

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>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>E</i>
HOWARD COLLINS	<i>P</i>	CYNTHIA KAVANAGH	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Dee Rynerson, Misha Lind, Brittany Randall, Dayna Collins, Doug Kuzanoff, Mesheal Heyman, Joe Tracy, Nick Maselli, Shiela VanDusseldorp , Officer Dean, Roger Hibbeler

Christopher H. moved that we: ***“Approve the October and November minutes.”***

Howard seconded the motion. Vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed.

#2 Good News from Grant Neighborhood

- The North Salem High School girls X-Country team placed 4th at the State Meet. This is the first time a girls X-Country team has brought home a trophy.
- Neighbors were glad to see the City street sweepers in the neighborhood cleaning up leaves.
- Misha Lind is the new director at the Boys & Girls Club. She reported that the number of kids at the club have increased over the past few months, especially the teenager numbers. The afterschool programs and the holiday gift giveaway are busy.
- Salem Leadership Foundation has moved its offices to the Broadway Commons.
- Neighbors have noticed a reduction of “wanderers” through the neighborhood which may be attributable to the First Presbyterian warming center opening.

#3 Neighborhood Concerns

- There is a pickup truck with a turquoise canopy that is constantly moving from place to place around the neighborhood. Compliance Services is aware of this.
- A neighbor reported that a Ford F-150 truck dropped off a beat-up mini-van in the area of 1565-1595 5th Street, south of the Norway intersection. There is an orange sticker on it. Officer Dean made a note of it.

#4 Officer Reports

Officer Dean and Officer Roger Hibbeler were present. They warned about packages left in sight in parked vehicles. The police and fire departments have been conducting joint trainings for an active shooter situation. They recognize that, in this type of situation, they will need to be on the same page and work in unison. The police will enter and search buildings and rooms therein. Once the situation is neutralized, medics will be escorted in and back out with patients. The goal is to get medical attention to those in need as quickly and safely as possible. Communication is a important factor. In the event of a large situation, the area would be flooded with help from surrounding communities and the need for clear protocol and communication is necessary.

#5 City Councilor: Questions and Answers

Cara was not available for this meeting.

#6 1290 Summer Street Partition Application

The deadline for Neighborhood comment back to the City is December 18th. Sadie presented an overview of the application. The focused area of concern is the large 2-car driveway that is so unusual

for our old neighborhood with alley access or a single car driveway for most homes. This results in limited curb cuts and very pedestrian friendly sidewalks. The 15-foot alley to the east could be used for access by moving the garage to the rear of the home. This is where most garages in the neighborhood are located and accessed. A 2-car garage and driveway actually allows for four on-site parking spaces while eliminating two curbside parking spaces. Neighbors preferred shared driveway with the westerly parcel if the alley access cannot be accommodated. Sadie moved that ***“Grant Neighborhood Association recommend that the project move forward with the condition that the existing alley on the east side be used for access to the site. If this is not possible, then the 2 resultant parcels share a common driveway.”*** Motion was seconded by Tina. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

#7 Board Member Reports

CERT-

- Lola reported that CERT members served as “victims” for the police and fire training described in #4, above.
- CERT classes will be offered at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church starting January 28th for 7 Monday evenings.

Grant School-

- The Chess Club is set to start up again after Winter Break.
- \$12,000 was raised by the school jogathon.

#8 Other Business

Sadie discussed the Salem Comprehensive Land Use Plan update work. She serves as a stakeholder position on the committee. The housing needs analysis shows a deficit of multi-family units. Most cities update their plan after they have pushed development to the limit. She posed the question what we, as a city, want to use to evaluate our growth: tree canopy; trails; housing mix? Sadie invited everyone to access and participate in the “Our Salem” online survey at the City of Salem website that is available through January. The visioning process for considering updates will last 8-9 months.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright