

AGENDA ITEM

Potluck Dinner and Social 6:30 – 7:00

#1 Introductions/Approval of Minutes

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

Others present: Tom Rohlfling, Marie Bradford, Dee Rynerson, Randy Vandeberg, Carol DeCoursey, Mark DeCoursey, Scott Munford, Susan Napak, Carrie Slater, Mary Collell, Sharon Gifford, Greg Holland, Ray Quisenberry, Charlotte Scott, Lynn Takata, Nick Belerciks, Paul Tigan, Henry Tigan, Lucina Tigan, Mesheal Heyman, Joe Tracy, Nick Maselli, Sheilla VanDusseldorp, Khole, Olivia, Steve Galvin, and Cara Kaser.

#1 Great Story from Grant Neighborhood

- Susan Napak commented on the upcoming Neighborhood Garden Tour, a joint venture of the Lord and Schryver Conservancy and the North East Neighbors on June 1st and 2nd from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The goal is to make this an annual event with different neighborhoods. The Grant neighborhood will be featured next year. If anyone is interested, contact Susan. They are looking for opportunities to photograph Grant gardens this year in preparation for next year.
- Neighbors reported that the 76 gas station on Capitol Street have gone out of their way to keep the adjacent alley clean, and it is very much appreciated.
- Neighbors are enjoying seeing the construction of the brick building on Capitol Street that will house an eye clinic on a long vacant lot.
- Neighbors are concerned about the prospect of a marijuana shop going in on Capitol, since there is one just a block or two north and 3 blocks west.
- A neighbor shared that she has some tap dancing neighbors who are going to be teaching kids, or adults, in the area that are interested in trying this athletic dance.
- The apartments at 1000 Capitol Street are looking nice and appear to be just about ready for rental.
- Sam reported that the IKE Box is posed to be moved from the YMCA block, across the Cottage Street to land owned by the First Presbyterian Church. This will preserve the historic structure.

#2 Beautification Awards

None of the three nominated award winners were present.

#3 Board Elections

Paul nominated *“Ray Quisenberry for one of the Executive Board vacancies.”* Sadie seconded the nomination. Vote was 34 in favor, 0 opposed. Paul moved to *“Nominate the other 13 existing Executive Board members, all of whom are willing to serve.”* Adam seconded the motion. Vote was 34 in favor, 0 opposed.

#4 Grant & NEN May Neighborhood Clean-up

Eric reminded all that the two neighborhoods are having a joint clean-up again this year. It will begin at 9:00 am on Saturday and this year electronics have been added to the items that are being recycled. Volunteers are welcome to show up and help with directing folks to the appropriate spots and assist with unloading.

#5 Save the Peace Mosaic

Lynn Takata brought a slideshow presentation of the myriad of artists and community members who were involved in creating the Peace Mosaic located on the south wall of the YMCA Building at Cottage and Court streets. The building is set for demolition this fall to make way for a new YMCA facility. The volunteers involved in the mosaic included students from North Salem High School and Parish Middle School. Paulann Peterson composed a poem that is inscribed through the work of art. There are 26,000 pieces in the mosaic. The proposal recommended by engineering consultants is to cut the work into three pieces for transport to its new location. Google “Salem Peace Mosaic” for additional information and a schedule of fundraising activities.

#6 Stables at the Carousel

Marie Bradford-Blevins was present to provide information on the new proposal for Riverfront Park. The first bit of news is that the Salem Peace Mosaic is slated to be added to the west side, park side, of the anticipated construction. The addition, dubbed “The Stables”, will be a brick building off the southwest corner of the Carousel building. It will provide a dedicated space for renovation and carving of the carousel’s creatures. Currently, the painters have been moved to the display room, where horses had been kept on display during periods that they were not on the carousel. During April to June, when lots of school children pass through on tours, the space is too crowded. The addition will be 2000 square feet with four stalls, a paint studio, and an area for small carvings, such as details and decorations. There will be windows on the park side to the west and south to attract park visitors to come up and see what is going on. A view of the Courtney Bridge will also be in the vista. A patio will extend to the south. The fund raising goal is \$1.3 million. The Carousel Board will need Salem Council approval for the construction in the City owned park. Once completed, the building will be gifted to the City, though the Carousel group will provide maintenance and upkeep for the structure. There are 13 members on the Carousel’s Board. Charlotte Scott moved that ***“Grant Neighborhood Association support The Stables at the Carousel project.”*** Tina Hansen seconded the motion. Vote was 34 in favor, 0 opposed.

#7 Other Business

Greg Hollanel, a resident on Hood Street, reported that he has approached the City about removing some parking on Capitol Street, just south of Hood Street, to enable vehicles eastbound on Hood to be able to see traffic approaching the intersection on Capitol Street. Parked cars prevent a clear view to the south and make the intersection dangerous and have resulted in accidents at the site. There are also problems with pedestrians attempting to cross. The proposal is to paint the curb yellow to indicate no parking for about 20-30 feet. Greg reports that the house that fronts Capitol has parking available on Hood and also off-street parking in the rear yard. Greg moved that ***“Grant Neighborhood Association support the proposal to the City of Salem to remove parking, and paint the curbing yellow, along the west side of Capitol Street, just south of Hood Street, to enable adequate sight distance for east bound traffic on Hood Street.”*** Charlotte Scott seconded the motion. Vote was 25 in favor, 0 opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright