

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions/Approval of Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS:	PRESENT - <i>P</i>	ABSENT - <i>A</i>	EXCUSED - <i>E</i>		
CHRISTOPHER BECHTEL	<i>E</i>	TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	AMANDA OTT	<i>P</i>
JEANNE BOATWRIGHT	<i>P</i>	CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>E</i>
ERIC BRADFIELD	<i>P</i>	LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	AARON TERPENING	<i>P</i>
SADIE CARNEY	<i>P</i>	TINA HANSEN	<i>P</i>	PAUL TIGAN	<i>P</i>
HOWARD COLLINS	<i>P</i>	CYNTHIA KAVANAGH	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Dayna Collins, Gary Obery, Angela Obery, Ray Quisenberry, Jes Poynter, Cheryl R. Funderburk, George Mraz, Cara Kaser, Henry Tigan, Ben Hughes, Erick Hernandez, and Sheilla VanDusseldorp.

Christopher H. moved that we: **“Approve the October and December minutes as submitted.”** Howard seconded the motion. Vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

#2 Good News from Grant Neighborhood

- Neighbors have called in three abandoned vehicles in the neighborhood of D & Cottage. Compliance Services has been real good about coming out and getting them tagged for removal.
- A neighbor who had been burglarized before Christmas received a text on Christmas Day from Salem Police that there had been an arrest in the case.

#3 Neighborhood Concerns

- Neighbors commented about an ex-convict transition house at 840 Gaines St. The house is sponsored by Seed of Faith Church, but it appears that supervision is less than desirable. There have been incidents of really loud verbal fights. The neighbors met with the church pastor and said they were told that these are grown people and we don't control them. Officer Hernandez said the that the behavior is considered a public nuisance if it is too loud, fighting is going on, or anything is occurring that causes alarm to others. There is no oversight of these facilities by either the City or State. Calling the police is the only response. The police may find conditions that cause them to refer the place to Marion County Health Dept. Call 911 if there is an active issue. Also, depending on the status of the residents, Parole & Probation may be involved.

#4 Officers Reports

Officer Hernandez and Officer Hughes were present. Most of their presentation was as reported in #3, above. They commented that there were fewer break-ins over the holidays than had been expected, so that was good. They did encounter two individuals that were drunk and in a residential backyard. As soon as the police showed up, they admitted they were trespassing and cooperated.

#5 City Councilor: Questions and Answers

Cara reported on the following items:

- The Downtown Homelessness Task Force is being put together. There will be about 14 members who will have three meetings starting in February. The meetings are open to the public, but oral comments will not be allowed due to the short meeting schedule and the amount of time oral presentations take. Written comments will be accepted and oral comments will be allowed at the follow-up City Council hearing.

- The Budget Committee is starting back up. Our board member, Paul Tigan, is a member. More information on their progress will be available in a month, or two. The process has changed this year and is aiming to align with the City's Strategic Goals.
- An alley vacation will be before the Council on Monday for the Police Facility. Buildings are set for demolition starting this month.
- The City is planning its strategy for the 2018 Legislative session that is about to commence. As the result of a resident being killed by a vehicle on Fisher Road while visiting the mailbox, the City is questioning why speed cameras are only allowed in the Portland Metro area. They would like to have the ability to use them in Salem and will pursue a change in the law. Neighbors commented on the need for reconstruction of a street that is that dangerous and that the street design, itself, should control the speed of traffic and keep pedestrians and bicyclists safe.
- The City's Homeless Rental Assistance Program has vouchers for the 1000 most at risk folks. The barrier is finding landlords willing to rent to the homeless. Cara would appreciate receiving any referrals of potential facilities that might be willing to participate.
- Sadie added that the Salem Keizer Transit Board is considering changing the board from a direct election by citizens to a Governor appointed board, as currently exists in Portland and Eugene. This would give the board the power to pass taxes without a citizen vote which, for these other jurisdictions, has resulted in a better funded transit system.
- There is some citizen interest in a local plastic bag ban, though nothing is scheduled for City Council at this time.
- Mandy commented that she is a PGE employee and is pursuing information about adding street lights to alleyways for better security. They would most likely be paid for by the local resident.

#6 1965 Fairgrounds Road

Andrew Sprauer notified us that he would not be in attendance.

#7 City Sidewalk Program Update

Bruce Hildebrandt had a conflict and was not available.

#8 Board Member Reports

CERT: Lola wanted to "bang the drum" about the May-June classes. She reported that the Grant cache has been identified as one of three main caches in the City. The Grant CERT group will be meeting on Thursday January 18th at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to attend and find out what we are about.

#9 Other Business

Angela Obery brought information from the Salem Library Foundation about the "Salem Reads" program. This year's book is "Outcasts United". There will be a month-long series of events related to the book. February 6th will host an opening night event with free copies of the book handed out. At the end of the month the author will be in town and will speak at the Library. Free tickets to the event will be passed out to those who come on the 6th and pick up a book.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright