



Board members present:

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

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

Vice-President Jim Schepke called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:32 pm with a quorum present.

1. A motion to approve the February 2021 meeting minutes was made by John Prohodsky and seconded by Roz Shirack. The minutes were approved unanimously.
2. City and County Reports:

a. Councilor Nordyke

There has been a work session on City Manager recruitment process.

1200 people attended Salem Capitals first basketball game at Salem Armory.

Yaquina Hall repurposing project to provide mental health beds for homeless had its groundbreaking ceremony.

Council passed a resolution urging Congress to lead global effort to reduce the threat of nuclear war.

Council increased support for downtown businesses by approving an additional \$150,000 for the Strategic Project Grant Program.

Council approved councilor Stapleton's motion to direct staff to issue a report to reduce speed from 25 to 20 mph in neighborhoods (20 is Plenty).

Citizens are encouraged to [apply for City boards and commissions](#) including Police Review, Airport, Budget, Library and Human Resource Committee. They make important recommendations to Council. Budget Committee is very important as Councilors are a minority on Budget Committee. Participation on Boards and Committees develops future leaders.

The family self-sufficiency (FSS) program offered by the Salem Housing Authority was expanded by Council. It is a five-year voluntary program designed to help families achieve economic self-sufficiency by providing services ranging from case management

and referrals to supportive social services. This program provides housing for those who are in training programs or working to afford housing,

The Commercial Street Buffered Bicycle Lane Project was authorized by Council. It includes a buffered bike lanes on Commercial St. SE from Superior St. to Madrona Ave. along with a new bicycle signal south of Alice Ave, a pedestrian crossing with a rectangular rapid flashing beacon at Triangle Drive, and new streetlights in areas needing illumination.

Councilor Nordyke has been appointed to the Travel Salem Board. Salem travel wants to maximize the number of events held in Salem and the surrounding area. The 2022 half Ironman competition is sold out.

City manager hiring process. Councilor Nordyke has met one on one with consultant who is identifying City Manager candidates. Council has communicated desired city manager characteristics to consultant. Councilor Nordyke wants a city manager who can think outside the box. Too often City staff has said something was not feasible or costs too much, etc. without considering how to make the request happen. An innovative, energetic city manager can encourage staff to look for new or alternative approaches. A city manager should be culturally competent. There are over 90 languages spoken in Salem schools and refugees are resettling in Salem. A preference, not a requirement is that a city manager has experience working with homeless. The ability to listen is a very desirable characteristic. A key consideration is city manager's perspective on climate change.

b. Sgt. J. Hardy, Salem Police Dept.

The link to the City's webpage to report concerns or make a complaint about the homeless is <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/report-concerns-about-homelessness.aspx>.

Sgt. Hardy said the [Police Department's 2022-2024 Strategic Plan](#) is on the City's website. The Police Department's trust building portal can be accessed through the [Police Department's page on Salem's website](#).. It's located at the lower right corner of the webpage and is titled Trust building with the Community. You want to click on [Principled Policing in Action](#).

Body worn cameras from 3 vendors are being evaluated. Officers Are excited about the cameras and have asked to have them.

Roz Shirack asked if the police are evaluating in-car cameras. Officer Hardy said they are testing them as part of a package deal. The previous in car camera system was not satisfactory. Roz asked if the funds for the body worn cameras came from a grant from the State. Sgt. Hardy said he didn't know but would be surprised if some of the funds were from the state.

Trust building with BIPOC community. It is a priority of chief Womack. He has met with several members of the BIPOC community. Regaining trust will not occur overnight. Lack of trust, better with open community. Goal is no to trample on rights of other people while exercising free speech rights

c. Ashley Hamilton – Project Director ARCHES

The ARCHES Project covers Marion and Polk counties provides four different pillars of service, basic needs, supportive services, coordinated entry and housing.

Basic Needs includes ARCHES day center, mail boxes, bus passes, laundry, showers, hot or sack lunches and pet food, hygiene kits, and computer and telephone access.

