

CANDO Neighborhood Association - Meeting Minutes January 20th, 2026

1. Opening Exercises - Introductions (see attached), unanimous approval of October and November meeting minutes

2. Reports/Updates

Salem Fire - Bob Shaffer

- REACH pilot program started today to support mental health calls. One REACH vehicle currently, but can expand in 6 months if it's going well. Runs M-Th 8am-6pm as these seem to be the most used hours. This is an expansion of the Homeless Services Team the city currently funds. Marion County pays for the mental health professional on the team.
- Warming fires are triaged and only responded to if they are a danger.

State Rep. Tom Andersen, legislative preview

- Four years in state legislature and will run again
- His goal is to protect our state from the forces of chaos in the federal government.

~Working on this session:

- No secret police bill: no masks except for health issues and must display badge except for undercover work
- Immunity bill: for law enforcement who are picking up mental health cases that are a danger to the community. As these cases increase significantly due to lower bar for civil commitments which passed last session, there is a need for protection of officers who deal with people in crisis.

Questions asked by meeting attendees about immunity bill, ODOT transportation bill, disconnecting from federal tax code. Email Rep Anderson if you have any issues or concerns about upcoming session.

Councilor updates

- Nishioka commented with Salem Fire and Rep Anderson and left notes
- Tigan updated on recent council meetings - PERS and insurance costs went up around 20%, so the budget for police and fire went up 9 million without adding any new staff, which is disheartening to all. Update on parking fund coming up soon, possibly getting rid of parking tax.

4. Neighborhood Discussion

- UGM - Craig and Moises: Culdesac on Division St is a constant source of issues. Would like to change parking so no parking is allowed at nights from 8pm to 6am. There are criminal elements that come and stay and won't leave the area causing safety issues. They are working with parking enforcement and others businesses on the street.
- Board moved to endorse the change to the parking. Spencer will email support letter.

5. New Business

- a. Rebekah updated on the Bloomberg Harvard grant program the city is working on. Work is ongoing.
 - b. Salem Park Improvement Fund (SPIF) Grant Application - Land Use Chair: We are asking for funding for moveable chairs for Pringle Park Plaza for watching nature in the plaza. Application going in by the end of the month.
 - c. Review of CANDO
 - budget: \$550.60 in communication fund. \$2500.00 in engagement funds.
 - bylaws: Updates possible if we need to change anything
 - annual goals: continue goals from last year
 - c. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) updates: Next CERT class starts Feb 5th and there is a Stop the Bleed class Jan 29.
6. Adjourn 7:40

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