

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions/Approval of Minutes

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

Others present: Dayna Collins, Carol Slater, Carrie Slater, Carol DeCoursey, Mark DeCoursey, Shawn Adams, Steve Galvin, Jessica Pries, Cara Kaser and Ray Quisenberry.

Christopher H. moved that: ***“We approve the March minutes as submitted.”***

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

#2 Great Story from Grant Neighborhood

Jeanne brought an amusing realtor’s advertising postcard showing two recent home sales in the neighborhood – both involving Christopher B. at one, and the other, end of the sale.

#3 Neighborhood Concerns

Concerns raised were regarding recent criminal activity and events that the Salem police were invited to address. See Item #4 below for details of the discussions.

#4 Officer Reports

Salem Police Officer Steve Galvin was not able to provide much information about the burglary suspect arrested this morning in the southeast end of the neighborhood. He entered two (and possibly three, or more) properties, ransacked garages and automobiles therein, and stole items. At the arresting site, he was found, by the owner, lying on the garage floor, either passed out or sleeping.

As the previous paragraph bears out, property crimes are on the rise.

The City has a new program to register security cameras: SCRAM (for Surveillance Camera Registration and Mapping). After an incident occurs, the police can contact those in the area who have registered their surveillance devices and request to review whatever may have been caught on them to attempt to aid the investigation for a suspect of vehicle. The police will not have any direct access to the devices and will need the owner’s permission for each request.

Salem Police Officer Shawn Adams was present to address questions and concerns that have arisen about the Summer Street home invasion and standoff incident on January 22nd. Adams was in the incident command. There has been a comprehensive investigation but there will be no public release of the records until the court proceedings. At this point the case belongs to the District Attorney. The incident began around 7:00 am with a burglary in a nearby garage. The suspect had a physical confrontation with the owner and threatened that he had a weapon. The suspect then ran down the alley to the home at 1050 Street. Near that time there was a report of a gunshot and breaking glass being heard. The neighbor reported that he said he had a gun. The SWAT team was called out and the suspect told them he would come out. At that point everything goes quiet. The police then deployed a flash bang at the exterior of the house – not into the house. Flash bangs are never thrown to any spot that can’t be seen. 10-15 minutes later, a fire was started inside the basement of the house. The fire department put water into the basement. The police will not push into a house when a suspect will not come out, there is a suspicion that he has a gun, and there have been reports of shots fired. At this point they were waiting for an order from a judge, to authorize pursuing the suspect. This took quite a bit of time. A fire erupted in the basement again and the fire department was unable to control it. They fired

tear gas into the house to force the suspect out. The suspect had crawled out of a basement window that was not visible under a backyard deck. Upon learning this, they shot another flash bang and tear gas. The tear gas was a penetrating round through the lattice around the base of the deck, which hit the suspect in the abdomen. At this point he was taken into custody and taken to the hospital where he underwent surgery. The barricade penetrating tear gas round is a 40mm projectile with no gunpowder. The tear gas is released from a small plastic cup once it penetrates a surface. There is nothing that will cause a fire. Only the two homes were involved. How the suspect entered the second home is unknown. Shawn Adams can be reached at 503.588.6241, with any additional questions.

#5 City Councilor: Questions and Answers

Cara reported on:

- April 15th - The Sustainable Services Task Force will have a work session in the Anderson Room at the Salem Public Library. This task force is exploring ways to raise revenue for City operations.
- April 24th – First Budget Committee meeting. They will be discussing the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).
- The new Police Station is now growing vertically. They will have a maximum cost proposed by April 15th and will negotiate and have an absolute cost by May 17th. The cost will exceed the approved bond measure, but there are other sources of money, including grants from the State and the Federal government, and there are Urban Renewal funds available for this location. Some of the costs, such as for steel, have gone up. The target completion date is September 2020. Cara said she is confident in the City's financial management team who are looking out for the City's financial interests as decision are being made.

#6 Beautification Award Nominations

Nominations and photographs were presented for: 941 Capitol Street, which has transformed from a baby blue and white paint job, to a stunning barn red with accents in several shades of gray that nicely compliment the concrete caps and detail on the chimney; and, for 745 D Street which has been cleaned up and fixed up, both inside and out, while still maintaining its historic bones. A nomination from the floor was to include 1075 Capitol Street, which has also undergone a new paint job and repairs on the inside and outside. Christopher H. moved to approve the three nominations. Howard seconded the motion. Vote was 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention – Christopher B.

#7 May Meeting Agenda – Flyer Count and Delivery

Jeanne said that she will be preparing, printing and cutting the May agenda announcements and the NEN-Grant Neighborhood Cleanup flyers over the weekend of the 13th -14th. Counting and sorting will be Monday the 15th at 5:30 at Grant Community School Library. She plans on using the same crew that helped distribute the November 2018 agendas, with the exception of Sam, who has an ailing hip. Others will be asked to step up and help out with his 2 sectors.

#8 Grant School Spring Cleanup – April 20th – Earth Day

As far as we know the school grounds and park property spruce up will be on Saturday the 20th. Eric will verify that with Brenda Knobloch. This is an activity that the Grant Neighborhood Association has spearheaded and supported for some 25+ years.

#9 Board Member Reports

- Grant Park Chess Table - Paul was not available to report on current activities.
- Land Use – Sadie was not present to report on any issues.
- CERT – Lola said there is a new class that has started at Terrace Lake in South Salem at the South Salem Senior Center. It has 40 students. Marion County is holding a CERT compact training session over the 2nd and 3rd weekends in May. On April 18th the Grant-Highland CERT group will

have their quarterly meeting at Grant School Library. The main topic will be post-disaster psychology, or, psychological first-aid. Anyone interested is welcome to attend, even if you are not a CERT trainee.

#10 Other Business

Eric recapped that the NEN-Grant Neighborhood Cleanup will be on May 4th from 9:00 am to Noon. Volunteers are needed and he asked if anyone was interested. Volunteers included: Mark & Carol, Christopher B., who has a truck available, Cara, Jeanne and Eric.

Jessica Preis, from the City's Community Development Department was present to say that she will be our contact until Irma returns from maternity leave in the fall. She brought some flyers and said that the West Salem Farmer's Market will commence its second year of operation on May 2nd.

Jeanne reported on information garnered at the Neighborhood Chairs' Workshop addressing pedestrian safety; the City's *Safer Crossings* program. The City is adding pedestrian islands, rapid-flashing beacons and curb extensions at crossings that are on school routes, have high traffic volumes, and have higher speed limits. They also plan to continue the pedestrian crossing sting operations to educate drivers about the law. Drivers cannot be cited for failing to stop for a pedestrian unless the pedestrian makes a motion that shows an attempt to cross. This can be as little as putting one foot off the curb, or the wheel of a bicycle out at the curb and making eye contact with the driver.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright