

Board members present:

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

Roz Shirack's absence was excused.

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

President Lorrie Walker called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:35 pm with a quorum present.

1. A motion to approve the April 2021 meeting minutes was made by Jim Scheppke and seconded by Lorrie Walker. The April meeting minutes were approved unanimously (9 yes, 0 no).

2. Annual Meeting administration

Lorrie Walker moved to spend \$250 for food for SCAN's June 1st Annual Meeting provided by the SSHS Culinary Program. Jim Scheppke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (8 yes, 0 no). Brian Sund, who is making arrangements for the food said it would consist of a meat, cheese and cracker platter; a vegetable and hummus platter; and mini tarts.

Lorrie Walker moved to spend \$61 for Pringle Hall rental. Victor Dodier seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8 yes, 0 no). Lorrie and other Board members talked with Chris Hoy, City Council President, to wave the rental of Pringle Hall. The \$61 approved by the board was for the rental application fee which could not be waved.

Victor Dodier moved to approve \$250 for the publishing of the SCAN newsletter. Jim Scheppke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (9 yes, 0 no).

Jim Scheppke will contact the Statesman Journal and Salem Reporter about covering the Annual Meeting's presentation, Oregon Oaks: A Neighborhood Legacy in SCAN, by Professors David Craig and Karen Arabas of Willamette University.

Lorrie Walker will invite Tom Anderson and Vanessa Nordyke to speak at the Annual Meeting. She will also invite Ward 2 Councilor elect Linda Nishioka.

3. Nominations for SCAN Board

The terms of Jim Scheppke, John Prohodsky, Christine Chute, Victor Dodier, Bill Holmstrom, Ron Rubel, Jeff Schumacher, and Brian Sund expire in 2022. They were asked if they would like to be nominated for another 2-year term on the SCAN Board. All said they would like to be nominated.

4. Meeting at SSHS in the fall

Jim Scheppke asked about meeting at SSSH in September. Brian Sund said he will ask SSSH Michelle Howard about SCAN meeting at SSSH.

5. City and County Reports:

There were no City or County reports.

6. Salem Bike Vision

Dylan McDowell, Chair of Salem's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, presented instead of Ian Davidson.

Salem's Bike Vision was the result of a casual conversation Virginia Stapleton had with Ian Davidson about protected buffers between bike lanes and roads instead of signs or painted lines. Signs were easy to miss and riding besides congested, fast moving traffic can intimidate people.

The vision is a comprehensive network of protected bike lanes built on existing infrastructure whenever possible. If passed, the Community Improvement Bond will fund north-south and east-west like lanes protected by buffers. Dylan mentioned that electric bikes outsold electric vehicles during the pandemic.

Victor Dodier said it was too late to pick projects for the proposed infrastructure bond. He said that SCAN supports family friendly bikeways known as Bike Boulevards in Portland. Dylan said City staff is reluctant to support bike proposals because of increased maintenance costs.

Cheryl Hummon asked about bike routes shown on maps. She specifically mentioned Gilcrest Street. Dylan said although the TSP showed bike routes it was very vague about implementation.

John Prohodsky asked about bike lanes that feed into the proposed north-south and east-west protected bike lanes. Dylan said those would be developed once the north-south and east-west protected lanes were implemented.

Jim Sheppke asked if Bike Vision works with busses. Dylan said the intent is to integrate it with other forms of transit including busses.

Mark Wigg said that when a bike Lane was proposed on Commercial Street business owners objected due to the perceived loss of parking and driveways.

Bill Holmstrom said building bikeways is not hindered by technical problems but political problems.

John Prohodsky asked if roads in new subdivisions would be bike friendly? Dylan replied that standards for bike friendly streets needed to be developed.

Victor Dodier said the proposed Vista/Commercial corridor project has minimal bicyclist protection. When the City was asked if the minimal bicyclist protection could be continued south of the Fairview-Vista couplet on Liberty Street. Salem said it was too expensive. The Commercial - Vista Corridor Project final report is [here](#).

Jerry Quigg said he is baffled by the hodge podge of bike lanes in downtown Salem. He said there are inconsistencies in the types of and connectivity between bike lanes. Dylan said Salem needs standards.

Rob Rubel doesn't like the idea of a zero sum game between cars and bikes and said additional space for bikes are needed. Dylan said bikes and cars can coexist. Increased bike usage reduces fatalities and makes room for additional vehicles.

Lorrie Walker said she use to ride everywhere but doesn't due to increasing number of cars.

