

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>	TIM FRANCE	<i>A</i>	AMANDA OTT	<i>A</i>
JEANNE BOATWRIGHT	<i>P</i>	CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>
ERIC BRADFIELD	<i>E</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>E</i>	CYNTHIA KAVANAGH	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Carol Corner, AnnMarie Thompson, Frances Copeland, Arthur Chu, Slade Graves, Mark DeCoursey, Carol DeCoursey, Michael Gendel, Susan Napack, Betty DeHamer, Henry Tigan, Lucy Tigan, Brad Box, Carolin VanOrden, Rachel Berton, John Stingle, Steve Powers, Ray Quisenberry, Jessica Ramey, 3 adult neighbors, and 3 neighbor children.

#2 Good News from Grant Neighborhood

- Paul gave a short report on the Neighborhood Association Workshop he attended. Jennifer Keller presented information on the City’s park system, including:
 - a) The maintenance staff is being reorganized. Instead of being assigned either north or south of Mission Street, crews will be dispatched by functionality to make upkeep consistent across the city.;
 - b) Focus will be placed on those items that have been under differed maintenance;
 - c) Anew playground is scheduled for Wallace Marine Park and other amenities, such as a kayak launch is also proposed;
 - d) The ice rink in Waterfront Park will arrive earlier this year and stay later.
- Brad Box spoke briefly on his proposal to build some infill housing on the large lot at Belmont and Cottage streets. Sadie moved that **“Grant Neighborhood support this kind of infill development in our neighborhood.”** Cynthia seconded the motion. Vote was 27 in favor, 0 opposed. Sadie commented on our Neighborhood Plan and the need to evaluate and update it, saying that infill pressure may be placed on the neighborhood by those who are not so interested in preserving our historic flavor. She encouraged us to continue to work with the City to make that revaluation happen.
- Officer Davidson reported that mail thefts from porches are occurring as a result of thieves following the delivery trucks and scooping up Amazon packages. It is becoming common everywhere. Try to get packages inside immediately, enlist a trusty neighbor, or have them delivered to your place of work. The police Station groundbreaking ceremony will be held November 9th.

#3 Salem Drinking Water Treatment Update

City Manager, Steve Powers, recapped the situation that prompted the summertime water advisories due to cyanotoxins in our water supply. The current treatment system is based on having good quality water to begin with. In attempting to figure out why the sand filters were not effective this year, it has been postulated that, due to weather conditions, the bloom occurred earlier than it has in other years and the filters were not yet “mature” enough to “eat” the toxin. The City is preparing to be ready to address a recurrence in a more timely and efficient fashion this coming summer. If needed, eight water delivery sites will be able to be set up at a moment’s notice. The City has also brought in equipment that will allow a local lab to perform the water testing, which this past summer had to be done out-of-state. This means that samples taken in the morning can yield results that very afternoon. Additionally the raw water supply will be tested to determine if it would be best to let it pass the intake and filter system. Not all blooms produce the harmful toxins. If toxins are found, powdered carbon added to the water will flocculate the finer particles which are then large enough to be filtered out. The City can deal with a

short term incident, but a long term one could lead to curtailment of water availability. The City is exploring whether an enlarged Aquifer Recovery System (ARS) should be pursued. An ARS places surface water into a natural underground aquifer during high flow/low use winter months to store for the summertime low flow/high use months.

Steps are being taken to prevent the curtailment of water from happening again. An ozone contact treatment system will be in place by 2021. The City is looking at a 3% rate increase to cover the costs. The City has had excellent cooperation with the US Army Corps of Engineers and has also engaged the OSU College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences, NASA, NOAA and the EPA to gain knowledge about the blooms. The civil alert system will also be improved for this situation as well as any others that could arise. Neighbors said they were impressed with the City's water station system and the helpful personnel that operated them. They also commented that, eventually communication was very good. Steve invited neighbors to contact the City and take a tour of the Geren Island water treatment operation. Neighbors asked about any discussion that has been had about protecting the source watershed. Steve commented the 78% of the watershed is owned by the Federal or State government. The City does not have ultimate control over the activities and management practices that occur there. It works closely with the governmental and private owners and has the opportunity to comment on such things as timber sales, but has no legal standing to prohibit them. The City is also concerned about the 2-year disruption that could result if the cooling tower construction at Detroit reservoir goes forward. The City has made it clear that the current proposal is not acceptable.

#4 How to Comply with Current Recycling Requirements – Marion County

Jessica Ramey, Waste Reduction Coordinator with Marion County, presented on the new recycling parameters. We all got used to throwing everything in the blue bin, but no one was monitoring if it was all appropriate. All of the recycle materials in those bins go to Garten Services for sorting. She encouraged neighbors to visit Garten and observe their work on the first Friday of each month when community access is allowed. Currently, Garten only wants paper and cardboard. In the past they were paid \$9/ton of material. Now they pay \$80/ton to get rid of it. The paper and cardboard cannot include anything that is food contaminated or freezer cardboard or milk cartons. Plastic jugs and bottles that are a minimum of 12 ounces in volume are all okay. No wide mouth jars, such as mayonnaise, peanut butter, etc. are allowed. These are made by a separate manufacturing process that makes them unrecyclable at this time. The recycling guides are available at the County's website. In the small square individual collection boxes, neighbors can place: glass containers that are sorted by color; batteries in Ziploc bags; and, up to 2 gallons of paint. The green organic bins can receive pizza boxes, napkins, paper towels and anything that was living at one time. Do not include "compostable" bags that are sold for leaf collection. These do not break down quick enough into organic compost. The Marion County Transfer Stations have more detailed sorting bins that will accept: scrap metals, latex & oil-based paint, household batteries, lead acid batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, computer and other electronics, cellular phones, ink-jet printer cartridges, CDs, DVDs, VHS & other media, eyeglasses, hearing aids, motor oil and vegetable cooking oil. Tires, yard waste, and appliances are recycled for a fee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright