

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions/Approval of Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS:	PRESENT - <i>P</i>	ABSENT - <i>A</i>	EXCUSED - <i>E</i>		
CHRISTOPHER BECHTEL	<i>P</i>	HOWARD COLLINS	<i>E</i>	CYNTHIA KAVANAGH	<i>P</i>
DUNCAN BEEVERS	<i>P</i>	TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	AMANDA OTT	<i>A</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>

Others present: Mark DeCoursey, Carol DeCoursey, Michael Gay, Jayne Downing, Toni Whitler, Jeanine Knight, Stacy Nelson, Ray Quisenberry, Roger Hibbeler, Tabitha Dean, Badger McKenzie, Doug Kuzmanoff, Lacey Carter, Katya Golovizmina, Nick Maselli, Cara Kaser and Sheilla VanDusseldorp.

Christopher H. moved that we: **“Approve the August minutes as submitted.”** Lola seconded the motion. Vote was 1 in favor, 0 opposed.

#2 Good News from Grant Neighborhood

- A neighbor reported that a rental is now owner occupied.
- Sam Skillern is now on the Willamette Heritage Center Board of Directors
- A home in the 700 Block of D Street, which has been undergoing restoration, is near completion.
- A home in the 900 Block of Capitol Street has a nice new paint job that accentuates its craftsman details.
- The utility vault wrap is now in place at the northwest corner of Grant Park. This project is the last of the Historic Neighborhood designation bonuses
- The renter that has been the source of much ado in the 800 Block of Gaines Street has been evicted.

#3 Neighborhood Concerns

- Neighbors report “porch prowlers’ in the neighborhood late at night. One is a fellow named “Billy” and the other is a gal named “Holly”. Both are familiar to Salem Police and to neighbors.
- A neighbor noted that a spa has opened on Church Street, south of D Street, about 1-2 weeks ago, but not sure just what it is.

#4 Officer Reports

Officer Hibbeler reminded all that, now that school is back in session, to be observant and mind the school zone flashing lights. No other items or questions.

Marion County Parole and Probation Officer, Lacey Carter, was present. She reported that they are in the new Public Safety Building on Aumsville Highway. No other items or questions.

#5 City Councilor: Questions and Answers

Cara reported on the following items:

- There will be a Public Hearing on a single-use plastic bag ban on September 10th at 6:00 in Council Chambers. Written testimony should be submitted by 5:00 pm that day. It would affect businesses that use plastic bags, including stores that sell clothing, books, toys, etc. Exemptions would be made for prepared foods and bags for those items that are wet or could leak such as produce and meats. A neighbor asked what other Oregon cities have instituted a ban. Cara recalled that, perhaps, they included Portland, Bend, Corvallis, Ashland, and McMinnville. A 5¢ per paper bag would be included.

- Sub-Contractors are being selected for the Police Station. Dunn Construction out of Portland is the General Contractor.
- The Open Street event will be Saturday September 22nd from 11 am to 3 pm. There will be a ride-your-bike-with-the-mayor event beginning at 11 at Highland School and proceeding to the Saturday Market.
- Cara was asked if the reason 9th Circuit Court Decision will affect any of the task force's recommendations. She said she didn't think so since the proposals were for pro-active solutions for things the homeless need, rather than enforcement. She commented that there is a large population of homeless in the north end of Wallace Marine Park and north into the Walling River Bend West gravel pit area. She has been told that the top of the hierarchy that controls the camp is whoever is the biggest and meanest. A neighbor asked who would be involved in setting up the new services. Cara said there is a homeless advocate group called HomeBase Shelters of Salem, which is a combination of advocates, service providers and churches.
- A neighbor asked why the Council voted to oppose statewide ballot measure 103. Care responded that the Council believed it interfered with "home rule" which allows communities to make their own decisions for their community.

#6 Hope Plaza

Jayne Downing, the Director of the Center for Hope and Safety, brought information about the Center's purchase of the old Greyhound bus terminal property, next door to their offices. By 2020, they plan to build HOPE Plaza, a 3-story combination of housing, services, support businesses and training. They are collecting donations and other funding so they can open debt free. There will be 20 apartments, consisting of 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, and studio spaces, which will include both permanent and transitional housing. They will serve victims of domestic violence, stalking, human trafficking, and sexual violence opportunities. The rent will be set at low income level. The building will: be a solar power demonstration project; have a central atrium; promote mass transit and bike use; include dress-for-success services; and, may have a zip car service. A catering company is already interested in having an on-site training program and the plan is to include a rentable event space that they can use as part of that program. The estimate construction cost is \$11 million, which includes the value of donated materials and services.

#7 SPIF Funding

Toni Wittler and Paul Tigan gave us a presentation on possible improvements that would be appropriate for Grant Park. Toni recapped that SPIF grants have been used for both on-site playgrounds and the reconstruction of the plaza, shelter and benches. She also told us that the city will be replacing the outdoor drinking fountain, saying that it was not known that it has not worked for many, many years. A review of park users revealed that the field is still used for both baseball and soccer by several community groups, so any changes should not interfere with those uses. October 31st is the deadline for submitting a letter of intent to request a grant. Suggestions of improvements that might be appropriate include:

- Opening up the arched outfield fence with a double fence entrance;
- Bar-B-Q fixture at the shelter area;
- Corn hole game fixtures;
- Ping pong table;
- Chess/checkers table(s)

Paul will bring costs, catalog vies, dimensions and potential site locations for each proposal to the October meeting.

#8 Clean Steams

Stacey Nelson was present to speak about the City of Salem's Clean Stream Initiative. The goal is to keep pollutants out of the City's storm water by changing everyday behaviors. A 2000 square foot roof in Salem receives an average of 39.1 inches of rain each year. This yields 48,000 gallons of water. Water that falls on hardscape goes directly into the storm drain system with no filtration. Water that falls in our yards percolates through the soils and plants which filter out particles. Urban run-off is the No. 1 source of non-point runoff. Aspects of the initiative are:

- The Capitol Canine Club members have pledged to pick up all waste generated by their pets. There are 500 members of this group.
- "Dump No Waste" is a storm drain marking program that is active between June and September.
- Car Care encourages all to wash their vehicles on the lawn or to use a car wash facility. All commercial facilities in Salem recycle their wash water.
- Encourage riparian plantings which filter runoff, shade streams and provide erosion control.
- Water shed protection grants for stream protection projects.
- Wet Pledge – pledge to keep pollution and conserve water – at the City of Salem's website.
- A presenter for youth environmental education program with discovery time and various activities.
- Adopt a stream program for schools.
- Residential rain garden program.
- Rooftop runoff collection of up to 5,000 gal can be placed in a cistern without a City permit.
- Encourage the use of pavers to replace concrete.

#9 Salem Health

Michael Gay spoke about the Salem Health System, with facilities in both Salem and Dallas. They are currently assessing the needs and services for primary care, clinics and specialists in the next 15-20 years. A Portland State University demographic study indicates that the general population will increase 30% while the 60-year + population will grow by 50%. This age group is projected to increase from 80,000 to 130,000. Salem Health is looking to recruit more providers. They also are planning to expand their campus. They currently have 450 beds, which are at, or near, capacity during flu season. Building will probably be to the east of the current facility. It takes 4-5 years to construct so it is important to begin planning now. Support of employees getting to work by using mass transit, car pooling and ride sharing is being considered.

#10 Campaign for Excellence

Paul moved that ***"Grant Neighborhood direct the Campaign for Excellence funds this year to the SPIF Grant program for Grant Park improvements."*** Aaron seconded the motion. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed.

#11 November Meeting Agenda

- Presentation, with samples, of what is allowed and not allowed in our blue recycle bins. A presenter from Marion County will be recruited.
- Salem Fire Department presentation on Cardiac Survival rates, goals and implementation.

#11 Board Member Reports

- CERT class at St. Paul's Episcopal Church starts September 11th. There are 32 enrolled, but still room for more.
- Sadie reported obtaining land use notices, but none were particular to the Grant Neighborhood.
- Paul moved that ***"Grant Neighborhood support the plastic Bag ban Ordinance coming before City Council."*** Tina seconded the motion. Vote was 8 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention (Christopher H.).

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright