

Board members present:

Jon Christenson, Victor Dodier, John Prohodsky, Ron Rubel, Jim Schepke, Roz Shirack, Brian Sund, Carol Snyder, Lorrie Walker, Mark Wigg

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

President Lorrie Walker called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm with a quorum present.

1. The 2022 SCAN Annual Meeting featured a presentation by Dr. David Craig and Dr. Karen Arabas of Willamette University on the *Oregon White Oak Salvage Project*. The February 2022 ice storm uprooted trees in bush's Pasture Park and elsewhere in Salem. They obtained tree cookies, i.e. trunk cross sections from those downed trees which were used to study tree growth and correlate environmental and cultural factors influencing tree growth.

Their presentation touched on:

- Factors influencing growth
- Why the ice storm affected trees
- The stories tree rings tell
- Impact of culture and development on Oregon white oak trees

They mentioned the work done by [Friends of Trees](#) and [Cities4Forests](#) to promote trees, urban forestry, and conserving Oregon White Oaks in urban and suburban environments.

They expressed concern about the impact of Rhodys in Bush's Pasture Park on the health of Oregon White Oaks. Rhodys can be a vector for root disease.

2. Remarks by Councilor Nordyke

Councilor Nordyke mentioned that Oregon has a lack of affordable housing and has the 5th highest rate of homelessness on the United States. A 10% increase in rent increases homelessness by 13.6%. She said to afford to rent a 2-bedroom house requires a 40 hour a week job that pays \$25/hour.

She expressed interest in knowing if the Salem Police Department is ready for the unthinkable, a mass shooting.

3. Mathew Boule, Executive Director Salem Art Association

Mr. Boule said the 2022 Art Fair is moving from being held under trees south of Bush Barn to the field west of Bush Barn and south of the Rose Garden to prevent damage to the roots of Oregon White Oaks. There will be an exhibit on Oregon White Oaks in Bush Barn during the Art Fair. This year's Art Fair will celebrate Kalapuya culture and history.

4. A motion to approve the May 2022 meeting minutes was made by Jim Schepke and seconded by Carol Snyder. The May meeting minutes were approved with one abstention.
5. SCAN Board of Director Nominations

Board members Christine Chute, Victor Dodier, Bill Holmstrom, John Prohodsky, Ron Rubel, Jim Scheppke, Jeff Schumacher, and Brian Sund two-year term ends on June 30th. They were nominated for the two-year term ending in June 2024 by Jim Scheppke. The nominations were seconded by Victor Dodier. They were unanimously approved for a two-year term as SCAN directors.

6. Committee Reports

a. Historic Preservation, Parks, and Gardens Committee

The Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens committee report is attached (**Exhibit B**).

b. Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee report is attached (**Exhibit C**).

Meeting adjourned at 8:27.

Exhibit B

Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee Report

I. DESIGN REVIEWS

Two Notices are being reviewed by the HPPG Committee members:

A. Case No. HIS22-12 Warren Carkin House (1920)

Proposed is the installation of a radon remediation system to be located the rear of the house. The residence is at the corner of Leslie Street SE & Church Street in Gaiety Hill, was once owned by a prominent architect and member of City Council Warren Carkin.

SIDEBAR HISTORICAL NOTES: Councilor Carkin was responsible for the planting of the rows of the star-leaved American Sweetgums (yellow-purple-red in the Fall) on the two blocks on Church Street from Bush's Pasture to the bridge. The architectural firm today continues today as AC & CO Architectural Community: with offices downtown on State Street and in the SCAN Neighborhood on Liberty Street. The firm participated in Architecture Foundation of Oregon "Architecture in the Schools" 2021-2022 program at McKinley School.

An uniform canopy of street trees is a design principle of Elizabeth Lord & Edith Schryver (**Essentials of Landscape Architecture** 1932). Church Street is one of the best examples in the neighborhood.

The first recorded use of American Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) was for a liquid amber beverage at a ceremony by **Montezuma and Cortez in 1519**. There is only one species native to North America. The fruit is an important food source for sparrows, mourning doves, wild turkeys, gray squirrels, et al.

B. Case No. HIS-13 Woodland Garden in Bush's Pasture Park

This is a significant landscape modification. Being proposed by the **Mission Street Parks Conservancy**. Please see the attached NOF {Notice of Filing}: a very good description of the landscape plan (site conditions, design concept, elevation, trees, ground cover). Recommendation: in September or October, invite Michael Slater to the SCAN Board meeting.

II. EVENTS

A. Neighborhood Garden Tour Fairmount Hill June 4-5

12 unique residential gardens on Fairmount Hill, a benefit for the **Lord & Schryver Conservancy**. Info: www.lordschryver.org or telephone 971-600-6987. *****

B. Deepwood Estate & Gardens

Formal Gardens at Deepwood will be closed to the public at set hours on 6/4, 6/11, 6/17, 6/18, 6/24, 6/25. For information on rental for private events, please call 503-363-1825. Different "packages" are available for private weddings, receptions, Garden Galas ranging from \$1770 to \$3776 for the 2022 Season, May through October. The traditional Annual Events at Deepwood are currently on hold due to COVID-19.

Exhibit C

Land Use Committee Report

June 1, 2022

Our Salem Comprehensive Plan Update

City Council will hold a public hearing June 13 on Our Salem and proposed zone changes. The Committee will submit the previously approved SCAN testimony on Our Salem. SCAN's testimony was previously provided at the Planning Commission's hearing in March. In a supplemental staff report in response to SCAN's testimony, staff said it did not object to SCAN's request for a Mixed Use-II zone on Commercial St SE south of Superior instead of the Mixed Use-III zone originally proposed by staff. Unfortunately, Commissioner Michael Slater's motion to apply the Mixed Use-II zone along Commercial St. SE from Mission to Vista Ave along SCAN's boundary (as SCAN had requested) failed in a 3 to 3 tie vote.

Development Applications

The Committee is currently reviewing development applications to:

- 1) Add a parking lot to serve a new office use in a single family house (zoned Commercial Office) at 1705 Commercial St. SE. The applicant requests four adjustments in order to fit the required number of parking spaces onto the lot. The adjustments to standards would result in reduced setbacks on two sides of the property and a tighter vehicle maneuvering area.
- 2) Add 10 directional and building signs on and around the Hospital campus to direct people to the new Emergency Dept entrance and parking garage. All proposed signs require adjustments to standards to make the signs bigger and more numerous than otherwise allowed.
- 3) Replace an existing utility pole with a taller pole and install a wireless communications facility on the new pole in the 100 block of Bush St S (west of Commercial St).

Submitted by Roz Shirack, Chair