

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions

BOARD MEMBERS:	PRESENT - <i>P</i>	ABSENT - <i>A</i>	EXCUSED - <i>E</i>		
JEANNE BOATWRIGHT	<i>P</i>	TINA HANSEN	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>
MARK DECOURSEY	<i>P</i>	CYNTHIA KAVANAGH	<i>P</i>	AARON TERPENING	<i>P</i>
TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	ELLIOTT LAPINEL	<i>P</i>	PAUL TIGAN	<i>E</i>
CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	NICK MASELLI	<i>P</i>		
LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SUSAN NAPACK	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Thomas Madison, Marlayne Madison, Kaethe Mentrum, Kat Rogers, Penny Morley, Teresa Joslin, Christi Wolfe, J. Keniston, Virginia Stapleton, Carolin VanOrdin, Heather Wright Feeney, Sarah Porter, Wes Porter, Carol DeCoursey, Erin Dey, Jodi Erickson, and Stella (no last name available).

Lola moved that *“We approve the January minutes as submitted.”* Jeanne seconded the motion. Vote was 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

#2 Great Story from Grant

- Sam relayed that Grant Neighborhood Association is celebrating our 46th anniversary.
- Susan noted that the Salem Reporter published an article about Councilor Stapleton’s proposal to create a program to allow painted street art in Salem.
- North Salem High School will be putting on the play *“The Little Mermaid.”*

#3 Neighbor Concerns

- Teresa reported that, on the upcoming Friday and Sunday evenings (2-4 & 2-6), there will be an event called The Big Meet-up, at the 7th Day Adventist Church on Summer Street. They are expecting a lot of people so be aware that there may be traffic and parking issues in the area. Evangelical groups from various churches will be attending.
- Nick said he has something living under his house but no one can tell him what it is. He is working with the Good Earth Pest Control Company, out of Corvallis. He has made sure that there is no access to any garbage or food. He was told that the streets have more rodents in Salem that are being attracted by the garbage problems.

#4 Officer Report

Officer Keniston brought information about the Police Portal for the community to access at the following link: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-police-transparency-portal.aspx>

Citizens can access press releases, department policies, reports and independent assessments, along with more information.

The department is in the process of selecting a body-camera manufacturer. Officers will wear the various options and provide feedback such as battery life and ease of use.

Officer Keniston was asked how he feels about body-cams. He replied that he thought it was a good thing. Cameras are everywhere, now days, and he supports it.

A neighbor expressed appreciation for the response that came after a call about glass shards left in the street after a traffic accident. The cleanup occurred about 1-hour after the report was called in.

(note: Officer Keniston’s sound was often garbled so not all of his information was captured.)

Officer Christi Wolfe, from Compliance Services stated that, thankfully, the Grant Neighborhood does not keep her busy. She has 12 open files; 8 of which are vehicle issues. Right now, the city doesn’t

have funds to tow RV's that are left in the right-of-way. They are seeking funding from City Council to help the situation. Additionally, many tow yards do not have room for them. A neighbor asked about the many cars along High Street, south of D Street. An individual is constantly moving the cars from place to place. Leaks and garbage are left behind all of the time. They are also left in other locations around the area besides this stretch of High Street. Officer Wolfe said it has been going on for 5-years. While it is out of her area, she knows who he is. Sometimes he has been seen moving them by pulling them with a rope. Compliance Services tries to inform RV owners where they can go and not be illegal by parking on the street. A neighbor asked about parking an RV in your yard. Officer Wolfe said that, based on the neighbor's description – that it is the back yard and has a 6-foot sight obscuring fence – it is likely okay. However, she was willing to stop by and check on the circumstances to verify that it is all in compliance, if the neighbor would like that. Another neighbor asked if it is ever legal to park an RV on the street. Officer Wolfe said the code prohibits any vehicle over 23-feet in length from parking in a residential zoned area except to load or unload passengers or cargo to/from the vehicle. Further, any RV that is longer than 20-feet cannot be parked on the street in a residential zoned area between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am. And finally, don't ever put an electrical cord to an RV across a sidewalk.

#5 Councilor Report

Virginia reported that:

- \$200,000 has been proposed to relieve the towing bottleneck that Officer Wolfe mentioned.
- Also proposed are teams of 4 Public Works employees and 2 Police Officers to work to facilitate garbage pickup. The unit will clean and interact with the houseless population. This came to council, but it has not been passed yet.
- Uniform Development Code updates passed in December. Next up are Our Salem (this summer) and the Climate Action Plan (CAP) (February 14th). The UDC included things such as tree coverage and solar panels to support the CAP agenda. Staff recommended what to tackle first and provided a list for the next steps. Included on the list is addressing terminology for housing status and gender.
- Feb 2nd – Ground breaking for Yaquina Hall.
- Feb 14th - The 20-is-Plenty is scheduled for adoption. Nine of the eighteen Neighborhood Associations provided support for this change.
- Feb 9th – State of the City address is at 9:30 a.m.
- The budget committee needs any “want” or “need” projects to be identified.
- Three micro-shelters are proposed: 1) Front St. at Hood St.; 2) Center St. at 12th & 13th, south of Safeway; 3) Turner Rd. S. across from Garmin.
- The Village of Hope, at the former DMV site, has to be moved by the end of May. It will go to the Center St. site where 20 additional shelters will be added.
- The city will budget for the Front St. site to open by summer.
- The Turner Rd. will be reviewed for approval later.
- The City's website has been improved – go check it out.
- Susan commented that she watched an entire City Council meeting and was impressed with the procedure. She was looking for funding programs for public art.

