

**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>	RAY QUISENBERRY	<i>E</i>
JEANNE BOATWRIGHT	<i>P</i>	CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>
ERIC BRADFIELD	<i>P</i>	LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	AARON TERPENING	<i>P</i>
SADIE CARNEY	<i>E</i>	TINA HANSEN	<i>P</i>	PAUL TIGAN	<i>E</i>
HOWARD COLLINS	<i>E</i>	CYNTHIA KAVANAGH	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Carol DeCoursey, Mark DeCoursey, Debbie Cook, Irma O. Dowd, Kim Grewe-Powell, Corporal Galvin, Officer Watanabe, Benjamin Turner, John Wohlford, Carlos Lopez, Jose Garcia, Jim Caughlin, Sherry Caughlin, 2 minor children.

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

Paul seconded the motion. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

**#2 Great Story from Grant Neighborhood**

Tim reported that the City of Salem Public Library will take up residence in the old Capitol Press building, owned by Salem Alliance Church, at Hood and Broadway while seismic upgrades are made to the Civic Center building.

Several neighbors commented on the new pedestrian stop signs at the Market and Winter streets intersection. They are pedestal-like and installed on the Market Street centerline. The east sign is several feet east of the east cross walk, while the west one is very close to the painted crosswalk and has already been hit, and spun out of alignment. Eric will contact Kevin Hottmann, PE, at the City to see if it needs to be moved a bit farther west to avoid being damaged.

**#3 Neighborhood Concerns**

A neighbor said that the house at 1495 Church Street appears to be abandoned and has boarded up windows and a broken one. Tim responded that Salem Alliance Church owns the house and it is vacant but not abandoned. He will check on the broken window.

A neighbor expressed concern about the nefarious activity that takes place on, under, and, at each end of the foot bridge across Mill Creek between Church Street and Knapps Place. While it is in the CAN-DO neighborhood, it affects Grant Neighborhood, too, with its close proximity. The police officers present would pass the concern on to the night officers.

A neighbor raised concern about the large chestnut tree in the parking strip at Cottage and Shipping streets. Irma said the Jennifer Keller in the Parks Dept. oversees street trees and she would forward the concern to Jennifer.

**#4 Officer Reports**

Salem Police Officer Watanabe and Corporal Galvin were present. They cautioned folks about open, or cracked open, windows that allow thieves to enter a home. Also of concern are partially opened garage doors to facilitate air circulation, but which are also sources of entry for thieves.

Several neighbors reported that they have noticed a questionable crowd of individuals at the Broadway Plaid Pantry around 4:30-5:00 am.

A neighbor explained that there is a motor home that parks overnight around the neighborhood. The street crimes unit and compliance services have been notified.

**#5 City Councilor: Questions and Answers**

Eric reported for Cara, who was absent:

- The City's trying to raise revenue. Salem has been spending it savings account. Council is talking about how to fund the "need to have," not the "nice to have" items to run the City.
- There will be a public forum to discuss the next version of the "sit-lie" type of ordinance to prevent sidewalk sleeping in the downtown core. The proposal is to not make it a criminal offence, though with repeated infractions, individuals can be "excluded" from the area. It is designed to be a tool for police to remove individuals between 6:00 and 10:00 pm. Overnight sleeping will not be affected. Cara requested that Grant Neighborhood take a position on this ordinance. Tina moved that ***"Grant Neighborhood schedule a presentation on the new sit-lie ordinance in order to get more information and have questions answered."*** Paul seconded the motion. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

## #6 2019-2020 Neighborhood Goals

Jeanne reported the progress we made on last year's goals. The goal to increase CERT participants within the neighborhood by 10% was exceeded and was closer to 35%. The goal to increase monthly neighborhood meeting participants by 10% was not met, but we did increase the number by 5%. The goal to reach out and engage neighborhood businesses did not happen at all. Jeanne questioned whether, or not, we wanted to limit this year's goals to just one or two so that we have more time and energy to spend on meeting them. Three goals were put forth: 1) Work on developing a neighborhood plan for improving and beautifying the alleys; 2) Increase our contacts with, and comments submitted to, the City on both general and land use issues, and; 3) Continue to increase CERT participation. Christopher H. moved that ***"Grant adopt three goals for 2019-2020, those being: 1) Work on developing a neighborhood plan for improving and beautifying the alleys; 2) Increase our contacts with, and comments submitted to, the City on both general and land use issues, and; 3) Continue to increase CERT participation."*** Tina seconded the motion. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

## #7 Officer Elections

The current officers are willing to continue to serve. No nominations were made from the floor. Paul nominated Eric, Sam, Christopher B. and Jeanne to their currently held offices." Christopher H. seconded the motion. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

## #8 Oregon State Fair

Kim Grewe-Powell, Director of Marketing & Programming for the Oregon State Fair gave a brief overview of this year's events. The fair runs from August 23<sup>rd</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup> for its 153 year. She brought a flyer and free admission tickets to share with those in attendance. There will be eleven evening concerts, each of which will be over by 8:30p.m. She addressed the rumor that there will be a year-round ice rink set up on the fair grounds. They are in talks about it, but nothing is finalized.

## #9 Addition/Remodel, 1175 Nebraska Street, DR-SPR-ADJ-DAP 19-06

Jose Garcia and two of his associates were present to discuss the proposed development. The proposed adjustments that are being requested are to reduce the parking from 6 spaces to 5 full-size (9'x19') spaces and to reduce the landscaping width from 10 feet to 5 feet on both the east and west sides of the parking area. Since the lot is only 55 feet wide, it is not capable of providing 6 parking spaces under the SRC. The SRC would allow 75% of the spaces to be compact (8' wide) and 25% would have to be full-size (9' wide). This would require a lot width of 57 feet to accommodate the 6 spaces. If all 6 spaces were compact (total of 48' wide), the landscaping would be 3.5 feet on each side. The reduction in the number of parking spaces to 5 full-size, resulting in a paved width of 45 feet, will allow for 5 feet of landscaping on each side. The City is proposing to require screening fencing in the parking area along both the east and west property lines and a prescribed number of landscape plantings. Jose said he was committed to use quality materials in the construction as he views this project as a long term investment. He also plans to provide good ventilation to keep the materials sound. Aaron moved that ***"Grant***

*Neighborhood Association support the proposal.*” Tim seconded the motion. Vote was 9 in Favor, 0 opposed.

**#10 4-plex, 1100 Jefferson Street, DR-SPR-ADJ-DAP 19-07**

James and Sherry Caughlin were present to discuss their proposed development. The two story structure will have garages for each unit with an ADA space and a single compact space at the north end of the lot. The proposed adjustment requests that the landscape area between the vehicle use area and the building be reduced from 5 feet to four feet. Questions to the Caughlin included:

- Can you clarify the landscaping along the front of the units as the landscape plan shows it in front of the garage doors? There will be areas of landscaping next to the front porches in small beds.
- The side elevations of the buildings show three windows, but the plan views show no windows in these walls. Will there be end wall windows? Yes, they are adding windows in the end walls. The plans are standard purchased plans and they are in the process of altering them to include additional items, such as the windows.
- Will there be an irrigation system and will the plants in the gravel areas by the patios be irrigated? Yes, for the main areas, but not sure about the patio areas.
- Has the property been surveyed? Have you verified that the neighbor’s existing fence is encroaching on your property? Has the neighbor agreed to relocate the fence or are you relocating or replacing it? The property has been surveyed. There are no current plans to replace the west fence.
- Will the street curb be extended to your east property line? No
- What will the surface area be in the area to your east property line that lies between the public sidewalk and the curb or pavement line where you are planting the Maple and Ash trees? Nothing is shown on the landscape plan. Landscape and the trees.

James plans to request permission to fence across the end of the street right-of-way to the neighbor’s property on the south side of Jefferson Street. He hopes that one of the unit occupants will be the manager of the facility. Neighbors expressed concern about the street landscaping and the lack of windows in the south wall along Jefferson. Windows will provide sight lines to the street and thereby improve safety and an awareness of anything happening on that side of the development. Neighbors also requested that the south wall be softened with architectural elements and landscaping to soften the large blank surface and present a more interesting face to the building, such as the west façade has. Paul moved that ***“Grant Neighborhood submit a letter to the City noting our approval of the request while addressing our concerns about the building façade on Jefferson Street and the development of the street improvements, as discussed.”*** Cynthia seconded the motion. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

**#11 Mixed Use/ Commercial Development, 990 Broadway - Update**

Aaron reported that the project was still in development. The current design is to be a U-shaped building with upper floor apartments and food establishments (maybe a cookie shop) on the first floor to provide a mixed-use development as outlined in the North Downtown Plan that overlays the site.

**#12 Land Use Update**

Sadie was not in attendance. With her impending arrival of twins this fall, she has stepped down from the land use chair position. Paul volunteered to be our land use chair.

**#12 Chess Table Update**

Paul brought a chess table update. Our SPF grant request was approved for the remaining 25% of the approximately \$4000 cost. Our SPIF grant will cover the other 75%. He is working with the Salem Parks Department to finalize the order. He wanted to know if the Neighborhood would like to have “Grant” or “Grant Neighborhood” engraved on the table. Irma confirmed that we can use our communication funds in this manner. Christopher moved that ***“We authorize up to \$500 from the Grant Neighborhood Association Communication Funds to engrave the chess table.”*** Cynthia seconded the

motion. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed. It was suggested that “Grant” Neighborhood “Grant” “School” could be run in a string around the table’s thick side edges.

**#13 Other Business**

- A reminder that this coming Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> is National Night Out.
- A new CERT class will begin on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the headquarters of Salem Electric, 633 7<sup>th</sup> Street NW. It will be a Mon-Thur class each week with the final exercise on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, following the last class.

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright