

CANDO

FEBRUARY 17

MEETING NOTES

February 17, 2026, 6 pm

1. Opening Exercises

Introductions(see sign up sheet), meeting minutes from January meeting approved.

2. Reports/Updates

a. Salem Police: 13 criminal arrests per day. Mondays and Fridays are the busiest days. Encouraging people to use the online portal for non emergency complaints. It takes about 5-10 minutes to do an online report - cityofsalem.net/police

Report graffiti to the graffiti hotline online or by phone.

Community police academy will be opening up for citizens.

Question about shootings in the CANDO Neighborhood: we are not seeing a lot of out and violent crime is down overall in our neighborhood.

Question about REACH team: (Run by Salem Fire) started in the area where engine 1 usually serves downtown. Only have to send out one small vehicle instead of large engine. Going well and is ever changing as they grow.

Question about homeless encampments under the bridge being asked to move due to bridge work: they have not heard anything about that yet, but have a provider meeting next week and will ask for updates

3. Neighborhood Discussion

Mark Wiggs from SCAN Neighborhood Association: the city now owns the land west of the railroad east of Willamette Slough. ODOT has a grant that is available to build a bridge across Pringle Creek which would allow for a trail connecting to Minto Brown Park. Asking for a letter of support from CANDO to the URA to support this project. Board is supportive and Spencer will follow up by email.

4. Board updates:

Land use: one is a mini historic review which we won't have comment most likely. Our Pringle Park grant was not accepted. We will keep looking at how to support that area.

5. New Business

Expenditures: Board approves motion to pay for another year of Zoom license.

Board approves opening a savings account for donations.

Board approves a temporary budget committee to meet in March to discuss use of funds including all board members plus Rosa Leonardo and Susan Nuri.

February Cleanup Event at Marion Square Park (2/28)

5. Adjourned at 6:42