

# Lansing

## Neighborhood Association

555 Liberty Street SE Room 305 Salem, Oregon 97301 503-588-6207

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**October 26, 2021 meeting minutes, 7 pm.**

**Attendees:** Chair, Patty Tipton, Vice Chair, Terry Prat, Mary Dodson, Claudine Shaw, Sandi Hinshaw, Irma Dowd, City of Salem, Councilor Jose Gonzalez and guests and neighbors. Total of 14 people in attendance.

### **Presentations:**

- Salem Police Report, Sgt. Don Vidrio encouraged neighbors to fill out the new survey that Chief Womack has put together with staff. The survey will help Salem Police Dept. outline the future strategic plan for Salem. There have been several shootings in the Salem and police staff are working diligently on making arrests and have recovered several guns. Investigations are ongoing. Sgt. Vidrio gave some safety Halloween costume tips; officers will be handing out candy. Chair, Patty raised pedestrian safety concerns on Lansing Ave during school student drop off and pick up times. She expressed the concerns from Waldo and Washington Schools staff being yelled at by parents in vehicles and speeding during these times. She requested that Salem PD drive by during school drop off and pick up times. She also requested that a speeding meter be placed on Lansing Ave. Sgt. Vidrio will work with staff to get these two items done on Lansing Ave.
- Geer Park Skate Project and Climate Action Plan Update. Presented by Rob Romanek, City of Salem Park Planner. Geer Park Master Plan is complete and calls for adding a skate park. Survey is out and ready for people to fill it out and tell the City how they want the Skate Park to look. Skate Park will be open to the public in Spring 2024.

Salem Climate Action Plan draft comprehensive plan adoption will be available later this year. There will be a virtual meeting in 2022 to further discuss the plan. There are currently 170 strategies of the plan. Public comment is open. All information and draft ideas are on the City's website at [www.cityofsalem.net](http://www.cityofsalem.net).

- Our Salem Project Update presented by Austin Ross, City of Salem Planner. The City is working on a multi-year project to update the [Salem Area Comprehensive Plan](#) which guides development for growth in Salem. City Council and Planning Commission held a joint work session on the Our Salem project on October 18. Staff presented the draft Comprehensive Plan and associated maps and code changes that have resulted from the three-year project.

Austin spoke a little about the City's Ward redistricting due to the updated census. Census is updated every ten years. A redistricting of Wards means that Council boundary representation may change. There are three options that Council will choose from at the Council meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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- Councilor Jose Gonzalez. Multi family housing development in NE Salem is rising with more going to the rest of the City but this may take some time before multi family housing is evenly distributed in Salem. Councilor Gonzalez has met with Chief Womack and Councilor Hoy to talk about crime and shootings. Currently there is no good tracking at this time, but PD will make more of a presence in neighborhoods. Neighbors are encouraged to report graffiti and trash in their neighborhoods. Trash can be reported at Public Works Dispatch 24/7 line 503-588-6311 and graffiti should be reported to the graffiti line at 503-371-4264. Councilors Hoy and Gonzalez are pushing for more evenly distribution of homeless managed camping throughout the City and stall increase in NE Salem. Councilor answered questions from neighbors about homeless issues and illegal camping.
- Chair, Patty shared about the Parks Improvement Foundation's project to restore the Riverfront Park Glob. The foundation will need to raise \$3000,000 in funds and grants. Carole Snyder, SPIF Chair, will oversee the project.
- Irma Dowd, City of Salem Neighborhood Services Coordinator gave an update on the City's efforts to help homeless neighbors get into temporary housing. City staff, PD, and social services staff have reached out to the homeless community camping at Cascade Gateway Park. The park has been cleared of all illegal camping and Public Works Park staff are currently working on cleaning and rehabilitating the park. Park should be ready for park users by Summer 2022. The bathrooms will need to be rebuilt.

The City has created a new illegal camping concerns reporting portal. More information can be viewed here and to submit complaints: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/report-concerns-about-homelessness.aspx>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.