

February 20, 2018
Fresh Start Market

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Eli Brody.

1. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes (Eli Brody)

Eli welcomed everyone to the meeting. January minutes were approved as corrected. Previously reported that our guest last month was Angela Oberg. The correct spelling of her last name is: Obery.

2. Carol Snyder, Salem Parks Foundation

Parks Foundation Grants: Carol mentioned the McKay Park improvements and that grants are now being prepared for this year. The focus is on North Salem. All information was given to Eli and noted that all applications are due by April 30.

Re Parks: Eli also mentioned there will be a fund raiser for Geer Bike Park at Scott Cycles this coming weekend. \$12.00/pp.

3. Police Officer Report (Officer Renz)

At the request of a NESCA resident, Officer Renz reported he spent some time surveilling a house near Market Street on 24th. He let us know that he watched it closely and did make contact but determined there really wasn't anything happening that was criminal. Officer Renz also discussed scam phone calls. Apparently there has been an increase in these calls. He repeated the "if it's too good to be true" it's probably a scam. He also mentioned that if anyone gets a call stating they have won a prize and money is required to get the prize, it's a scam and DO NOT FALL FOR IT!! He's also spent time watching for speeders. Officer Renz provided his personal cell phone number to use for INFORMATION ONLY. Reminding everyone to call either 911 in an emergency or call the non-emergency dispatch for other crime situations. His number is: 503-932-4396.

4. North Campus Update (Darrin Brightman, DAS)

The North Campus project will be proceeding without the segments that face onto Center Street. Currently working on designs for street improvement, with RFPs out for bid. Until this is completed, the sale of the property can not be closed. Darrin reported DAS hopes to have this completed by June or July. At that time DAS can then proceed on contracts with Mountain West (4 parcels), the Housing Authority (Yaquina Hall), and the City of Salem (D Street Park). Darrin mentioned that the D Street park property has not yet been officially transferred to the City as it can't be finalized until the street improvement designs are completed, probably June or July with the rest of the property.

Darrin also provided information about the Dome Building repairs that are being done (roof, etc.) Corrections would like to paint the building to match the "J" building and the South Campus. As the building falls within NESCA and is on the historic register, they are unable to proceed with changing the paint color without the approval of NESCA. A motion to allow Corrections to change the paint color from the current cream color to match the South Campus buildings was made, seconded, and voted on. Motion passed.

Darrin let everyone know that it is not legal for anyone to be on the campus using metal detectors due to the property being considered an historical archaeological site. If we see anyone using a detector on the site, we were asked to call Oregon State Police: Chris Allori, 503-731-4717 or Salem PD Non-emergency at 503-588-6123. Darrin also mentioned that we should call OSP if there are any homeless who camp on the property as it is posted as no overnight camping.

The complete removal of the walnut trees on 24th was brought up and the question was asked if this is a possibility for the North Campus walnut trees. Darrin said that the 24th Street trees were the responsibility of the hospital administration, not DAS. DAS learned of their removal at the same time as

the rest of us. He said that the North Campus trees will likely all come down EVENTUALLY as there is disease in some of the trees and those trees will need to be removed sooner or later. But, he stressed they will not be done all at the same time as was done on 24th and, when a tree (or trees) is taken down, there will be succession planting. He was unsure of the type of trees to be used as replacements but believed the plan is to use White Oak.

Richard Berger: Mountain West

Richard said that the same basic plan as presented to NESCA in November is still in place. The question was asked if the “integrity of the single-family homes” stated for D Street has been given any consideration as was requested for the single family homes on Park Avenue. He said there has been discussion and we will have more opportunities to discuss it before any actual construction is started. They are hoping to begin construction sometime in early 2019. Richard also offered his phone number for anyone who may have questions about the plans. 503-584-4593 [Note: be sure to state that you are a neighbor in NESCA if you leave a message. Teri Lupoli]

Yaquina Hall: Salem Housing Authority (Aaron Panko) (Andy Welch)

Andy said SHA has plans to purchase the building and will finalize the sale with DAS as soon as everything is available for signature. This site isn't ready and there are historic entities that need to be consulted and satisfied. There is general agreement, but SHA is not assured that new windows can be put in to replace the old drafty windows. When completely converted and ready for housing, there will be approximately 51-52 one bedroom open-market units for rent.

Amador Aguilar/Enlace: Even though Amador was not on the Agenda, Eli invited him to address the group. Amador mentioned that Enlace is considering doing another event at Thorp Park but has not yet determined a date. Possibly July. He will plan on attending our next meeting on March 20 for further discussion on a date for a possible joint event with NESCA.

5. City Councilor's Report (Tom Andersen)

Homeless Task Force: Tom reported that the recent “Sit/Lie” proposed ordinance presented at City Council did not pass. The Task Force is looking at possibilities for a place for homeless people to be able to safely store their belongings when needed. They will need to prioritize the needs, specifically looking for what is needed downtown.

Congestion Task Force: As it appears that a 3rd bridge is many years away (if ever), Tom reported that the City Council is looking at things that can be done to ease congestion NOW, now later. They are considering 10-12 different possibilities that could help, including removing a bike path from the bridges as the bike/ped bridge is so close by it is no longer needed. Also being considered is removing the pedestrian crossing at Front & Court Street in favor of a pedestrian overpass. This would be greatly less expensive than a new bridge and would eliminate the back up on the bridge when the light is red on Front/Court.

State Street Corridor: (Tom Andersen & Norman Wright/City of Salem)The stated main objective for the State Street Corridor is to revitalize the neighborhood from 12th to 25th by redoing this section of street with a “road diet”. “Road diet” was explained changing the current 4 lane street to 3 lanes: one in each direction with a center lane for turns. This would allow businesses and residents to have more room in front of their properties for expansion, restaurants could have room for outdoor seating, etc. The “road diet” will be done in phases, beginning with the section from 12th to 17th. Norman said that after the 12th-17th segment is completed, everything will be re-evaluated to determine any tweaking for the rest of the project (or if the rest of the project will even go forward).

~Group comments related to how this planned “diet” may affect other streets.

Marijuana Tax Money: The question was asked about the marijuana tax money and if the city has earmarked it for any purpose. Tom reported that it's not as much as one might believe, but, at this time, it's going into the general fund.

Union Gospel Mission location: Tom said the city is talking with the UGM and has a purchase option on their property on Commercial at the east end of the Center Street bridge. The City has no plans to develop the property but the purpose to purchase would be simply to control future development of that corner.

6. **Break**

7. **Karma Kraus, Salem Keizer Public Schools NOTE: Karma was unavailable this evening.
Overcrowding in S-K Classrooms**

8. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Land Use: Ian Johnson was unable to attend this evening but he sent a report that was read by Eli. Copy of Ian’s report is attached to these minutes.
- b. Transportation No report
- c. Parks No report
- d. Hoover School Liaison No report
- e. Watershed No report
- f. Oregon State Hospital North Campus Redevelopment See above.
- g. Street Cleaning The first Street Cleaning for 2018 will be Saturday, 3/31. Everyone is asked to meet at 8:30 at the north end of the Park & Ride next to the Red Lion hotel. Safety vests, gloves, pickers, and trash bags are provided.

9. **Business**

As there was no further business to discuss, Eli closed the meeting.

Submitted by: Teri Lupoli
Secretary/Treasurer
NESCA

Attending: Eli Brody*, Teri Lupoli*, Mike Beringer*, Lynn Cardiff*, Marilyn Moritz, Amador Aguilar, Carol Snyder (Salem Parks Foundation), Darrin Brightman (DAS), Andy Welch (SHA), Aaron Panko, Richard Berger (Mountain West), Norman Wright (City Community Development), Tom Andersen (City Council), and Officer Renz (SPD).

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Attachment (1) – Letter from Ian Johnson outlining his activities on behalf of NESCA