

1. Introductions. 17 attendees including 8 board members

Approval of minutes: Minutes for 7/12/2011 meeting were voted approved as written.

2. Police Report. Officer was not able to attend meeting.

3. Parole and Probation. Ms. Phyllis Featherstone reported that the Sheriff's Office Biennial Report is now out and presented a copy to NOLA Chair Bill Osborn. She proceeded to give a summary of items within the plan. Needs issue: look at friends of individual and focus on having them make new friends. Substance abuse: look into these issues and encourage them to change their behavior. Recidivism Issue: if the individual is not ready for this program, don't waste the state's time. Future Plans: plans for each client are continually changing. Motivate Clients: encourage clients to work hard on their plans. The Parole Officer staff is a tight group. There was no extra money in budget for new hires and had to downgrade one position to part-time.

4. McKay Park—Next Year Improvements, Master Plan, and How New Parks are Prioritized—Parks Staff. Mr. Jude Geist reported that the improvements to the basketball court funded by a SPIF grant (combined effort of NOLA, NESCA, and ELNA) are progressing. The re-surface project is complete, the fencing has been installed, the backboards/nets are up and the stripping is to be completed next week. The last part of this project—the extension of the walking/jogging path along the property line between the city park and the school property—will not be completed under the SPIF grant. An upgrade to the court surface—a better, thicker cover—cost more money leaving no funds left for the path. Mr. Geist promised that the path will be completed using general funds from the parks department budget. The Master Plans for parks will be reviewed this Fall. The parks to be considered are McKay, Minto-Brown Island and a park in West Salem. We will be notified when this process begins so hopefully input from local residents can be included. Our neighborhood park on Brown Rd. has no master plan as yet. The Brown Rd. Land has been considered a defective park and no funds exist to develop it. A question was asked why near-by residents couldn't install play equipment in parks? Because of liability issues, play equipment must be authorized by the City.

5. City Councilor Report. Mr. Bennett was present this evening and added the following comment on the parks issue mentioned above. City Council added \$10K to parks Master Plan Task Force to address the issue of parks Master Plan. The City does take parks seriously and wants these plans developed. The money will come from a general obligation bond or a surcharge on water bills specifically to develop plans and complete them.

We are in Ward One. Every 10 years the city must re-draw ward boundaries. Both West Salem and South Salem grew by 24%. Re-defining boundaries should be done by October, but no date has been set as yet for the public hearing. If you have concerns, do attend the public hearing the voice your concerns about the proposed new ward boundaries. We probably will be shifted into Ward 6. If so, Mr. Bennett will no longer be our city councilor representative.

The City is working on plans for city airport away from commercial aviation toward commercial development. We have substantial military presence in Salem and we should encourage them to stay and use it.

A problem was brought to our attention. A speeder on Hollywood Dr. winds up his car motor going toward Sunnyview Dr. at 4 AM some mornings. It is very disturbing. Mr. Bennett will contact the Traffic Division to see if something can be done. Also, mentioning this to the local assigned police officer may help in catching the individual. Mr. Eatwell gave suggestions on what could be done and rules on setting speed limits on streets—state law dictates these limits.

6 Neighborhood Liaison Report. Mr. Ken Eatwell reported that there are many vacancies on various Boards within the City of Salem i.e. Travel Division, Housing and Urban Development, Public Library, Senior Citizen, etc. If anyone is interested in more information about these vacancies or would like to volunteer, please give Mr. Eatwell a call. A question was asked about weeds/grasses within the city. Mr. Eatwell summarized the procedure that must be followed to take care of issue. Generally, it is a long time consuming procedure.

7. Newsletter Articles Due to Bill by August 22. So far Mr. Eatwell, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Osborn will write articles.

8. Committee Reports.

a) Land Use. Mr. Osborn reported there is nothing new.

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Traffic—Mr. Kim Curry reported that the signal lights are currently being installed at the intersection of Sunnyview Rd. NE and 45th Ave. NE.

c) Parks—Mr. Pedersen could not give a damage report in McKay Park since info from city was not available as yet. Will catch up next month. Mr. Geist covered park improvements above.

9. Volunteer Recognition Event and Awards. If anyone wants to nominate a volunteer, please see Mr. Eatwell.

10. 2011-2012 Communication Funds. Denise Currey talked to Anne Battee about using communication funds for refreshments. Be sure to place matter on agenda and keep receipts for reimbursement. Catherine Morgan suggested we use communication funds to print NOLA brochures at \$15.00/100. A motion was made to this effect, was seconded and voted to have printing done.

11. Neighborhood Concerns. Mr. Doug Rodgers informed us that he has newly been elected to the Dist. 4 Traffic Board. If we have any concerns, talk to him and he can take it to city council.

12. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting. None. However, it was announced that Mr. Chuck Bennett will be our featured speaker at our annual meeting, October 11, 2011.

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Minutes Submitted by Dave Pedersen

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Name

1 Bill Johnson

2 Myrna Martinez

Ken Edwell

3 Ruth LaBlue

4 Ted Silver

5 Marty Minick

6 Dave Pedersen

Chuck Burnett

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7 Jim Richard

8 Eleanor Richard

9 Denise Currey

10 Catherine Morgan

11 Doug Rodgers

12 Dennis Will

13 Phyllis Featherstone

14 Kim CURREY