

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>P</i>
CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SUSAN NAPACK	<i>P</i>		
LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Virginia Stapleton, Bret Daline, Ashley Dahren, Steve Anderson, Matthew Gill, Matt Groat, Anton Cobb, Carol DeCoursey, Jennifer Kalez, Trent Michels, Jordan Truitt, Scott Munford, Vickie (?), Linzie (?), Carolin Van Ordin, Rick Saffeels, and Laura Hermann.

Christopher moved that ***“We approve the March minutes as submitted.”*** Paul seconded the motion. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention.

#2 Great Story from Grant

- The US Market on Broadway has been repainted and also upgraded their marquee. It is a nice fresh-up.
- A neighbor reported that their security alarm misfired while they were out of town. Police arrived and offered to climb the fence to check their backyard. They also assured them that, if the interior motion detector had not been activated, there was no one inside. They were relieved and pleased with the response.
- West Salem NA is planning a street painting in July and one of their members, who was present, complimented GNA for getting this program started here in Salem.
- Glass Art Oregon is hiding small glass birds for a scavenger hunt in Salem parks.

#3 Neighbor Concerns

- Salem traffic study safety plans are accepting public comments until April 14th.
- A neighbor commented on the rash of thefts from yards and garages in the neighborhood. He is reporting each occurrence at his property.

#4 Officer’s Report

Officer Mathew Gill reported that, under their strategic policing policy, each month the SPD is focusing on two zones based on crime reports and resources. The policy guidelines utilize intelligence, communication, and planning (ICAP). It will include outreach events, enforcement, and long-term solutions to the best of their ability with limited resources. Neighborhood Associations will learn of issues that are not reflected in data, such as street racing. Bicycle Officers will be present in the Grant Neighborhood. City of Salem crime statistics can be reviewed on the LexisNexis link at the SPD website.

<https://www.cityofsalem.net/community/safety/police/crime-and-other-police-reports/review-crime-statistics>

A neighbor reported seeing an increase in State Police traffic enforcement on Capitol Street. Officer Gill said that they have jurisdiction throughout the state and would be stopping offenders as they encounter them. Another neighbor asked how the body-cam program is going. Gill said it is going well and commented that they are a compliment to the in-car cameras and present a level of accountability. There have been a few technical hic-ups here and there, as you get with any new system.

Officer Matt Groat reported that his service area is downtown, through Grant neighborhood and up to Highland neighborhood. The force has an effort to be 30 by 30; that is, 30% female by 2030. They are currently at 15%.

A neighbor asked about violent crime. Groat said that the Safe Street Task Force, which includes officers from the SPD, FBI and Marion County work on these offenses. Another neighbor asked about bomb squad responses. Groat said, if an officer sees a suspicious item, they will stop and call the bomb squad to investigate; always erring on the side of caution.

#5 Councilor Report

Virginia reported on a long list of activity at City Council (CC):

- The Navigation Center will open on the 24th with 70 residential spaces. Yaquina Hall will open with 52 spaces. These represent the work over the past few years finally coming to fruition;
- The CC rules committee will be meeting. There has been no close look at the rules for a long time - predating today's social media issues;
- The Legislative Committee meets every 2 weeks. They are addressing housing issues;
- The Budget Committee meets next on the 24th;
- CC is following the progress on the Front Street redevelopment of the Truitt Bros cannery site;
- CC will have a revenue conversation on the 5th. The City Manager's budget favored an operations fee being added to utility billing.
- CC is also considering a Payroll Tax on anyone working within Salem. The revenue would make up the growth gap. Currently costs are up 7% while funds are only up 3%. It would not tax retirement income and they are considering an equity piece that would exclude those making minimum wage. However, that puts the burden on a smaller group of payers. Studies of other comparably sized cities show that all of them are: cutting services; looking at cutting services; or, looking at tax increases. Employers do not pay this tax, only employees.

#6 Travel Salem - Visit

Anton Cobb was present. He was pleased to congratulate Grant NA on instigating and supporting the first street mural project in Salem. Travel Salem has presented Grant NA with \$1000, retroactively, to help pay for the mural work and supplies. Travel Salem awarded grants to seven other neighborhood associations and wanted us to be included in that funding program. Additionally, they are providing Grant NA with \$1000 to hold a neighborhood-wide Block Party to celebrate the achievement.

Grant NA will select a location, organize games, youth activities, enlist neighborhood food vendors, provide drinks, send out notices, organize bookings and any needed permits. Susan asked if there were any volunteers that wanted to help her with this. Carolin VanOrdin, Rick Saffeels, and Ashley Dahlen all volunteered.

#7 Truitt Bros. Property

Trent Michels joined us via Zoom from North Carolina to present a PowerPoint presentation on the development of the Truitt site on Front Street. Trent grew up in Salem. His presentation included the following information:

- The project is known as The Cannery.
- It will be a mixed-use project with 44,000 SF of urban center commercial use and 370+ multi-family dwelling units.
- It will be tailored to be a neighborhood-based community, revitalize the area, and promote economic growth. It will focus on pedestrian friendly, walkable spaces, connectivity, diverse uses, mixed housing, increased density, opportunities for an active lifestyle, with a traditional neighborhood feel.
- Pedestrian access to the river will be opened up at the cross streets, shopping, dining, and outdoor activities will be included.

- It is an Urban Renewal designated project. It is the last opportunity for a direct connection to the Willamette River.
- Trent's highlights for the development include:
 - Historic reuse
 - Maintain community character
 - Pedestrian scale
 - High walkability
 - Existing infrastructure
 - Proximity to transit
 - Dynamic breweries and restaurants
 - High-end residential
 - Vibrant outdoor amenities
 - Green spaces
 - Opportunities for spontaneous engagement
 - Streetscapes and connections
 - Services and retail establishments
 - Gateway entry
 - Catalyst for economic growth
- It will be comparable to Orenco Station and Vancouver Waterfront, with inspiration from Salem's History.
- The design is extremely important. LRS Architects, located in Portland, are involved. They worked on the recent Vancouver, Washington Waterfront Project on the Columbia River. Local company, AKS, will provide Civil Engineering. Lango Hansen, also of Portland, will be the Landscape Architect.

Answers to neighbors' questions:

- *Timeline to completion is?* 36 months.
- *What are the plans for dealing with the railroad in the middle of Front Street?* Discussions with the Railroad have begun in an effort to find a solution to improve safety for traffic and pedestrians, especially from east-to-west.
- *Who is the target resident?* Apartments will be high-end market rate. All 370 units will be rentals. The landlord has not yet been determined. The developer will not sell the properties but will have investing partners.
- *What sizes of units will there be?* Most of the units will be studios, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom.
- *What area will the investors be from?* Salem, the local area, and the Northwest.
- *Will there be any connection to Wallace Marine Park?* The City of Salem is working towards connections to the west, and north to Keizer Rapids Park – increasing the Greenway connectivity.
- *Are there other public funding sources?* Mostly it will be from the City of Salem. There will be no federal monies.
- *Are there any issues with on-site toxicity?* The Truitt's took fantastic care of the site. There are no environmental actions needed.

Trent will come back to GNA as plans and concepts advance. More information can be found at <https://thefund.works/> Click on "The Cannery" at the bottom of the page.

#8 NEN-GRANT Spring Cleanup

Sam brought flyers for the annual Spring Clean-Up to be held on May 6th at the First Nazarene Church parking lot on 16th Street, just south of Market Street. Volunteers are needed to direct traffic, help accept payments, help unload vehicles if needed, etc. Please contact Sam if you can help. It's a very fun and friendly event.

#9 **May Annual Meeting**

Our Annual Meeting will be May 4th. It will include a dessert potluck. Everyone is invited to bring something, either purchased or homemade. Plates, cutlery, etc. will be provided.

The format is different than our Board Meetings. We will elect board members. All attendees that qualify to be a member of the Grant Neighborhood Association are eligible to vote at this meeting. Qualification means: A resident; property owner; business owner, or a designated representative thereof; or, the parent or guardian of a child enrolled at Grant Community School.

Our speakers will be:

Mayor Chris Hoy;

Virginia Stapleton, our City Councilor, who will speak on housing progresses;

Anthony Gamallo, Senior Transportation Supervisor for Salem, who will speak about changes proposed for Capitol Street.

Please invite a neighbor to attend with you.

#10 **Board Member Reports**

- **CERT** - Lola reported:

On Tuesday evening, April 4th, she gave an Emergency Preparedness presentation at the SWAN neighborhood meeting. If we are interested, she can present the information to us, also.

On May 13th at 1:00 pm, at the GNA cache on the southeast corner of Shipping & Broadway streets, there will be a disaster response drill. They are looking for as many participants as possible and they, especially, need victims. Let Lola know if you, or someone you know, are interested.

- **Communications/Outreach** - Susan brought her proposed neighborhood informational postcard for us to review. It will include the list of all meetings for the coming year until our next Annual Meeting (May to May). She asked for a vote on two proposed graphics to be included. The “children’s feet on our street mural” drew 5 votes. The “cherry blossoms on our street mural” drew 8 votes, and will be on the card.
- **Land Use Updates** – Paul coordinated the presentation on the Truitt Bros. cannery property and had nothing else to add.
- **North Neighborhoods CPT** – Sam said the next meeting/lunch is at the old Capitol Press building at the northeast corner of Broadway and Hood streets, from 11:00 to 1:00.

#11 **Other Business**

None was brought forth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright