

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>A</i>
TIM FRANCE	<i>A</i>	ELLIOTT LAPINEL	<i>P</i>	PAUL TIGAN	<i>P</i>
CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	NICK MASELLI	<i>P</i>		
LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SUSAN NAPACK	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Scott Munford, Carolin VanOrdin, Marissa Theve, Teresa Joslin, Judge Erious Johnson, Lynn Takata, Alice LaViolette, Patrick Sieng and Megan Stevens.

Lola moved that ***“We approve the March, minutes as submitted, with Marissa’s name corrected in Item #3.”*** Susan seconded the motion. Vote was 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

#2 Great Story from Grant

- Lola reported attending the open house on Monday for Sensible Speech’s expansion of operations to a second facility located at Norway and Capitol streets and felt good about the proposal.
- Teresa said that Salem Clinic is buying the old US Bank site across Capitol Street from their property and intends to relocate their Urgent Care facility there.
- Sam visited with a young couple who purchased the tri-plex on Market Street, across from the Chamber of Commerce site. He said they had an idea for a mural on the concrete wall across the street – presumably the concrete industrial building on the west side of Commercial Street belonging to Truitt Properties LLC.
- Susan has been named as a member of the Salem Arts Commission. April 13th will be her first official meeting.
- Mark reported that Columbia Hall will become an apartment house with a couple of ground floor offices.

#3 Neighbor Concerns

- Teresa said that, over the years, there have been a number of vehicle crashes into power poles and parked cars in the Capitol & Market and Capitol and Gaines area. She spoke with the City and they are considering putting in curb bump-outs at the pedestrian crossing at Capitol and Market. This would help to keep traffic in a straight line within the travel lanes. Nick said he opposed the bump-outs because they push bicycle riders towards the vehicle lanes.
- Mark reported a recent bad traffic accident at Shipping Street and Fairgrounds Road.

#4 Judge Erious Johnson, Jr.

Judge Johnson joined our meeting to introduce himself as the newly appointed Marion County Circuit Court Judge. He said that judges are public servants and he wants to meet the community he serves. As he has visited with various Salem Neighborhood Associations, the consistent concern has been traffic accidents; the results of which will often, eventually, come before him in court. His career has included private work regarding civil rights, elder abuse, scams and also work with the Department of Justice – he has done a bit of everything. He is originally from New York, licensed for 20 years, and lived in Oregon for 9 years. He will face an election in November to keep his Circuit Court position. A neighbor asked what types of cases are heard at the Circuit Court level. He said both civil and criminal cases, including: marriage dissolutions; water rights; child custody, imminent danger

situations, and much more. Another neighbor asked if the public can attend the hearings. He said, yes, unless it is a sensitive matter, such as a child custody or sexual assault case.

#5 Officer Report

No Salem Police Officer was present.

#6 Councilor Report

Virginia was not present.

#7 Communication for May Meeting

A. Susan addressed the issue of resuming in person meetings in May. The meetings could be held at the Broadway Commons. She said we could ask that folks wear a mask when not speaking, and asked for comments.

- Tina is concerned about the new Covid Omicron BA.2 variant that is trending upward;
- Paul commented that, according to the City of Salem calendar, about 2/3s of the Neighborhood Associations are meeting in April in person. City meetings are still all virtual;
- Christopher said he would like to meet in person;
- Teresa noted that there are some very large rooms at the Broadway Commons that would allow us to distance from one another;
- Marissa thought that a hybrid meeting, with both in person and zoom attendees might work well;
- Scott asked if we had the equipment and expertise to make a hybrid meeting work;
- Meeting at Grant Park was suggested;
- Jeanne said it is too difficult to have a formal meeting at a park. There is too much background noise, traffic sounds, and no acoustic help to allow speakers to be heard and understood.
- Susan said that Broadway Commons has good technical equipment and thought the hybrid could be done.

Paul moved that ***“We meet at Broadway Commons with both in person and Zoom attendance provided. Room will be provided for distancing and masks will be politely requested if you are attending in person.”*** Lola seconded the motion. Further discussion and comments included:

- Mark said that taking a mask off when you are speaking defeats the purpose of wearing a mask.
- Teresa suggested that the Boys & Girls Club building might be another optional place to meet.
- Susan said that, if it works, we could continue the hybrid model into the future.
- Nick said let’s practice with the hybrid and work to improve it.

The vote was 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

B. Susan described her design for a proposed 5”x7” postcard to provide the neighborhood with information about the Grant Neighborhood Association. The city will print, address, and mail the cards for an amount that Susan estimated not to exceed \$675. We have ample funds in our city account to be able to pay for this community outreach. Susan moved that ***“We approve spending up to \$675 to print postcards and mail to 1186 neighborhood addresses in GNA with information about our meetings and other information.”*** Paul seconded the motion. Mark asked if we could reduce the cost by using non-profit, or bulk mailing to a single zip code, rates. Susan said that we will get the city’s rate, which will be lower than mailing them ourselves. The vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention (Elliott).

C. Susan reported that the Street Painting group consisted of: Laura Hermann, Alice Hermann, Greta, Erica, and herself. If the City Guidelines are adopted by Council, they would like to paint over the 4th of July weekend. She will bring 3 draft designs to our May 5th meeting for everyone to review and comment upon. She is still talking with Miller Paint about sponsoring the work by donating paint and equipment. They want to have a side project for young children to be involved in. They are also considering having food vendors come.

D. Susan has been working on where additional Historic street-sign toppers could/should be located. Right now, the list of intersections includes: Summer & D; Capitol & Gaines; Fairgrounds &

Jefferson; and, Broadway & Market. These would spread them a bit farther out in the neighborhood. Over time, she would like to add more. The locations have to be submitted to the Salem Historical Landmarks Commission for review and approval. Susan moved that ***“We send a proposal to the Salem Historic Landmarks Commission for approve of the installation of Historic Neighborhood street-sign toppers at four new locations in the Grant neighborhood, being the intersections of these streets: Summer & D; Capitol & Gaines; Fairgrounds & Jefferson; and, Broadway & Market.”*** Paul seconded the motion. Further discussion included: Mark said that this was a good thing. Nick suggested that we only install two per year. Susan replied that it would be more economical to do four at a time as the city crew that has to install them would only make one trip. Scott asked for the basis on which the locations were selected. Susan said it was mostly visibility and that the one at Capitol and Gaines is at the location of the OSU Extension office, which receives a good number of visitors. The vote was 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

- E. Susan would like to have a booth at two of the Saturday Market days again this year. One would be scheduled for June, before the street painting event, and the other in late July, prior to National Night Out.
- F. Grant is partnering again with NEN for a Neighborhood Cleanup on May 14th. Susan has prepared the flyers for both neighborhoods. They still need a truck and driver to pick up the street barricade signs at the city shops at 7:30 am that day and take them back when it is over. Paul said he has a truck and can do it. A permit application to the city for the traffic control needs to be submitted along with a map of the setup. Also needed are strong folks to help

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

Patrick Sieng, a lobbyist with the Public Affairs Council, includes the Siletz Tribe as a client and he was here to present information on the facility proposal. He said that Tribal Chairwoman, Delores Pigsley, had a meeting in Lincoln City and was unable to attend. The confederation is made up of 30 tribes. They own 15,000 acres in Oregon, including the proposed casino land, as trust land, not reservation land. The surrounding properties that include the Harbor Freight site, the Hee Hee Illahee resort and other vacant parcels are also in their ownership at the I-5 Hayesville interchange. They own the Chinook Winds casino and resort at Lincoln City where they have a good relationship and provide financial support to the community. The Hayesville project is proposed to include a revenue sharing agreement in lieu of taxes. 50% of the income will be divided amongst the other 8 tribal groups in Oregon; 25% will go to state and local government; and, 25% will be retained by the Siletz Tribe. If approved, it will be the first off-reservation casino in Oregon. The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde are opposed to it, but they are still working on sorting out their differences. Public comment about the environmental impact of the proposed development can be submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) through April 8th. The project was proposed to the BIA 25 years ago but, ultimately, it was turned down by Governor Barbara Roberts. Governor Kate Brown will face the same decision opportunity. The tribe is trying to involve the community more this time around. The construction phase would be about 2 years and last until 2025, or so, and would provide construction jobs. Once operating there would be 1,200 new jobs onsite that would pay living wages. The jobs are open to all, with tribal members getting preference. At Chinook Winds about 10-12% of the employees are tribal members. They feel that the development would revitalize the area with gross revenue in the range of \$231 million per year. They are seeking to work with the city of Salem to improve infrastructure in the area, including roads, utilities, transportation, and affordable housing. The development statistics are: 673,000 square feet of buildings; a 500-room hotel; a nightclub; a sports bar; a casino; multiple restaurants; and, a 2,600-space parking garage. It will be large enough to host regional and national conferences in Salem; ones that the Convention Center is not big enough to handle. When asked what the public sentiment is, Patrick said that about 64% support it and 32% are opposed. 35% say they strongly support it. North and northeast Salem residents are the most supportive at 73% in favor. The next closest area, central Salem has a support of 59%. Nick said that, at the Spirit Mountain Casino, workers were not allowed to keep their tips and they were not happy about that – saying that \$15.50/hr

is not a living wage. Patrick said he did not know what the arrangement is at Chinook Winds, but he would find out and get back in touch with us. Sam commented that he is hearing general support in the Northgate area where they like the economic development aspects. Nick asked about the potential impacts of traffic on I-5. It should be mitigated if possible and plans should be in place to work on dedicated lanes. Patrick closed with providing contact and information links: pseing@paccounsel.com and <https://siletzsalemcasionnepa.com/>

#9 Dark Sky Initiative

Presenter not available this month. Rescheduled for June.

#10 Board Member Reports

- CERT - Lola brought information about:
 - The class that starts April 19th will be in person. The disaster drill will be May 7th and anyone who would like to participate as a victim or observer is welcome. The classes and drill will be held at the Airport Fire Station. Contact Lola to attend.
- Communications/Outreach – see Susan’s report in Agenda Item #7, above.
- Land Use Updates - Paul reported:
 - Our Salem Comprehensive Plan and Map was presented to the Planning Commission which extended the hearing to the 1st week of April to allow more comments. They have already received 135 pages of comments.
 - The city has opened up the public website so that you can see full permit applications now.
- North Neighborhoods CPT – Sam:
 - No report.

#11 Other Business

Sam reported on the DevNW committee meeting. Construction will probably start in late summer to early fall. They are looking for historic photos or artifacts related to the church and its activities. Seismic upgrades are being planned. When the remodeling begins, salvaged demo items may be available. At the June meeting, the work on the historic project will be presented. The next meeting will be on April 5th at 5:00 pm. Contact Sam for the link.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright