

Attendees: Chair Shannon Priem; Vice-chair Arnaud Verstuyf; Members Dan Jursnick, Jeff Leach, Dave Thompkins (Wesleyann liaison); Councilor Linda Nishioki; Sgt. Steve Galvin. Neighbors: Richard Davis, Ryan Bell, Sjheilah Murphy, Bill Renfroe, Melanie Zermer, Andrew Hull (for State Rep. Tom Andersen), Marissa Theve (speaker), Julie and Roger Hoy, Antoinette McWhorter.

Sgt. Steve Galvin reported: 1) holiday toy drive was successful; 2) mail theft is on the rise; 3) the 12-hr patrol shifts have been changed back to 10-hr shifts; 4) Deputy Chief Burke is retiring to be replaced by Debbie Aguilar.

Questions:

Patrol decisions are based on calls for service, then “proactive” patrolling, then general patrolling. If concerned about effectively dealing with people who are homeless disrupting and area - ensure a “no trespass” sign is posted and call for assistance. Get a business to sign a “trespass letter of consent.”

Does SPD have an opinion on effectiveness of posting 20 MPH signs (per “Zero Vision” proposal). Don’t know. Will check.

Marissa Theve talked about a **dark sky initiative** to reduce light pollution in the city. Light pollution hurts animals, trees, humans. Upshot: reason to have light, use lowest level to meet goal, shield light so it doesn’t go into another’s space, and use warmest color. See her presentation on SESNA website. SESNA is enthusiastic about keeping this cause alive and will increase Web information and consider providing testimony and/or letters of support when decisions are on city agenda.

City Councilor Linda Nishioka gave report. Focused on new Revenue Task force and FY 24-25 budget will have cuts. See full report attached to minutes.

N’borhood Concerns.

Homeless camp under Mission St. bridge. How to address? N’bors discussed proposed dog park in that space, but need a 501©(3) to be in charge. Board will continue to explore options with ODOT.

Sharing priorities from Board Retreat

Group discussed areas surfaced in retreat and agreed all were worth; list is attached at end.

Update from Capital Park Wesleyan Church

The church is getting fewer donations from Marion Polk Food Share and could use grocery bags; they are still sponsoring the “safe parking” project in the log.

Election of Board officers:

The following were re-elected to the SESNA Board: Shannon Priem, chair; Arnaud Verstuyf, vice chair (to be shared with Dan Jursnick); Bill Smaldone, Secretary. New board member elected: Dan Jursnick. Board members re-elected: Seleste Liyanage, Jeff Leach, David Tompkins.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.; next meeting Feb. 27.

Councilor Nishioka Updates for NAs January 2024

Council Priorities for 2024:

- **Sustaining infrastructure and services**
 - Expand housing options to include middle housing
 - Continue to support more affordable housing
 - Protect mobile homeowners with land rate increases
 - Preserve public services
- **Engaging our community**
 - Expand civic engagement
 - Remove barriers to participation, bring more voices to the table
 - Review Boards and Commissions encourage public participation
- **Planning for our future**
 - Salem in Motion
 - Transportation Plan
 - Continued Livability Bond Projects
- **Responding to our sheltering crisis**
 - Bring partners together to the table
 - Merge accountability and compassion into strategies
 - What is working and what is not working
 - Preserve the SOS Team

City Council Agenda Items:

- **The Vision Zero** program receives a \$2.8 million grant to increase safety on Salem streets.
 - The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the grant to help guide future investments for walking, biking, or driving in Salem.
 - The project includes installing 20-mph signs on residential streets, acquiring speed radar devices, and educating the public.
 - [Vision Zero](#) is a national and international movement to reduce or eliminate pedestrian deaths and serious injuries.
- **Acquisition of Property for the 2022 Safety and Livability Bond Bridge Rehabilitation Projects**
 - Northeast Neighbors (NEN), Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CAN-DO), and South-Central Association of Neighbors (SCAN)
 - See the attached map of locations.

- **Lease with Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, Inc. for the Navigation Center property.**
- **Exemption from Competitive Bidding Process and Authorization of an Alternative Contracting Method for the Geer Park Skate Park.** This will help with the design and construction process.
- **Exemption from Competitive Bidding Process and Authorization of an Alternative Contracting Method for the Salem Civic Center Improvement Project.**
- **City Council Rule Committee report and recommendations to modify City Council Rules**
 - These rule changes are to streamline many things.
 - These changes were necessary to comply with state rules.

Budget and Revenue:

- We had 160 applicants for the Revenue Task Force.
 - Each councilor recommended two individuals from their Wards. The mayor recommended two citywide. The Boards and Commissions Committee reviewed applicants, adding additional names to the recommended for the 25 task force members with two alternates, providing a diverse group. These recommendations will be brought to Council on January 22. The first meeting of the Revenue Task Force will be on January 30. The entire process is expected to go through August.
 - There will be Town Halls and Focus Groups to add to the voices for acceptable revenue options.
- The Citizens Budget Committee had its first meeting on January 10th.
 - Initial reductions in the budget will begin with removing city staff positions that have not been filled but leaving some openings as there is continuous attrition due to retirement and loss of staff to other cities or private sectors.
 - We will have to cut the budget until new revenue is in place

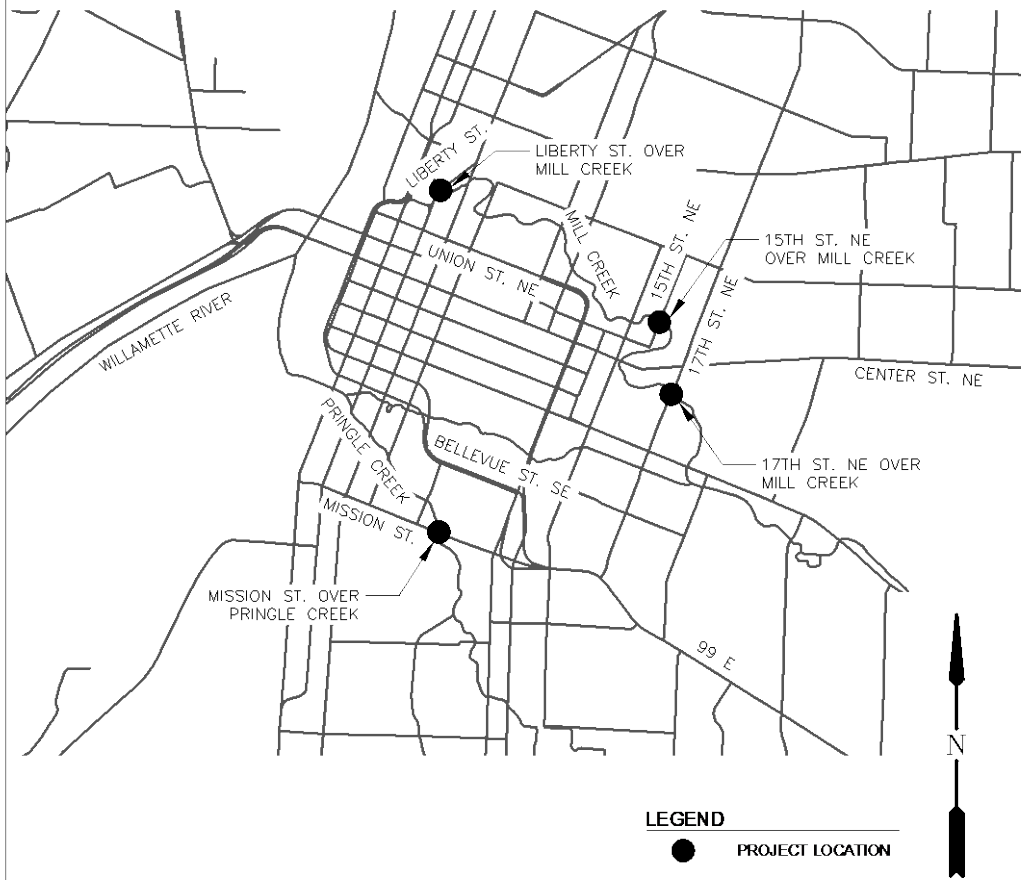
Committee Updates:

- The Legislative Committee met Friday and had a large agenda for this short session.
 - Recreational immunity
 - Mobile Home Parks (land rent rates)
 - Measure 110 amendments
 - Capital projects for the airport

- Housing and homeless funding
- Local Revenue Options
 - PILOT
 - Property Tax Reform: Measures 5 & 50
 - Other cities are fighting for this too

ATTACHMENT 1: PROJECT LOCATION MAP

2022 SAFETY AND LIVABILITY BOND BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECTS LIBERTY ST, 15TH ST, 17TH ST, MISSION ST BRIDGES PROJECT NUMBER: 722515



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Safety and Livability Bond

Priorities from SESNA Retreat 2024

(Present: Seleste Liyanage, Bill Smaldone, Shannon Priem, Dave Macmillan, Jenny Jopp, Dan Jursnick, Jeff Leach, Arnaud Verstuyf)

Agenda

Proposed top priorities :

a. **Support/promote Vision Zero** (traffic system to reduce accidents)

We will continue to keep track of this issue as it is implemented by the City. Many on the board are concerned about traffic safety, e.g., the corner of 19th and Mill Streets, SE. We need to reduce the amount of parking at intersections, esp. on Mill.

One suggestion was to promote the transformation of State Street by bringing the new Public Works director to a joint meeting of NEN and SESNA. So, we should talk to NEN, Linda Nishioka, and Public Works to set up a meeting.

b. **Intersection mural** (we've settled on the Mill/Richmond intersection the city supports, need to go for next grant cycle.

We support this effort and will monitor.

c. **Multigenerational playground equipment:** Final grant application to install (SPIF) due Jan. 31.

We need \$7,000 to put in the equipment we've already ordered. A SPIF grant will do it. It is due around January 29.

d. **Tree of Heaven** info resources/promotion as a warning about this invasive plant.

Little has happened to combat this damaging, invasive tree. Nothing has appeared on the City's website. We need to talk further with Linda Nishioka and Milan Davis. Maybe we could do a door-to-door campaign. We should also see what the City's Tree Commission could do. Another group to consider working with is the one that went after English ivy.

e. **Committee work:** Beautification (Shannon, Seleste), Outreach, Land Use (Bill Smaldone, Jeff Leach, Dan Jursnick, Dave Macmillan), Website (Arnaud). We need to turn committee member names into city for our current committees – or narrow down to what is realistic.

- f. **Salem Airport:** We remain opposed to the current expansion. We need to keep an eye on the new Master Plan and the debates about who will pay for the renovation of the runways. Tom Andersen may be able to help us with that. Our critique of the airport should be in the context of trying to change the narrative about Salem's future, e.g., we need to invest more in the livability and dynamism of the downtown rather than in the airport. **We need to work with other NAs in preparation for the upcoming public hearing on the Master Plan.**

Additional items:

- a. **How do we feel about the increase of Airbnb in SESNA:** What's our criteria for support?

We will invite the city to a regular monthly meeting to explain the current rules to the neighborhood. We can then more knowledgeably discuss SESNA's view of the issue.

- b. Establishing CERT (Brock Dittus has agreed to lead with support from Councilor Nishioka.

Linda N. and Brock will work on bringing this to SESNA.

- c. Improve SESNA's natural environment through "re-wilding"; invite Aislin Adams to share concept at a SESNA meeting. Aislin did a presentation on re-wilding; doubt if you have time to view, since it's 55 minutes, but save for later. Bill can share more about the topic:
<https://youtu.be/vtfwKbV3B6o>

The neighborhood could invite Aislin to come to a meeting to talk to us about her experience and how it might be adapted to Salem/SESNA. Another group we can refer to is "Home Grown National Parks." The local watershed groups are also working on this issue. (Could we integrate the neighborhood better with Mill Creek?) Dave Macmillan and Dan Jursnick are interested in this project. Toni Kirk has already got some of this underway.

3. Discuss officer, committee roles:

- a. Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary/Treasurer (**Shannon, Arnaud, and Bill will continue** as Chair, Vice-Chair (**Dan will back up Arnaud**), and Secretary)
- b. Committee work: Beautification, Outreach, Land Use, Website. We need to turn committee member names into city; officers after our first 2024 meeting.