

# Minutes of **GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting October 6, 2022 6:15 pm Broadway Commons and online via: Zoom video conference

## **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>	AARON TERPENING	<i>P</i>
MARK DECOURSEY	<i>P</i>	TERESA JOSLIN	<i>P</i>	MARISSA THEVE	<i>P</i>
TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	NICK MASELLI	<i>P</i>	PAUL TIGAN	<i>E</i>
CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SUSAN NAPACK	<i>P</i>		
LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>E</i>		

Others present: Mark Wigg, Gwen Francy, Kari Custer, Dan Dorn, Laura Dorn, Laura Herrmann, Virginia Stapleton, Ash Dahlen, Christi Wolfe, Carol DeCoursey, Carolin VanOrdin, Rubi Martinez-Sanchez, and Irma Coleman.

Christopher moved that ***“We approve the September minutes as submitted.”*** Marissa seconded the motion. Vote was 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

### **#2 Great Story from Grant**

- Laura Herrmann invited all to the City of Salem’s Volunteer Recognition event at City Hall on Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00. The volunteers that instigated the street painting program in Grant that led to City code changes, and city-wide enthusiasm, are to be recognized.

### **#3 Neighbor Concerns**

- Kari Custer walks with her kids to Grant School and has a difficult time crossing Summer Street at Hood Street. Traffic speeds by and will not stop for pedestrians. It is very unsafe. Neighbors discussed solutions: a crossing guard, flashing lights, portable speed readout, signs posted for reduced speeds during school commute times. Crossing guards are hard to get, flashing lights - like those on Market near Englewood School - require 2 lanes each of two-way traffic and are very expensive.
- Nick reported on his sewer service damage as a result of an underground boring for Comcast fiberoptic cables. His questions to City Hall regarding permits for this work yielded no information. He warned others to be aware as he got no notice that this was taking place. Virginia will check with City departments to determine if there are permits and notifications involved – or should be involved.
- Mark reported that garden debris trash bins in the Shipping and Cottage area have now been dumped twice and potted plants stolen.

### **#4 Officer’s Report**

Christi Wolfe, Salem Compliance Services Officer was present. Not too many enforcements in Grant right now. Susan commented about the excessive motorcycle noise in the neighborhood between 10:00 pm and 7:00 am. Officer Wolfe said that Salem does have noise ordinance but moving vehicles are hard to locate and cite, when compared to noise from a certain property that has repeat offenses. Vehicle noise is not a top enforcement priority.

### **#5 Councilor Report**

Virginia was back from her journeys. She brought the following information:

- Handouts detailing the projects that the \$300 million bond Measure on the ballot November 4<sup>th</sup> will finance. These include: street and sidewalk repairs and maintenance; fire equipment and two new stations; park upgrades; branch libraries; affordable housing; technology and

cybersecurity; and, civic center earthquake retrofits. The passage of the bond measure will not raise the city's tax rate as there are previous bonds that are being retired. Lots of folks still are not aware of it yet. They are 50/50 in favor-against when they first learn of it. That goes up to a 60/40 approval rate once they are told the tax rate will not rise.

#### #6 **4<sup>th</sup> and Gaines 4-plex**

Dan and Laura Dorn were with us again to review their proposed development on the southeast corner of the intersection of Gaines and 4<sup>th</sup> streets. The existing house has developed excessive dry rot and is on an unstable brick foundation. The property is zoned commercial. The Dorn family has owned it since 1959. They originally proposed a 4-plex with garages below the living space. The garages were on Gaines Street. Recent code changes have prohibited driveway and curb cuts on properties that have alley access available. This necessitated a revised design. They brought building elevation drawings. They will place the parking off the alley on the east side of the building. There will be no carport or garage, though they might add a carport at some time. The front doors will be on the Gaines Street frontage, with walks to the public sidewalk and small courtyards with rails around them for leisure activities. No storage, only yard amendments, will be allowed in this space. Individual trash receptacles will be on the south side of the building. There will be a connecting concrete patio all along the south side, with a security gate on each end. The access will probably be split so that 2 units use each way out. The units are 2-story with 2 bedrooms, a bathroom; a powder room; and, a small office or storage space. Each will have a washer/dryer in their unit. Tina moved that ***“Grant Neighborhood Association provide a letter of support to the city for the development.”*** Lola seconded the motion. In discussion, Jeanne mentioned that, if they are in compliance with all aspects of the SRC, they will not require any sort of land use decision. However, a building permit still gets a planning review for compliance, and we could provide a letter to Planning stating our support. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

#### #7 **By-Laws Committee Formation**

The discussion started with a neighbor asking what by-laws are and how they are used. Jeanne said that it is the document that: guides who is a qualified member of the neighborhood association; lays out how elections are run; how officers are selected; what their duties are; how items are voted on, along with other information. The by-law committee was formed and will consist of Marissa, Susan, and Jeanne. They will bring information back to the board multiple times to inform and receive consent for the direction they are going with the edits.

#### #8 **New Neighbors Welcoming**

Susan would like to figure out a way to contact new neighbors. She has information documents and stickers to share. Jeanne provided historic information about what we were provided with, in the past, in the way of new contact information, from the city of Salem. We then sent a “welcome” letter with information about the NA, when and where we meet, ways we can get them help with city departments, etc. Irma said that she can look into whether, or not, the city has access to new ownership data and will get back to us with whatever she learns.

#### #9 **Boys & Girls Club Holiday Sponsorship**

Rubi Martinez-Sanchez, the Senior Branch Director at the Knudson Branch on Summer Street was in attendance to provide information about the club's holiday program. Support for the program can be to: individual kids; families; or, as a Branch Sponsor. In 2021 they provided holiday gifts to 291 children and teens. They collect “wish lists” to help with gift selections. These can include toys, cash, gift cards or food cards. Ideally, they try to get things collected by the first week of December, but they will receive donations through the last day available, which is December 17<sup>th</sup>. Rubi will provide more

information to Susan, who will bring it to our November meeting for us to make a decision on the NA's course of participation.

#### **#10 WHC Trick-or-Treat Volunteers**

Lola, Susan and Jeanne spoke about how this event is set up and what volunteers do – pass out candy and Halloween cards with city-wide NA contact information to happy children and families that are cute as can be. Anyone can come for as short, or long, of a stint as they would like. The estimate of attendance is about 300 cars and about 900 trick-or-treaters. Costco has bags of chocolate candy for about \$19 for 150 pieces. That would require at least 6 bags for a total of about \$114. Some candy will be donated. Susan moved that ***“We use up to, but not exceed, \$100 from our communication funds to purchase some of the candy we will be handing out.”*** Christopher seconded the motion. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

#### **#11 Board Member Reports**

- CERT - Lola reported:  
The next in-person CERT class is scheduled to begin on January 10<sup>th</sup> and will run for three weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:00 pm at the Airport Fire Station #6 on 25<sup>th</sup> Street. The final exercise will be January 28<sup>th</sup> and volunteers are welcome to assist or to play the “victim” roles.
- Communications/Outreach - Susan noted:  
The GNA website has been updated with a link to photos of the historic homes in the neighborhood. Most of them were taken by Thomas Green, Virginia Green's son. These pictures are part of the SHINE website that Virginia originated and which chronicles a lot of Salem history. The SHINE website is now curated by the Willamette Heritage Center.
- Land Use Updates - Paul was excused for the evening.
- North Neighborhoods CPT – Sam was excused this evening.

#### **#12 Other Business**

None was brought forth.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright