

**Highland Neighborhood Association  
Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Geoff Darling at 7:00 p.m. with a quorum of Board of Directors present. Introductions were made by all and there were 15 neighbors in attendance.

**Meeting Minutes Approval** – Approval of minutes by acclamation with no changes.

**Police Officer Report** – Lieutenant VanMeter with Salem PD who is the Swing Shift Commander introduced himself to the Highland Community and wanted to touch base with HNA to see if we had any concerns. He did touch on a couple of topics such as:

- Car thefts have increased by about 20 percent. Most are due to people warming up their cars and leaving them unattended.
- Car clouts – reminder to keep doors locked and valuables out of sight.
- Police Facility – the plan is to be moved into the new facility in about a year.
- Neighbor Concerns – there were concerns about traffic around the new facility and question was how the City plans to handle the bottleneck issues. Plans are in the process to look at placing roundabouts within this area to help increase the flow of traffic and decrease the back up.
- Rite-Aid – Homeless issue – the city contracted with Serve Pro to clean up the sidewalks and do a thorough sterilization of the area. He stated to always be aware of your surroundings and if there are any issues to contact the Salem PD and to try to take yourself away from the situation until they arrive.

**City Councilor Comments – Councilors Cara Kaser and Matt Ausec**– Councilor Kaser and Councilor Ausec were unable to attend.

**Marion Master Recyclers Program – Debbie and James Miller** – They explained the following program parts:

- Recycle Right – Paper, cardboard, plastic and metal.
- Trash It – When in doubt, toss it out.
- Mixed Organics – All food, some paper and plants
- Recycling Bin – Batteries, paint, used motor oil, antifreeze, vegetable cooking oil, glass bottles and jars.

For more information or if you would like to learn more about joining the program, go to [www.mcrcycles.net](http://www.mcrcycles.net)

**Neighbor Concerns and Announcements – Issues not on agenda or previously discussed** – one number brought up the issue of tree limbs and whether they could cut them back. It was stated that technically if the tree is in the park strip as opposed to on a person's yard, it would be considered City of Salem property. If a branch looks like it could be a danger or if it looks diseased then to contact the City of Salem Arborist and they could determine if there was a need to trim or remove it.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. and minutes were written by Mary Harp.**

**Next Neighborhood Association Meeting: February 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.**