



Staff Report

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TO: City Council

THROUGH: Steve Powers, City Manager

FROM: Chuck Bennett, Mayor

SUBJECT:

Announcing Mayoral appointments to the Our Salem Stakeholder Advisory Committee

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

ISSUE:

Mayoral appointments of Councilors Sally Cook and Jim Lewis to the Our Salem Stakeholder Advisory Committee

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:

The Community Development Department is forming a stakeholder advisory committee to provide guidance and advise staff during the Comprehensive Plan update project, called Our Salem, which will help guide future growth and development in the Salem area. The need to develop a “comprehensive, long-term vision for future growth and development” was identified as a priority in the City’s adopted Salem Strategic Plan.

The stakeholder advisory committee will include City Council members, Planning Commission members, Neighborhood Association representatives, elected officials from area jurisdictions and agencies, representatives from the development and business communities, and other stakeholders. It will provide guidance throughout the Our Salem project, which will be completed in phases.

The first phase, Our Salem: Today, encompasses an analysis of the existing conditions of the city and an evaluation of how the Salem area could grow under current policies. It also includes a greenhouse gas inventory that measures the community’s impact on the environment. This first phase is expected to begin this month and take roughly nine months to complete. During that time, the committee is expected to meet two times. All advisory committee meetings will be open and available to the public.

I appoint Councilors Sally Cook and Jim Lewis to the Our Salem Stakeholder Advisory Committee.