

Northeast Neighbors (NeN), General Meeting

Zoom ID 541 700 3700

June 8, 2021

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Attendance: 32, including 5 board members (Kevin, Anne, Rick, Kirstin, John), 3 presenters

3/11/21 General Meeting Minutes: Anne moved, John seconded. Approved unanimously.

Consumer Safety Initiative: Councilors Clark and Yeh

- Taxes employers based on the number of employees and employees based on their hourly earnings
- Enacted in 2019 and will automatically come back for a vote in seven years.
- Originally proposed to address deficiencies in the safety system. Due to low staffing, the police are unable to respond to 33% of 911 calls, covering higher priority calls, but not the lower priority ones. The police need enough staff to allow 20% of their time to be unallocated. Then they can not only answer high and low priority calls, but also work on prevention.
- Includes fire, municipal court, jail, etc., plus help in alleviating homelessness. A systematic approach for allocation of the money will be needed so that the system maintains a balance.
- In the fall, the City Council will listen to those who've suggested different ways to spend the funds.
- Both councilors were "not expecting large changes" to be made to the originally planned allocation.

Getting More LTD Service: GM Aurora Jackson

- During COVID all decisions were halted, but LTD is ready now to look for the best way to deploy its fleet of buses and to diversify it. This fall, when students are back and ridership increases, LTD will analyze the data and assess what has changed and what is causing that change.
- LTD asks "where people are and where they want to go." What's the best frequency on a route? The role of special services like RideSource? Smaller sizes than the fleet of 40-60 foot buses? Links between neighborhoods and major transit?
- Jackson put the question to the NeN community, "what are YOUR needs?" Think about our neighborhood as a whole. Its unique needs. Maybe we don't rely on buses for our commute but do employ someone who does. Or have a student in the household who might be taking the bus.

Emergency Preparedness and Surviving Wildfires: John & Kathi Jaworski

- They lived in the NeN area for years before moving up the McKenzie River. (Their house survived).
- Recommendations:
 - Know escape routes and alternates because conditions might change
 - Know notification systems because standard technology will break down
 - Know water supplies for afterwards & buy a back-up generator
 - Know your neighbors because you and they will need help
- Evacuation routes here in NeN will be presented at a future General Meeting
- Help with Neighborhood Mapping from our CERT rep (Community Emergency Response Team)
- Andy Davis, NE District Leader, contact info: andydaviseugene@msn.com, 803-316-7529
- The Station 6 Firehouse next to Sheldon High School is an emergency incident center.
- There's an EWEB well by Sheldon High School that will be staffed during an emergency. EWEB is planning to develop wells at all public schools.
- CERT is developing an emergency network. Eyes and ears on the ground talking to people with ham radios who then report the info to the City and County staff who are coordinating response. On October 23rd, CERT is running a city-wide drill to test the system. Contact Andy Davis to volunteer to help.

Adjourned: 8:30 pm