If there are additional comments or questions send an email to salembikevision@gmail.com.

7. Neighborhood Concerns and Announcements

There were none.

8. Committee Reports and Chair Report

a. Chair's report

Lorrie said she would not run for SCAN Chair. A committee was formed to nominate SCAN officers for 2022-2023. Members are Lorrie Walker, Christine Chute, and John Prohodsky.

b. Historic Preservation, Parks, and Gardens Committee

The Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens committee report is attached (**Exhibit B**). There were no applications for historic design reviews.

Tickets to the June 4th and 5th Neighborhood Garden Tour sponsored by the Lord and Schryver Conservatory can be purchased [here](#). Several of the gardens were designed by Lord and Schryver.

c. Land Use Committee

A written report was not submitted. Roz, Shirack, Land Use Chair, was not present.

d. Transportation Committee

The Transportation Committee report is attached (**Exhibit C**). Victor Dodier said further comments about the proposed infrastructure bond before Council were considered but decided against.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04.

Exhibit B

Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee Report

I. DESIGN REVIEWS

There were no Historic Design Reviews (under SRC 230 Historic Preservation) received or circulated for properties in SCAN in April 2022. There have been no applications for properties in SCAN for HLC or City HPO review this year to date.

II. PROPOSED WOODLAND GARDEN IN BUSH'S PASTURE PARK

A detailed budget is still being developed. Should be by Fall 2022. A key lead person on the project is recovering currently from surgery.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL & EARTH SCIENTIST, PROFESSOR KAREN ARABAS TO SPEAK AT SCAN ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 1

Dr. Arabas, Professor of Environmental and Earth Sciences at Willamette University will be joining Dr. Dave Craig, head of the Biology Department, in the discussion of the oak ecosystem in Bush's Pasture. A special emphasis will be on the evolution and ecology of galls that contribute to biodiversity in the park and the SCAN Neighborhood. Galls are tumor-like growths on the leaves and twigs of the Oregon White Oaks.

Dr. Arabas is the Associate Director of Land Conservation & Research at Zena Forest and principal investigator for oak habitat restoration of the 340 acre forest in Polk County. Her dissertation was on "Fire and Vegetation Dynamics in the Eastern Serpentine Barriers," Ph.D., from Pennsylvania State University. Earlier work includes research at ICF supporting the US EPA Global Climate Change Division, and for the World Resources Institute Climate and Policy Group.

Jon Christenson

Exhibit C

Transportation Committee Report

The Transportation Committee met on Wednesday, April 27th, by Zoom.

Attending: Jim Scheppke, John Prohodsky, Mark Wigg, Lorrie Walker, Jon Christenson and Victor Dodier

Our agenda for the meeting was to discuss the Bike Vision proposal that might be considered for funding in the City's proposed Infrastructure Bond.

Jim Scheppke indicated that he no longer planned to propose a motion at the May SCAN Board meeting to support the Bike Vision proposal. He said that Lorrie had invited Ian Davidson, Cherriots's Board President and a proponent of Bike Vision, to the May SCAN Board meeting to speak to the proposal. Jim said that he would like to listen to the Bike Vision presentation.

I indicated that the Transportation Committee's written and oral comments to the Infrastructure Bond Engagement Steering Committee were supportive of Bike Vision because it promises a connected network of bike routes. I expressed my concerns about potential cost. The Salem Transportation System Plan envisioned a network of connected family friendly bikeways. But, few of these low cost bikeways (most require only signage and pavement markings) had been implemented. Protected bike lanes might be more expensive with the result that even fewer would be designated / implemented.

Salem City Council will have a public hearing / work session on Monday, May 16th, to consider the Engagement Steering Committee's recommendation. Should SCAN make further comments? No. There are no SCAN-related issues remaining, in Jim's and my opinion. Others concurred. The Engagement Steering Committee recommendation changed the initial proposal along the lines that we had suggested in comments.

We talked about other aspects of the Engagement Steering Committee's recommendation. Mark opined that the Marine Drive proposal would increase traffic congestion at the Wallace Road / Glen Creek Road intersection. Additional congestion will increase the attractiveness of bike commuting to downtown since bicycle improvement on Marine Drive will connect to Wallace Marine Park, the bicycle/pedestrian bridge and River Front Park.

I commented that I may not attend the May Board meeting. If I do not attend, I said that someone should ask Cherriots Board President Ian Davidson about bus ridership and how it was recovering from the COVID pandemic.

Submitted by

Victor Dodier

Chair, SCAN Transportation Committee