

SESNA Minutes Oct. 25, 2022 -- approved

Board members: Arnaud Verstuyf (Chair), Bill Smaldone, David Thompson, Seleste Liyanage.
Neighbors: Mickey Hartley, Melanie Zerner; guest Steve Kay.

7:00 Introductions, September minutes approved unanimously

Guest Speakers:

Sgt. Steve Galvin (Salem Police Department)

- Progress on Mobile Crisis Unit: We do not have funding for a mobile crisis unit at this time. The City Council is pursuing funding. We now have two officers who focus on responding to calls concerning homeless people and other non-violent cases in the city. Another program (the 988 program) dealing with behavioral health unit that is a countywide program but Salem has the most calls. Marion is trying to increase its staffing.
- Progress on body cams. All department members will get a body cam and be trained. This will occur unit by unit starting in January.
- Neighborhood Report: watch for wet leaves!
- SPD is developing a transparency portal that will provide information about crimes and public safety in different parts of the city.

Linda Nishioka (City Councilor, Ward 2)

- **Upcoming Bond:** Urges people to vote for Bond 24-474 (Streets, Safety, & Livability). This is a \$300 million bond to be paid off over 30 years. It will not increase tax rates because it replaces an older bond that has recently been retired by the city. As assessed values rise, the amount a taxpayer pays will go up, but not the rate. The bond will improve streets, bridges, sidewalks, and the equipping of a selection of parks and 2 fire stations. The Civil Center will receive seismic upgrades and land will be purchased for a new branch library (with housing attached).
- Councilor Nishioka is also going to organize an event with Public Works on traffic safety in the area.
- The improvements to the banks of Shelton Ditch are moving forward.
- The Salem Airport facility (luggage handling, security, passenger lounge, etc) needs substantial upgrading. The study has allocated \$129,000 to produce a new design for the facilities to be renovated or built if the City decides to bring back passenger service.

Steve Kay (Cascadia Planning)

- Proposed Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map for 380 Farm Credit Drive
This group was here at the last meeting to talk about the subdivision of this large parcel into five parts. The meeting tonight wants to change the zoning to IC to allow a different mix of businesses on the properties than are now allowed under IP zoning.

Neighborhood News:

- Lois Stark won the Millard C. Marshall Award

- We are proud of two neighbors receiving city volunteer awards: Burt Eikleberry for his tenacity in preserving Mill Race Park and Mary Gilds, the "Angel of Tripp Street" for her years-long fascination with picking up litter
- Deep wood Gardens is holding its second annual "Big Dig" to remove invasive ivy and blackberry bushes. On Saturday November 5, 9:00am to Noon [Addendum 1]
- City campaign to promote NA participation and a photo opportunity [Addendum 2]

Annual Meeting

- We can discuss the possibility of clearing litter and junk from the South side of State Street between the Potato Chip factory and the creek. Bill will go out and photograph the area and send them to IRMA.
- We have plenty of seats in the sanctuary of the church for our meeting.
- Award for Milan and his crew for their work in the neighborhood.
- Discussion of proposed McGilchrist improvement and Airport improvements
- Bill moved to allot up to \$300 for costs of the Annual Meeting. Seleste seconded it and it passed unanimously.
- Seleste asked if we should do a flyer or a mailing to promote the meeting. Arnaud will ask Irma.

Promoting Neighborhood Businesses.

- We will talk about this at the next meeting. The idea is to use the Website, Facebook, Mailchimp, the email list, etc.
- Walling Pond Property Improvement: Have requested meeting with property owner.

Park Improvement project 2023:

- Shannon suggests working for a grant for Mill Race Park. Arnaud will ask a neighbor, Mitch, who might have ideas on that park. Bill will contact IRMA about the possibility of place garbage cans on the bridges in the neighborhood.

Committee Updates

- Beautification Committee Award: Our candidates this year were smaller than usual but we will have a selection.
- The Google phone number will be discontinued on the web site.
- We all notice the increased number of private jets flying over. The airport administrator says we should complain when this happens and they will pay attention. Also, the airport master plan is being revised and might be a chance for us to weigh in on airport problems (climate, health, damage to homes, etc.) Arnaud noted that pressure is growing from some Salem businesses to promote passenger air service.

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