

Northeast Neighbors (NeN), Annual Meeting

September 14, 2021

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Attendance: 48; 6 board members (Kevin, Anne, Jim, Rick, Kirstin, John), 4 presenters, 4 elected officials

6/8/21 General Meeting Minutes: Approved unanimously.

Comments by Elected Officials

- John Brown, EWEB Commissioner: Electric rates will probably rise 3 to 5% due to Bonneville's added costs. Water rates will rise 4 to 9% depending on type of service. Water rates rise because there is no second source, but creating one will require 70 to 90 million dollars
- Nancy Nathanson, State Representative: sign up for her newsletter at www.oregonlegislature.gov/nathanson
- Jennifer Yeh, City Councilor: In the Harlow neighborhood, the site at Chase Gardens Park will be rest stop model, Conestoga's, probably fewer than 20, with 24x7 monitoring

Plans for Future General Meetings

- October 12: a panel describing types of sanctioned sites for homeless and responding to neighbor questions
- January, date TBD:
 - 4j representatives to discuss needs and plans. Jim Torrey spoke about this very tough period for our school district, with all schools at full capacity.
 - Neighborhood Watch presentation

Robert Brack, Rene's replacement at HRNI: his role is helping us find answers or resources that we need.

Striker Field News, Carolyn Burke, Parks Planning Manager

- They will bid next month or two, a longer bidding and construction process in order to get more bids that will hopefully be more competitive. Construction will begin this year and proceed slowly, finishing late next year.
- Rising costs will lead to reduced amenities, postponing the pickleball and basketball courts. Petonque may get built or may be postponed depending on the bids.
- Addition of those amenities will have to happen after the other projects covered by the recent bond have finished, which won't happen until 2027 to 2028. At that point a new list of priorities will be created.

The Creekside Park Picnic Shelter: Approved design allows it to move forward. Parks will cover the overages.

Upgrading of North Gillham Road: Due to cost issues, possible changes will be decided on in November.

Preparedness Advice: Andy Davis, NE Eugene District Leader, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

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Contact him for information or to volunteer for ham radio network.

- Have a plan for self and with neighbors. Be prepared with a go kit with 2-weeks readiness.
- 12 Ways to Prepare, available at www.ready.gov
 - Cash you can use since ATMs won't work
 - Flash drive with government issued IDs; permits; important documents like power of attorney, insurance for home. Photos of self and household. Contact list. Prescriptions. Don't keep inside house.
 - Flashlight and batteries. Emergency radio. Medications. Phone charger. Camping equipment ready to go.
 - Emergency crank radio can charge cell phones. Solar powered block can power phones and laptops.
 - For Patriots online sells survival food and equipment.
 - SAT phone will keep charged for months. Satellite radio too.
- FRS radios (Family Radio Service). Walkie talkies with your neighbors. Form a network.
- Norkenzie Christian Church, 2530 Crescent, is control center for northeast area. Looking for ham radio volunteers dispersed through the area. Able to communicate emergency needs to the control center.
- Eugene Springfield fire are reworking plans for evacuation routes.
- City of Eugene is divided up into six districts. Some neighborhoods are very far along in preparing. Block captains. Map your neighborhood teams. Southeast, Friendly, and Whitaker are very well organized.

Adjourned: 8:25pm