

Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Council - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

Called to Order: 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Barbara Mann, Anne Sterling, Dennis Colbert, Christy Evans, Marlene Faust, Lucy Corchado, Denise Regan, Flora Tonthat, Richard Lindeman, Nina Cohen, Dennis Maroney

Staff Present: Dominick Pangallo (Office of Mayor Driscoll)

Approval of January 13, 2021 minutes: Approved

Guest Speaker: David Greenbaum (Salem Health Agent) provided an update on the City's COVID-19 vaccination efforts. He took questions from the members on the following topics:

- What can be done to speed up the vaccination process?
- Is the state hitting its benchmarks for vaccination?
- When will the state open up the new group (65+ and those with certain medical conditions) for vaccinations?
- Is Salem seeing cases from in-school attendance? How risky are schools?
- The library is quarantining books returned to them. Should we be quarantining items coming into our house like mail and groceries?
- Is there a risk of transmission from the air at indoor swimming pools?
- Can you mix the brands of vaccine between your first and second shot?
- Can you get the vaccine if you've had COVID?
- Is the City paying for Cataldo to operate the vaccine clinic at SSU?
- Is there any cost to getting the vaccine?
- What happens with unused vaccine doses at the end of a clinic?
- Is the Community Health Center in the Point providing vaccines?
- Is it possible to cancel a vaccine appointment?
- What phone number should someone call if they need assistance making a vaccine appointment?
- How much longer will the "Stop the Spread" testing go on?
- Is the City notifying residents when new cohorts become eligible for the vaccine?
- Is the City sharing data on local vaccination numbers?
- How does someone schedule their second shot?
- What's the status of the COVID variants in Massachusetts?
- How is the City using the wastewater surveillance testing?
- How much time is between the two shots of the vaccine?
- Have there been any negative reactions from the vaccine locally?

Neighborhood and City Updates will be circulated by email to the members this week.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:54 p.m.