Supportive services include health and wellness services, veterinary services, holiday meals, and warming network extension (early/late closing). Extreme weather response - providing shelters when it is too hot, too cold, and when there is flooding or hazardous air quality. Since it is unrealistic for ARCHES to expect everyone to come to them, teams go into the homeless community and provide services.

Supportive Services, the barrier removal element of ARCHES, works to increase income, increase ability to get into housing, provide veteran services, and resource navigation.

Coordinated entry – housing assessments, identification, triage and service prioritization to move individuals and families through the housing system. It also provides understanding of who needs housing.

Arches offers a variety of housing programs case management, rental assistance, and self sufficiency to help clients stand on their own feet.

ARCHES partnered with the State to provide COVID rent relief and is building community capacity to support case management services, operational costs, and street outreach efforts.

The future includes expanding number of homeless shelters, recuperative care program supporting those who exit hospital and have nowhere to go, and health oriented housing program for frequent users of emergency health services

d. John Marshall, Church at the Park (C@P)

C@P serves those on the margins. C@P's three pillars are resource navigation, workforce development, and transitional housing.

C@P operates a day center on Turner Road staffed with case managers where it provides food from Marion Polk Food Share twice weekly, on site laundry services, showers, community garden, and mobile health teams are on site once a month. C@P is the safe parking coordinator for City of Salem.

It manages the micro shelter housing at Village of Hope and CCS shelter sites. Of those exiting the shelters, 37% and 87% respectfully of exits went to better housing.

Next shelter village is on Center Street across from Safeway. It will replace the Village of Hope (DMV site) at the intersection of Portland and Fairgrounds Roads.

C@P's goal is to provide dignifying opportunities for individuals to receive care to begin working and to problem in relational ways solving opportunities then those individuals begin to reciprocate back to the community

Roz Shirack asked status of micro shelters for the 80 spots Center Street location. John Marshall said they will move existing pods and acquire the rest by mid-May. She also asked if they have money for the omnes that need to be built. John said they do thanks to fund raising in the community.

Victor asked if they had enough money. John said they have enough for the next 3-4 months of micro shelter operations.

Jim Schepke asked Ashley what happened to the people who were removed from Marion Square Park. Ashley replied that they scatter to other parts of the city seeking refuge and safety creating other communities. ARCHES, UGM, C@P, and others are working to increase shelter capacity and housing opportunities.

Brian Sund asked what is going to happen when DMV site shuts down, will here be 80 shelters? What will happen to pods at DMV site? Those pods will be office spaces for services at the Safeway site.

Pam asked do you have opportunities for volunteers? John said volunteer opportunities at C@P can be found [here](#). Some of the opportunities include sorting donations and helping with food share at C@P on Tuesdays and Fridays. You can sign up at the Church at the Park [website](#).

Ashley said ARCHES volunteer activities can be found at their [volunteer hub](#). Some of the volunteer activities are at [warming shelters](#), day center and shower truck. ARCHES has training videos and manuals for volunteers.

Roz asked Ashley what is the relationship between community action agency and United Way and how do they differ? Ashley said they are two different and separate entities. Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency's core mission is anti-poverty which builds upon the mission and values of community partners to institutionalize effective service. Anti-poverty work focuses on early childhood education and development, homelessness, and housing. United Way provides different services. For example, they raised funds for the shower truck and gifted it to ARCHES who operates it. United Way saw a need for a women's shelter and opened the Safe Sleep women's shelter. ARCHES provides some of the funds to operate the shelter.

Brian Sund said Marion County Solid Waste has a playbook for managing solid waste at a homeless camp. There will not be a charge for taking solid waste from homeless camps to Covanta waste to energy plant.

3. Neighborhood Concerns

Brian Sund asked about for an update on the new SCAN log. Jim Scheppke said there is nothing to report.

Jim asked North Gateway Neighborhood Association visitor to introduce themselves. They said they were visiting to see how other neighborhood associations operated and what they were doing.

4. Committee Reports and Chair Report

a. Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee

Committee Chair Jon Christenson submitted a written report (**Exhibit B**).

b. Land Use Committee

Committee Chair Roz Shirack submitted a written report (**Exhibit C**).

