

Highland Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 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 8 neighbors in attendance. Due to COVID-19, all attendees were required to wear a mask and keep a social distance of 6 feet.

Meeting Minutes Approval – No minutes available.

Police Officer Report – Not present.

Code Enforcement – Officer Wolfe – Not present.

City Councilor Comments – Councilors Cara Kaser and Matt Ausec– Councilor Kaser and Councilor Ausec were unable to attend. Councilor Kaser did submit a report to the HNA with the following bullet points:

- The tentative schedule for the police chief interviews is the week of October 13.
- The police station ribbon cutting is scheduled for October 10 at 10:00 am.
- Beavers are proliferating in Salem. There are more than 40 beaver dams within city limits. Apparently, all the efforts the City and the community have made to protect riparian areas have created the perfect habitat for beavers and they are multiplying.
- The first meeting of the climate action task force will be this fall.
- This summer, the City provided emergency assistance totaling \$238,000 to 58 small businesses owners. The funding was provided by Business Oregon and the City's General Fund.
- Staff are coordinating with the county and state clean-up planning in the Santiam Canyon.
- The Y is planning on building 36 units of affordable housing for veterans near the new Y facility. A pre-application meeting with the City is in early October. The tentative occupancy date is October 2021.
- A shelter and temporary navigation center is planned for Portland Road NE. The City and Arches are working on a lease agreement. ARCHES is waiting on state/federal funding information. The goal is for the shelter to be operational by mid to late November. The general scope will be shelter and car camping under the provisions of HB 4212. The City's planning administrator has reviewed Arches application and issued an approval. Just like with Safe Sleep, HB 4212 exempts shelters from zoning provisions.

County Parole and Probation – Officer Danielle Burton - Officer Burton explained how Specialized Units work and that every county has a rotating system of cases so that each parole officer will get a variety of cases. Marion County has specialized units to help target what led a parolee to their behavior and on to supervision.

The units within Marion County consists of: Sex Offender Unit, Domestic Violence Unit, Gang Unit or Specialized Services, Mental Health Unit, Drug Endangered Children's Unit and a General Case Unit.

Church Street Manor Update – Mary Harp stated that the new name of the facility will be called LaVita's Memory Care. The plan is to have a grand opening/open house on December 1. Mary stated that all city

councilors and the mayor would receive a personal invite. She also asked that HNA board members be present at the open house. She will keep everyone informed as things get closer.

Neighbor Concerns and Announcements – Issues not on agenda or previously discussed – There were several concerned residents that stated they were having issues regarding the area over by the Salvation Army on Front Street. They were encouraged to report any suspicious activity no matter how small it might seem.

There were other concerns of the homeless population growth that is happening in and around the Highland Neighborhood. There have been problems with garbage being thrown out on the streets by homeless, people defecating in areas around the neighborhood, trespassing, and theft as well as the growing camps that are popping up everywhere.

Other Business/Announcements – none to discuss.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. and minutes were written by Mary Harp.

Next Neighborhood Association Meeting: November 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.