

## **SESNA Minutes 04/26/2022**

**Attending:** Board Chair Shannon Priem, Members Marcia Hoak, Seleste Liyanage, Dave Tompkins. Neighbors Dave MacMillan, Rita Tarr, Dennis Scheibe, Ray and Alicia Scott, Sheilah Murphy, Melanie Zermer, Dan Jursnick, Jeanne and Patrick Cassidy. Guests Chane Griggs, Linda Nishioka, Dr. Kathleen Harder, Cameron Engle. Salem PD Sgt. Steve Galvin.

After introductions and approving adding an agenda item about supporting the tree program, the board adopted minutes from March 22, 2022

Candidate for Salem mayor, Chane Griggs, spoke. Gave background, including current work on Planning Commission. Has 3 goals: 1) affordable housing; 2) homelessness; 3) public safety - transparency & accountability. Answered residents' questions, which focused on solving the homeless housing issue.

Candidate for Ward 2, Linda Nishioka spoke. She's running unopposed. Her civic background includes focus on downtown where she owns a group of small, affordable apartments. Her goal / skill set includes bringing diverse points of view together to listen and find middle ground.

Sgt. Steve Galvin, SPD, talked about efforts to clean up camps with a more robust interagency team that includes two police officers. Also addressed chief's focus on community engagement, transparency portal (website, building it now and will include crime maps, complaint process, police policies and procedures), use of body cameras. He talked about issues police will **not** address due to higher priorities and budget issues: barking dogs, illegal camps (Gretchen Bennett, the city's homeless services liaison, will take those), delayed reporting of traffic accidents, shop lifting w/no suspect in custody. Addressed residents' concern about loud, likely mentally ill person yelling in the middle of the night.

Candidate for CD 6, Dr. Kathleen Harder addressed why she's running. Gave her personal background and appreciated her public school teachers who gave her confidence. With her lived and professional experience in health care, would like to authorize Medicare to negotiate lower drug costs. And focus on campaign finance reform.

Meeting was running past 8:30, so tabled website resurrection plan to handle via email before next meeting.

Capital Park Wesleyan Church reported that they will host one family living in a car on their parking lot.

Resident Melanie Zermer spoke to supporting the Urban Forestry section's budget of Public Works Dept. Urban Forester Milan Davis and his small crew were overwhelmed after the ice storm and fell behind in the section's tree planting plan. General agreement to submit a letter of support, and possible testimony, when the budget item comes up during the budget hearings process in May.

Group agreed that meeting in person is preferable, so for now, SESNA meetings will be held at Capital Park Wesleyan Church until "meetings in the park" begin in June (Aldrich); July (Lee) and August (Richmond).

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Melanie Zermer