#6 Evergreen Church Project Update

Erin Dey and Jodie Erickson were present from DevNW. DevNW is keeping track of the property – cleaning and trimming. They would appreciate contact if neighbors see anything unusual going on at the site. A church is renting the facility and will be there through April. The DevNW project has been fully funded by the State of Oregon. In the next 6-months. Work will be done by the architect, structural, civil and electrical engineers. They will be reviewing the site and working with City staff on code compliance. Most of the activity will be inside, but there will not be too much and there will be no construction. AKS Engineering & Forestry is their engineering consultant. They also have their Historical consultant and Architect on board. Erin asked that if anyone has any historical photos or

artifacts related to the church, they would be interested in seeing them. They are aiming to acquire their development permit this fall, around October or November, but it is driven by the HUD funding source. They are in communication with ARCHES about running the operation, the budget, and long-term management. At this point she doesn't have much to share regarding that as they are just getting started. ARCHES is not involved in the development aspects, but in running the program.

Aaron asked how the legislative access differs under the current plan. Originally, we were told that was an important reason for having your office in this location. Erin said they have offices on Cottage Street nearby. (The office is in the Garfield School office building.) ARCHES will allow the veterans' program to be more successful by providing additional support. DevNW will own and operate the site, but ARCHES will provide all of the personal services. DevNW will provide essential building and financial services, support, property management, maintenance, rent and rent assistance, addiction prevention, a community health worker, programming information on community events, and health information, such as weather-related heating and cooling needs.

Contact information:

Jodi Erickson, property manager, 541.752.7220, ext 2044, Jodi.Erickson@devnw.org

(note: Part of Erin Dey's sound was garbled so not all of her information was captured.)

#7 Micro Shelters

Presenters not available. Rescheduled for March.

#8 Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians Salem Gaming Facility – Hayesville Interchange

Presenters not available. Rescheduled for March.

#9 Board Member Reports

- CERT - Lola brought information about:
 - There is still space in, and time to register for, the next class that starts Apr 19th. They are still hoping that it will be in person.
 - The Grant Neighborhood cache is on Salem Alliance Church property at the southeast corner of Broadway and Shipping streets. It contains: water, tools, first aid supplies, radios, maps, and other provisions. It is the gathering place in the event of a disaster. Nick asked if the city of Salem knows about the cache. Lola said that the Fire Department and Emergency Coordinator knows about all eleven caches in Salem. Jeanne commented that the cache, and much of the items contained therein, were provided by the city to the neighborhood. Anyone who wishes to stop by is welcome.
 - Lola reminded all that a ham radio exercise takes place, from the cache on the first Sunday of each month.
- Communications/Outreach – Susan reported:
 - She received communication from Peter Fernandez, the City of Salem Public Works Director, and she invited him to our March meeting to discuss the street painting program and the legalities that separate a sign from a mural.
 - There is a 12th Street promenade clean-up scheduled this Saturday by NEN. Meet at the Center Street Safeway parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Gloves, vests, and bags will be provided.
 - She asked for folks to forward to her any items about community activities that we would like posted to the Grant social media sites.
 - She hopes to get back on the historical designation street sign toppers soon.
- Land Use Updates - Paul was not present.
 - Aaron provided some information about the Front Street-Willamette River mixed use zone. He said that the vision of this zone code is the same as the Downtown Historic District. He submitted comments to the city.

- North Neighborhoods CPT – Sam reported:
 - That N² will meet on Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. It is a consortium of NEN, Grant, Highland and the schools in these neighborhoods.
 - Ken Similea was in attendance at the last N² meeting and said that, while he was driving, he almost ran over a skateboarder who was completely clothed in black. He told the youth that he should lighten up. Sam asked Ken if that was a program slogan for getting folks on the street that are not in vehicles to make themselves more visible. Ken said, “No.”, he just said it to the kid. Sam thought it would be a great catch phrase to attach to a public safety program.

#9 Other Business

Irma Dowd, Neighborhood Services Coordinator for Salem, was present. She provided information about how she works with the NA's and how we can garner funds for some of the things we do for our community that can be spent on community outreach projects. Money is added to our coffer for: attendance at training meetings and city-wide chair meetings; providing letters, testimony, or other documents to various city processes, such as neighborhood, or city-wide, land use and zone code issues; participating in improvement projects in the neighborhood and park; and, volunteer hours on behalf of the NA outside of regular neighborhood meetings. The money can be spent on Neighborhood projects approved by the Executive Board. These can include: communication outreach through social media sites; printed materials to hand out; signs and canopies to facilitate participation at community events; promotions; and, neighborhood improvements at Grant Park or within the public rights-of-way. Our current balance is \$2,020.

Susan asked if time spent visiting with a neighbor, who does not use social media or a computer, but who wanted to learn more about what the NA does, is valued time for the NA. Irma said that was a valid community communication and could be submitted for credit to the NA funds. Irma said to email her with a description of the activity and the time spent at it as soon as possible after the event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright