following Roberts Rules of Order.

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