Victor Dodier said City staff makes it difficult to know what recommendations from Our Salem are being implemented. Roz said our Salem recommendations have been put into proposed code amendments which are before the Planning Commission. The Land Use Committee will review the proposed changes and draft of testimony based upon SCAN's previous positions. The code amendments are more detailed and have things SCAN has not seen before. If the Land Use Committee feels SCAN needs to address those issues they will recommend to the Board additional testimony for approval. Roz noted that the Land Use Committee has a majority of the Board as members and if they approve the testimony, the whole Board will not need to approve it. Roz believes the Planning Commission's recommendation will carry a lot of weight when code amendments go to Council for approval.

Jim Scheppke asked if Land Use Committee is following proposed changes to sign code? Roz said yes, but not recently. Roz said that Jon Christenson recommended that the Land Use Committee should follow changes early on. The proposed sign code changes will be looked at after the Land Use Committee has reviewed proposed code amendments to implement Our Salem recommendations.

It is difficult to know what changed in sign code. Staff provided a clean 42-page version incorporating proposed changes which makes it difficult to know what has changed. Roz said sign code changes address temporary signs and signs that were not in existence when the sign code was created. Jim Scheppke said Salem has hired a code enforcement officer who is responsible for enforcing the sign code. John Prohodsky asked if there was meaningful enforcement which makes people think twice about violating sign code. Jim Scheppke said they are confiscating signs and fining people.

c. Transportation Committee

Committee Chair Victor Dodier submitted a written report (**Exhibit D**).

In the Committee Report is a resolution for Board approval of written testimony for the Infrastructure Bond Engagement Steering Committee meeting on Friday, March 18th, 2022. Victor said the transportation committee received feedback on the proposed testimony and Victor presented the revised resolution below for Board approval.

Be it resolved that:

SCAN requests that the Infrastructure Bond include funding for the following categories of transportation projects:

- *Sidewalk Repair. Enough money to repair, rehabilitate and bring sidewalks along city streets up to good condition in a reasonable timeframe.*
- *Tier 1 bicycle projects. Money for Tier 1 Bicycle projects in the Salem Transportation Plan that are otherwise languishing for lack of funding. Bicycle projects should be connected to one another, making it useable network for cyclists. Further, bicycle projects should be done in conjunction with sidewalk repair and pavement resurfacing so that pedestrians, cyclists, skaters, and skate boarders have smooth even surfaces.*
- *Pavement Preservation. A significant portion of the bond proceeds devoted to street projects should be committed to pavement preservation. City streets should be smooth, not broken, potholed and/or rutted.*
- *Church Street Bridge. Funding for repair and rehabilitation of the historic Church Street bridge over Pringle Creek should be included. Bond proceeds could be used as match for federal transportation funds available through ODOT.*
- *“Road diet” for Liberty Street S. Traffic speeds Liberty Street S north of Superior are far in excess of the 30 mph speed limit. The three lanes of Liberty S give drivers the illusion of open space after the two lanes of Commercial S. Drivers respond by accelerating to 35-40 mph, presenting a hazard to pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers entering Liberty S from side streets and parking lots.*
- *Pedestrian crossing lights to support mixed use development. The mixed use redevelopment along arterials (for example, Commercial S and Liberty S) envisioned in the Our Salem Comprehensive Plan Update is intended to be pedestrian friendly. Successful use of the mixed use zones will rely on safe and convenient pedestrian crossings to prevent the arterials from becoming barriers.*

Roz Shirack said the Liberty Street pedestrian crossing should be removed.

Victor said pedestrian crossings have been requested on Liberty Street. Roz said the context is mixed use zoning and since the section of Liberty in SCAN doesn't have mixed use zoning it should be removed. Jim Scheppke remarked that the mention of Liberty Street in the last item is an example and not a request to modify the proposed zoning code changes. No change was made.

John Prohodsky said both Commercial and Liberty Streets are impediments to pedestrian traffic and are needed. He inquired about “pavement preservation”. Victor

said pavement preservation is a term of art for a structural overlay that rebuilds the street. An example is the rebuilding of Commercial Street done many years ago. Staff expects about half of the bond will be used to preserve pavement.

The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

April's meeting will feature a candidate's discussion between the mayoral candidates and the Ward 2 candidate will answer questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Board members attending:

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

Other Attendees
<i>Councilor Vanessa Nordyke</i>
<i>Ashley Hamilton – Project Director ARCHES</i>
<i>Carlene Benson</i>
<i>Jerry Q</i>
<i>Pam</i>
<i>Rachael</i>
<i>Sgt. J. Hardy, Salem Police Department</i>
<i>Kaethe Mentrum</i>
<i>Linda Nishioka, Candidate for Ward2 City Council seat</i>
<i>John Marshall, Church at the Park</i>

Exhibit B

Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee Report

I. DESIGN REVIEWS

No Historic Design Reviews under SRC 230 were received or circulated for properties in SCAN in February 2022.

II. DEEPWOOD MUSEUM & GARDENS -- PLANT SALE -- Fundraiser for Museum & Gardens -- Friday & Saturday March 18-19, 9 AM to 3 PM

In the Deepwood Parking Lot, 12th & Lee Streets, Indoor Tented Space -- Rain or Shine. Fundraiser for Museum & Gardens. Plants, pottery, yard decor, et al.

Free tours of Nature Trails at 10 AM and 12 PM. Free tours of Formal Gardens (11 AM and 1 PM). Museum Home tours at 9, 10, 11, 12 -- \$ 6. Adults - children free.

III. A WOODLAND GARDEN AT BUSH'S PASTURE PARK

A new enhancement of the northwest section of the park is being developed by the Mission Street Parks Conservancy (MSPC), in coordination and collaboration with Parks Operations. Also consultation with City Historic Preservation Officer.

The new garden would be a significant improvement to a neglected space near the parking area. Design details are still being identified. Should you want to see the very preliminary location drawings, please let me know. Would be pleased to sent to you in a separate individual email. The group email is limited to less than 8.00 MBytes.

The plantings and trees would provide a year around landscape of changing interest and seasonal color.

More information should be available in April 2022.

Addendum – March 3, 2022

LANE WEINBERG, who served on the SCAN Board, and helped on parks issues passed away on January 18, 2022. Lane, when he retired, after a 35 year career with CH2M HILL in Portland and Saudi Arabia, moved to the SCAN Neighborhood, south of McKinley School. Father of 4. All four of his children have careers in the Fine Arts: film, animation, design. His wife Nancy is an accomplished artist. Nancy and Lane also helped with set ups for the SCAN Annual Meeting at Pringle Hall when he served on the Board. Very talented man, in wood construction, an engineering draftsman, motorcyclist, auto aficionado, musician, owner of two VW campers, and of a classic Karmann Ghia.

WALLY REED, recently passed away, a resident of the Gaiety Hill National Historic District on Leffelle near the lower field. For years, Wally and his wife Kathy (deceased) lived near the park and the road and the parking lot was a dust bowl, largely unpaved. Kathy had grown up in the SCAN Neighborhood, attending McKinley, Leslie and SSHS, before going to the University of Chicago, becoming Associate Provost of the University of Virginia, eventually overseeing a billion dollar budget. Moving back home to the neighborhood, Wally and Kathy were a team and Kathy served as president of SCAN. The Reeds went to work and surprised everyone, except those who knew them, and convinced the City of Salem to upgrade the road, the parking lot and the drainage, create a bioswale along lower Leffelle. Wally was the driving force in creating the Rhododendron Hillside in Bush's Pasture Park, and Chapter Chair of the Willamette unit of the American Rhododendron Society (www.arswillamette.com). He taught at the University of Virginia where, before he retired, served as an Associate Professor in the Environmental Sciences Department. His Master of Urban & Regional Planning was from the University of Illinois Champlain-Urbana and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. A gentle kind man.

Remarkable individuals.

Exhibit C

Land Use Committee Report

The Land Use Committee is reviewing the proposed amendments to a number of zone codes as part of the Our Salem Comprehensive Plan Update. A new Mixed Use-III zone is proposed for Commercial St. SE in the southern part of SCAN (currently zoned Commercial Retail). SCAN's previously adopted positions will be provided as testimony to the Planning Commission's hearing March 15. SCAN is already on record as requesting a Mixed Use-II zone along Commercial St. SE. The testimony may go into more detail as to why the MU-III zone is not appropriate. All mixed use zones are supposed to be pedestrian friendly and encourage walking and transit use. However, the MU-III zone allows motor vehicle sales and services; stand-alone commercial parking lots; drive throughs; private camps and RV parks; warehousing and distribution; and many other intense uses that are not allowed in the MU-II.

The Planning Commission is reviewing a number of proposed changes to the sign code in a series of work sessions over the next several months. Its March 1 work session focused on temporary signs. Many of the changes add regulations and restrictions for some types of signs not in the current code (e.g., balloon signs). However, one change would allow temporary sidewalk signs to be placed on the public sidewalk in some cases for properties outside of the Downtown.

The next Land Use Committee meeting is Thursday, March 17 to discuss the sign code and next steps for the Comprehensive Plan update.

Exhibit D

Transportation Committee Report

The committee met by Zoom on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Jim Scheppke, Brian Sund, Mark Wigg, and I were present. Bill Holstrom and Jon Christenson were briefly present at the beginning of the meeting.

Our agenda was to discuss the City's proposed infrastructure bond and what transportation projects SCAN might request to be included in it.

We first discussed the Infrastructure Bond Engagement Steering Committee's February 18th meeting. I reported my personal comments to the Committee that the bond should (1) include enough money to repair, rehabilitate and bring sidewalks up to good condition in a reasonable timeframe, (2) implement Tier 1 bicycle projects identified in the Salem Transportation System Plan including connecting bicycle improvements so that they are continuous, and (3) provide funding for structural overlays to improve street surfaces. When asked by Mayor Bennett if there was anything that I would not include, I responded that the Technology and Cybersecurity component was more likely an ongoing operating expense because IT security needs change so quickly.

The Infrastructure Bond Engagement Committee's next meeting is March 18th.

We move on to discuss what SCAN might request if we offer SCAN comments to the Committee. How granular will the bond be? Will specific projects be listed? City staff has not been clear. Jim suggested that specific projects should not be listed because a list would tie City Council's hands over the ten year funding program. I suggested that some large projects should be listed while others, like sidewalk and bicycle projects, should be categories rather than individual projects because individual projects are small dollar amounts.

Brian suggested sidewalk repair and streets that are becoming potholes. Sidewalks are in bad shape and streets are falling apart. Further, bikeways should be completed and connected to one another.

Before he left the meeting, Jon suggested that preservation of the historic Church Street bridge over Pringle Creek should be included. It has deteriorated. Bond proceeds could be used as match for federal historic bridge preservation funds available through ODOT.

Jim seconded Jon's suggested. He added bikeways and "road diet" projects for Liberty Street S.

Mark added his support for bicycle and pedestrian projects. He went further in saying that the City should have a coordinated plan for walking / rolling (including skating, skateboards, and "one wheel" mobility) throughout City.

I repeated my suggestion that the City pursue an effective program of repairing sidewalks. The amount of money the City devotes to sidewalk repair is much too small to address the deferred sidewalk maintenance problem. For bicycle projects, the money should go toward Tier 1 projects in the Salem Transportation Plan that are otherwise languishing for lack of funding. Bikeways should be connected. Mark commented that the City should change its policy of

painting bike lanes alongside high speed arterials; it simply does not work. Finally, the bulk of the bond proceeds for streets should be committed to pavement overlays.

We also discussed the concept of building “new streets,” one of the bullet points in the FAQ for the bond. We were generally opposed. New streets / new lane miles would add vehicle miles of travel. Whatever street projects are done with bond proceeds should support the City’s Climate Action Plan ... new lanes would go in the opposite direction.

The Committee proposes the following motion concerning the Infrastructure Bond:

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If approved by the SCAN Board, the resolution would be transmitted to the Infrastructure Bond Outreach Committee in writing and orally by Victor Dodier as public comments at the Committee’s March 18 meeting.