



Board members present:

Jon Christenson, Christine Chute, Victor Dodier, Bill Holmstrom, John Prohodsky, Ron Rubel, Jim Scheppke, Jeff Schumacher, Roz Shirack, Brian Sund, Lorrie Walker, Mark Wigg

Guests were present as well. **See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster**

President Lorrie Walker called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:31 pm with a quorum present.

1. Jim Scheppke moved to approve the January 2022 meeting minutes and Victor Dodier seconded the motion. The January Minutes were approved unanimously.

2. City and County Reports:

a. Councilor Anderson

Councilor Anderson wanted to discuss three things: Budget, Climate Action Plan and bond measure planned for November ballot. The maintenance bond will allow Salem to catch up on deferred maintenance. There is a tie-in to the climate action plan. If the bond measure passed there will not be a tax increase; the 2008 bond levy is being retired. Note: Tom is the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Climate Action Plan

Councilor Anderson proposed the Climate Action Task Force but was not initially appointed to it. He was appointed to it later. The Task Force has wide variety of participants including individuals who represent 350.org, builders, developers, and wide variety of interests and experience. There are three Councilors on the Task Force including Tom. The consultant knew what the goal was and provided guidance that enabled the committee to set and evaluate goals. The initial staff report reflected what they wanted to do. Staff, whose function is administrative was making policy, which is reserved for the Council, before Council proposed goals.

If the Climate Action Plan has a ban on new natural gas connections, NW Natural Gas has threatened to run an initiative opposing the proposed maintenance bond.

Homeless

In the SIMCA Neighborhood residents of a 55+ mobile home park feel like they are under siege from the homeless who have moved into Cascade Gateway Park. The Eagles Club wants to put a fence around its property. They lack money for the fence and

the City may be able to use funds from Park's budget the savings from not having a city manager when Steve Powers retires.

Budget

The budget includes money for additional police officers but there has been push back on including funds for a mobile crisis unit by Chief Womack and city staff who doesn't want to incorporate it into operations. It is expected that new city manager and Chief Womack will ask for objective data.

Jim Scheppeke asked how to insure new city Manager will be friendly to climate action plan? Councilor Anderson said Steve Powers is very cautious, does what Council wants. Councilor Anderson prefers a dynamic city manager who is committed to climate action plan.

Questions were asked about staff accountability, specifically about staff who impose their own policy beliefs on city and who run city. Jon Christenson said he believes 10 people can request the Secretary of State to audit a municipality.

Note: Specifics on how citizens can request a municipal audit from the Oregon Secretary of State's website:

[Can residents request an audit even when the municipality is exempt?^](#)

A municipality is not exempt from the audit requirement if the Secretary of State receives a petition requesting an audit from the municipality's residents. The petition for a municipality with a population of less than 150 residents must contain the signatures of at least 10 residents. A petition for a municipality with a population of 151 or more residents must contain the signatures of at least 30 residents. The petition must be submitted to the Secretary of State within six months of the end of the fiscal year end. The municipality will bear the cost of the audit.

Where can I find a petition and where do I mail it once completed?

Please contact the Secretary of State's office, Municipal Audit Law program manager at 503-986-2255 prior to initiating a petition.

Additional information on municipal audits is [here](#).

Victor Dodier said it took 50 years to get into homeless crisis and affordable housing is disappearing. Homeless don't have storage, trash receptacles, and infrequent cleaning of their camps. Councilor Anderson said part of the homeless problem is visual and security of personal property; he has been pushing for storage.

Bill Holmstrom said Portland is going through a charter review. He asked when Salem had its last charter review. Councilor Anderson did not know and said he was in favor of changing the charter to provide councilors a stipend (\$1500). This is an equity issue; it would allow someone who is not retired, wealthy or has a flexible schedule to run for a seat on the Council. Bill said there was a recent fatal traffic accident. He feels the current traffic situation is unacceptable, Salem's traffic system design is poorly designed and traffic laws could be better enforced. Councilor Anderson implied traffic deaths are due to systemic traffic issues and said he talks about traffic deaths in his council time.

Lorrie Walker said she believes a medical emergency caused the accident and that Owens Street is a traffic mess and the City spent a lot of money to clean up Cascade Gateway Park and the homeless are in the closed park. All Salem does is clean, more, and repeat. They need access to dumpsters and toilets. Councilor Anderson agrees. He is proud of Salem's efforts to provide low-income housing. He said United Way purchased 15-20 acres in southeast Salem for low income senior citizen housing.

Brian Sund said residents on Berry St. and 1700 block of High St. would like to see South Salem High School's open campus end, i.e. SSHS have a closed campus.

Jon Christenson citizens pay more (\$64.80 /month) for the combined street light and operations fee than commercial businesses, academic institutions, and (non-city) government (\$52.06).

3. Announcements and Neighborhood Concerns

Ron Rubel said he has been appointed to the Salem Art Association's Art Fair Committee. The SAA is willing to meet and work with SCAN on Art Fair issues.

Pam Wasson, Executive Director of the [Lord and Schryver Conservatory](#), said they will be having their 3rd Annual [Garden Tour](#) on June 4th and 5th. Several of the Lord and Schryver designed gardens on Fairmont Hill will be featured on the garden tour.

