

Minutes of **GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting November 3, 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>E</i>
MARK DECOURSEY	<i>P</i>	TERESA JOSLIN	<i>P</i>	MARISSA THEVE	<i>P</i>
TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	NICK MASELLI	<i>E</i>	PAUL TIGAN	<i>E</i>
CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SUSAN NAPACK	<i>P</i>		
LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Anthony Gamallo, Carol DeCoursey, Virginia Stapleton, and Carolin VanOrdin.

Christopher moved that ***“We approve the October minutes as submitted.”*** Lola seconded the motion. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

#2 Great Story from Grant

- Mark reported that Columbus Hall has been leased to a Latino church for a year, or more, as the work on plans continues for its future use.
- The Parrish 8th-grade football team is playing this evening for the Salem championship.
- Susan told us that the Willamette Heritage Center hosted 1400 kids and parents at the trick-or-treat event on October 30th, which Grant NA participated in.
- Tim said that the trunk-and-treat event at the Salem Alliance Church had about 1100 participants.

#3 Neighbor Concerns

- Mark reported petty vandalism in the area north of Grant School, including graffiti in two alleys. The abatement crew came the week after it was reported and cleaned up one alley, but the 2nd one is still marred.

#4 Officer’s Report

No police officer was present.

#5 Councilor Report

Virginia reported:

- City Council accepted Chuck Bennett’s resignation this week. Chris Hoy was appointed mayor. Julie Hoy was named interim Ward 6 councilor. Both Hoys (not related) had won election to the positions and would have been installed in January. Virginia was elected City Council president.
- City Manager Stahley has appointed Krishna Tulasi Namburi as deputy City Manager.
- City Council will have training and goal setting meetings in January
- Council is looking at airport changes to accommodate increased commercial traffic. Three carriers are interested, though their identities cannot be divulged at this time. When Delta came in, years ago, and then pulled out, they left the city with a loss of money that was spent on accommodations for them. The connecting cities the new operators would be serving are Las Angeles, Las Vegas, San Francisco and Reno. Initial scheduling looks like it will be 8 flights per week with 150 passengers on each. There are concerns about the level of commitment. There is an Urban Renewal District that may be shifted to include the airport. Discussion regarding improvements are addressing minimal changes at this point

- A question came up about the bond measure on the ballot. The bonds would not be purchased all at once, but only as existing bonds are retired.

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

Susan is waiting on a flyer with information about the program. We could use money from our Communication Account, if Grant Neighborhood Association is identified as the donor. Discussion included using the less restrictive Trust and Agency Account. Susan moved that ***“Grant Neighborhood Association use \$300 from its Trust and Agency Account to support the Boys & Girls Club Holiday Gift Drive. The first priority would be to use it for a student(s) of Grant Community School that also lives within the Grant Neighborhood boundary. The second priority would be to use it for a student(s) of Grant Community School, but being a resident of the Grant Neighborhood is not required.”*** Lola seconded the motion. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions.

#7 **Salem Neighborhood Traffic Management Plan Update**

Anthony Gamallo, Senior Transportation Manager for the City of Salem brought information and a hand-out about the planned update. The last update took place in 2006. They will use state-of-the-art technology to create a new plan from scratch. Currently, they have no database for requests and complaints regarding such things as speeding and reckless driving. Improvement funds will be routed to where they are needed. They will target local streets with whatever treatments are appropriate at the different locations. These will include speed bumps, speed signs, 20-mile per hour limits, permanent speed feedback signs, 20-is-Plenty tools, reducing the number of lanes, and, installing plantings and trees to narrow the distance view which promotes slower traffic speeds. There will be: a website contact portal; public outreach; and a scoring matrix for concerns. The plan will focus on local streets, but arterials (such as Capitol, Summer, & Broadway) will be included. The ranking of issues by citizens and the number of complaints for a specific site, or problem, will generate more response. Commenting about the existing Safer Crossings program, it was revealed that the results were skewed towards those sites where residents had more time and technical capability to file complaints. An algorithm and professional judgement will be used to decide which “fix” is appropriate, and persuasive, towards creating safer driving. Criteria for prioritizing projects are: speed; volume; crash history; transit or school bus routes; nearby pedestrian generators; family-friendly bikeways; presence of sidewalks; equity; and, external available funding. Additional information is available by contacting the Salem Public Works Department.

#8 **Board Member Reports**

- CERT - Lola reported:
Greg Walsh, Salem Emergency Response Manager, will be presenting on personal preparedness at the Grant CERT meeting on November 17th at 6:00 pm in the Africa Room on the 3rd floor of Broadway Commons.
CERT classes beginning in January will last through February 28th when the mock disaster drill is scheduled.
- Communications/Outreach - Susan noted:
The Salem Volunteer Recognition event, on October 17th, awarded Paul Tigan with an At Your Service Award for his work on the Citizen Budget Committee and presented Laura Hermann, Alice Hermann, Greta Bergquist, Erika Baker and Susan Napack with a Distinguished Project Award for the Belmont Cottage Street painting.
- Land Use Updates – Sam reported for Paul
The DevNW work on the Evergreen Church project has stalled due to planning and supply-chain issues. “Applegate,” a veterans’ homeless support project in West Salem, fell through which is allowing dollars to be directed towards the DevNW project.

The “triangle” apartments project on Fairgrounds Road is progressing slowly. It has now been painted. The siding was changed from steel to wood.

- North Neighborhoods CPT – Sam reported that they will meet via Zoom next Wednesday.

#9 Other Business

None was brought forth.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright