

NEN Minutes, Board Meeting April 13, 2021

Board members present: Lynn Takata, Alan Scott, Jeremy Mills, Delana Beaton, Leslie Polson, Jacqueline Schindele, Ken Houghton, Ken Betterton, Joan Lloyd, Laura Buhl

Excused: Nick Cantonwine

1) Meeting convened at 6:45 by Chair Lynn Takata

2) Salem Police Department report by Officer Branden Smith. Reach at bsmith@cityofsalem.net

Officer Smith recommends calling 911 for even [possible gunshots]. Also, DO report graffiti immediately to Graffiti tip line.

3) Virginia Stapleton, City Council report. Oregon slated to receive 32 million dollars from the Rescue Act. On April 17 the twenty pallet shelters on Portland Road behind the former DMV building are scheduled to open. These will be supervised by Church at the Park. Outdoor dining in some areas of Salem's downtown may become permanent.

4) Leslie Polson has been able to arrange to have the tipping fee waived for the dumpsters used on May first for the Neighborhood Cleanup.

5) Connie Strong chooses to delay her presentation regarding the YWCA until the May board meeting.

6) At this point the meeting participants had choice to attend three separate breakout meetings: 1) CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), meeting with Salem Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Greg Walsh, 2) Tree Concerns, and 3) Transportation. In the Tree breakout session Neighborly Ventures (development including corner of D and Strong) shared the progress on steps to preserve street trees. In the Transportation breakout session concerns about speeding, pedestrian safety, and sidewalks were discussed.

7) Following reports back to the general board meeting from the breakout participants, there was an inconclusive vote on a letter about sidewalks in NEN. The vote was four (4) aye, and four (4) nay.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32. Next meeting will be scheduled for May 11, 2021.