

SESNA Board Meeting of 1-25-22 APPROVED

Board members present: Shannon Priem, David Tompkins, Bill Smaldone, Seleste Lyanage, Marcia Hoak.

Neighbors: Burk Eikleberry, Suzie and Dan Jursnick, Ronda Wilson, Terri Allen, Kelly Barker and Zach Martin (of Remax Integrity), Arnaud Vertuyf.

City Staff: Irma Dowd, Sgt. Steve Galvin.

Guest speaker: John Marshall Church-at-the-Park)

7:00: Shannon begins introductions. There were 17 people in attendance altogether.

Approval of Annual Meeting minutes

Sgt. Galvin (SPD), We have had an increase in catalytic converter thefts in the neighborhoods. It is expected that new legislation on the sale of such converters will reduce the thefts. Sgt. Galvin also followed up with the number of SPD officers needed which, depending on the use of police time (patrol time, community work...), could range from 27-83 FTE. The department is looking for ways to work more efficiently, e.g., internet reporting, the parents of runaway juveniles would have to go to the station to report it rather than an officer going to the home.

Speeding problems noted on 19th Street. Officer Galvin noted that one could get a reader board to check drivers' speeds. This helps slow the traffic. We can also have the number of cars counted and ask for radar guns to check speeds.

The Holiday toy drive served 136 families.

John Marshall (Church of the Park)

Micro-shelter program in Salem. There are now two micro-shelter communities in operation with a total of 40 structures housing 80 people. They are in North Salem. Last night the City Council voted to put a new "Village of Hope" on the lot opposite Safeway on Center Street. Two other properties have also been designated in central and SE Salem (Turner Road). These mini houses have electricity and heat. They don't have running water, but there are shower, sanitation, and Portable toilets provided.

Dealing with the people housed in these structures makes it much easier to provide services. The goal is to move them into more permanent housing within 3 months. Right now it takes 5 months. So far, 40 percent of people housed in the system have moved into permanent housing. The other 60 percent have not succeeded very well, though not all have returned to the street. Everyone is tracked.

To win over the people in South and West Salem to make room for such settlements requires to show by example through success in NE Salem. He is optimistic that other areas will come to

the table. Most of the money for the program comes from the city and a range of private and public grants as well as charitable giving.

To stay in one of the communities, clients have to participate in the effort to move them toward more stable housing (this includes looking for work and some of those people work at Church of the Park).

Church at the Park works closely with the City and the larger social service community in Salem, e.g., Arches, UGM, etc.

Neighborhood Concerns

Railroad Quiet Zones: Shannon talked to Tony Martin and brought a flier. We do have a quiet zone from Mill Street to Silverton Road. For that the City paid \$.6 million to upgrade the crossings in the area (e.g., to make it ADA compliant, etc.). For the February meeting we can invite someone from the City to answer any questions. Issues for the City: Loudness of horn, length, time, density of population along the line

Dog attacks and barking dogs in the neighborhood seem to be growing problems. For barking dogs, you have to call code compliance and you can file a complaint online (neighborhood services). Filing there is the fastest way to get a city response.

Shannon would like to push the city to experiment with “dog park” areas in smaller parks in the neighborhood. A neighbor noted that on the east coast the law is similar but one can build “fenced areas” in smaller parks.

A neighbor complained about disturbances by homeless people and trash near Habaneros.

SESNA Officers:

Shannon is willing to stand for Chair and Bill for Secretary. We need a treasurer. The vote will be in February.

Website: Is under repair. It will be fixed.

Volunteer hours: Don't forget to log them into the Google sheet for 2022.

Next month will be on Zoom due to concerns by some neighbors about COVID.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.