Jon Christenson said the [Salem Parks Foundation's](#) Spring 2022 [newsletter](#) mentioned SCAN's support of Bush's Pasture Park's Sundial restoration. Salem Park's Foundation grant applications are due by May 31st.

4. Committee Reports and Chair Report

a. Chair's report

There are a few housekeeping that need to be addressed including paying our website hosting service and reviewing SCAN's goals for 2021-22.

Lorrie Walker made a motion to authorize Salem to pay for another year of webhosting from SCAN's funds. Jon Christenson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 10 yes votes, 0 no votes and 2 abstentions.

Lorrie said neighborhood goals were due in July of 2021. Roz Shirack moved to adopt SCAN's 2020-21 goals as SCAN's 2021-22 goals. Jon Christenson seconded the motion. The 2020-21 goals are:

1. Encourage and support walkers, cyclists, and transit;
2. Advocate for improving parks; and
3. Support affordable housing, including a prohibition on unoccupied short-term rentals which remove housing stock for Salem residents

The 2020-21 SCAN goals were adopted as SCAN's 2021-22 goals on a vote of 12 yes votes , 0 no votes and no abstentions.

Suggestions for speakers at future SCAN meetings include:

- Michael Coilier – latest statistics on Covid and gambling and other addictions
- Heidi Miller – update on Center 50+
- Gretchen Miller (City) and D.J. Vincent (Church at the Park) – homelessness in Salem. Other possible speakers on homelessness in Salem are Jimmy Jones or Ashley Hamilton from ARCHES.

In April municipal election candidates will be speaking.

b. Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee

The Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee did not meet in January. The Committee's report (**Exhibit B**) is attached.

c. Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee did not meet in January. The Committee's report (**Exhibit C**) is attached.

d. Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee met in January. The Committee's report (**Exhibit D**) is attached. The Transportation Committee will meet February 16th at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34.

Exhibit A
Attendance Roster

Board members attending:

Board Member	Present?	Board Member	Present?	Board Member	Present?
Christenson, Jon	X	Rubel, Ron	X	Snyder, Carol	
Chute, Christine	X	Schepke, Jim	X	Walker, Lorrie	X
Dodier, Victor	X	Schumacher, Jeff	X	Wigg, Mark	X
Holmstrom, Bill	X	Shirack, Roz	X		
Prohodsky, John	X	Sund, Brian	X		

Other Attendees
<i>Councilor Tom Andersen</i>
<i>Pam Wasson</i>
<i>Chris D'Arcy</i>

Exhibit B

Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee

No Historic Design Reviews under Chapter 230 were received from, or circulated by, the City for properties in SCAN in January 2022.

Exhibit C

Land Use Committee Report

There is nothing new to report from the Land Use Committee. The Committee will not meet in February, unless a new development application comes in.

Salem Health's application for new signs on and near the hospital campus, including 11 sign adjustments, has not been deemed complete by staff yet. We are still following that application.

Roz Shirack, Chair

Exhibit D

Transportation Committee Report

The SCAN Transportation Committee met on January 19.

Attendees: Victor Dodier, Jim Scheppke, Brian Sund, Lorrie Walker, Jeff Schumacher and Gary Obery

Agenda:

- Discussion of the proposed Salem City Code change
- Discussion of the time slot for the SCAN Transportation Committee on the 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Items for future SCAN Transportation Committee meetings

Proposed Salem City Code Change

We discussed the proposed amendment to Chapter 64.025(e) that will be heard by Salem City Council at a public hearing on January 24. The proposed amendment clarifies what constitutes a significant effect on a City-owned transportation facility. The changes would apply only to a major plan amendment, like the *Our Salem* comprehensive plan, that is initiated by the City itself.

The comprehensive plan changes that *Our Salem* makes were modeled using the Regional Transportation Model maintained by the Salem Keizer Transportation Study. City staff reported that the changes to the transportation system overall were relatively small because (1) the

regional model is a general one and (2) population growth and development had to be allocated around the city.

Adopting the proposed code amendment would allow the City to move forward with the adoption of *Our Salem* without additional, detailed modeling of the transportation system and the need to consider road widening as possible mitigation. *Our Salem* generally prioritizes bicycle, pedestrian, and transit improvements, and safety over road widening.

Those present agreed that SCAN should not comment at the public hearing. We want to see the *Our Salem* comprehensive plan move forward toward adoption.

Committee meeting time

The Doodle poll showed that the best day was the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We met at 6:00 on January 19 because that was the time slot in the Doodle poll. After discussion, we set the time for future meetings as 6:30 PM on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Future Topics

Measures to slow traffic on Liberty S. north of the “S” curve. Items discussed included a red light camera at Meyers, “smart” speed signs that show traffic speed, radar reader boards and other traffic calming measures. First, we need data because the City did not collect speed data during the most recent traffic count on Liberty S. Follow up with City staff and, perhaps, ODOT staff is needed.

Next Meeting

The next SCAN Transportation Committee is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, February 16, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held by Zoom.