

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions/Approval of Minutes

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

Others present: Britany Randall, Carmen Bensink Lewis, Gideon Bensink Lewis, Douglas Kuzmanoff, Mesheal Heyman, Joe Tracy, Carol DeCoursey, Mark DeCoursey, Marlayne Madison, Thomas H. Madison, Virginia Stapleton, Carol J. Corner, Dan Dorn, Laura Dorn, Officer Wolfe and Officer Lewis Menges.

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

Aaron seconded the motion. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed.

#2 Great Story from Grant Neighborhood

Grant Community School will be holding a fund raising jog-a-thon tomorrow.

The Parrish Middle School principal has moved into the Grant neighborhood. Sam commented that Mr. Foster, a long time principal at Grant Community School also resided, and continues to live, in the Grant neighborhood. Living in the neighborhood they serve, is important and special.

Neighbors on 5th Street have been celebrating Taco Tuesday all summer. This is an all-are-welcome community get together with neighbors sharing their cooking.

#3 Neighborhood Concerns

Neighbors reported that a large oak (not an Oregon white oak) was removed from the parking strip on 5th. It had been damaged by losing a large limb last winter. However, they were surprised that they did not receive a notice other than a knock on the door when the crew arrived to remove it.

#4 Officer Reports

Compliance Services Officer Wolfe reported that she has had 75 new cases since she attended our June meeting. 17 are still open, 9 of which are hers. The others are likely abandoned vehicle cases. Most of the cases were for junk and trash. There is one derelict building within Grant neighborhood, the Kuenzi Apartments on Liberty Street. Work permits have been taking out and work on the re-hab has started this week.

Neighbors asked about the home at 1555 Summer Street which has been deemed a public nuisance.

Officer Wolfe explained that, when the orange placards are posted, no one can be in the structure between dusk and dawn, and daytime occupation has to be for work or retrieving items.

A neighbor asked about a house on the corner of Shipping and Church that has the appearance of being abandoned, even though it is not. Another neighbor stated that it is being used to store furniture and household goods for refugees. Officer Wolfe commented that it could be cited if it is vacant, boarded up and is an attractive nuisance.

A neighbor asked about a white pickup with turquoise accents that is constantly being parked around the neighborhood. Officer Wolfe said that the City is well aware of this individual. He has a home and, evidently has too many vehicles to keep there. All of them are registered and he leaves them parked just to the time limit before moving them someplace else.

Salem Police Officer Lewis Menges received questions from neighbors. A resident at Church and D streets reported thefts from his yard and porch. Neighbors reported seeing a bicyclist riding down streets and looking in cars, like he is looking for opportunities to take items.

#5 City Councilor: Questions and Answers

Cara was ill and did not attend.

#5 Replacement Item: 4th Street Property

Dan & Laura Dorn were present to talk about their upcoming land use request for construction of a 4-plex on the southeast corner of Gaines and 4th streets, 1294 4th Street. The structure is proposed to face Gaines and will be 3 stories with a single car garage, with storage area, on the first floor for each unit. The living areas will be on the 2nd floor with two bedrooms on the top. They are also proposing four parking spaces off of the alley that abuts the east side of the property. The units will be about 1500 sq ft, not including the garage area. The garages will be paired with about 20 feet between each pair. Dorn felt this would allow parking between the sets, but a neighbor questioned whether this is enough room to park and allow the cars to back up safely into the street. There are no onsite trees. They are proposing removing the Linden street trees and replacing them with Zelkova trees. There will be 6 feet between the south property line and the back of the building. Dorn would like to salvage the 8 corbels on the existing Queen Anne home and repurpose them onto the new structure. There will be no outside garbage containers and no driveway parking. A landscape service will be employed to maintain the site. The windows on the elevations show a mix of horizontal slide and double hung. They have not yet completed their application requirements. Brittany Randall was in attendance and commented that the process will be a Type 3 site plan review.

#6 Capitol Street Improvement Ideas

Virginia Stapleton resides in the area south of Parrish Middle School and she brought her ideas for ways to improve the Capitol Street corridor from Union to Market Street. She would like to see a bike lane, cross access with flashing beacon crosswalks between the controlled intersections, and lane reductions to allow on street parking. She has met with Angela Obery, with the Maple-Winter Bike Boulevard, and with Mayor Chuck Bennett to discuss the suggestions. Ideas that have surfaced include a permanent radar readout sign (one is in place on Hawthorne between Center and State streets) and curb bump-outs. Neighbors liked the idea of removing the east traffic lane to return parking to that side and believe that the parking and lane reduction would provide traffic calming through these two super blocks. Neighbors felt that it needs to be determined what jurisdictions have control over Capitol Street. It, with Summer Street, used to be the Highway 99-E couplet through the city, but that doesn't seem to be the case, anymore, and its status is unknown. Evidently, this section of Capitol was not included in the City's recent Mobility Study, which abuts the south end. It was reported that the study included removing the double turn lanes from Center Street to Capitol. It would be helpful to check out the study to see what other recommendations contained therein might be helpful and applicable to Capitol Street's conditions. Christopher B. moved that ***“Grant Neighborhood support the initiative to explore making modifications to the Capitol Street traffic and pedestrian patterns and the Summer Street pedestrian pattern, by providing a letter of said support and helping to build energy behind it.”*** Aaron seconded the motion. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed.

#7 Land Use Updates

- Paul informed the Board that the City Council had approved the land use application at 1175 Nebraska by supporting the decision of the Planning Commission, and denying the appeal brought by the local neighbors. Council made the point that they supported the need for housing density, that the traffic in the alley cannot be limited, and the development is, in fact, the minimum allowed within the zone.
- At our request, the City is now identifying the pertinent neighborhood association(s) and including the chair's and/or land use chair's contact information on every land use notice letter that they send out to neighbors surrounding a site on which an application requiring notification has been filed.

- Flood Plain notices have gone out to property owners affected by the revised FEMA flood maps. If substantial improvements are made to a structure, all utility components onsite have to be elevated to 1-foot above the identified flood level. “Substantial improvement” is defined as a renovation project that costs half, or more, of the value of the home at the time the work is being proposed.

#8 Campaign for Excellence

Sam received information from the Grant School Behavior Specialist that they are in need of some auxiliary equipment: noise cancelling headphones, a small trampoline, a medicine ball, and, a partition on wheels. Paul moved that *“The focus of the Campaign of Excellence this year should be the items requested by the School’s behavior specialist.”* Christopher seconded the motion. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed. Sam will prepare the neighborhood letter outlining the need and the request.

#9 November Meeting

The agenda was set to include: a presentation on Our Salem, regarding Comprehensive Plan updates; City Manager, Steve Powers, providing an information on the City’s water system; and, emergency preparedness information from Salem Emergency Preparedness manager, Gregory Walsh. Confirmations will be due by Friday, October 18th. Printing will be done that weekend. Sorting the sector bags will be on Monday, October 21st at 5:30 at Evergreen Presbyterian Church. Flyers should be delivered by October 28th.

#10 Board Member Reports

Cherriots ADA/bus stop issues – Paul said he would contact Kevin Hottmann, at Public Works, and Steve Dickey, at Cherriots, and try to keep the topic focused and see if a meeting can be scheduled. CERT – Lola reported that another set of classes will begin on Tuesday. It will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 3 weeks with the final exercise on October 26 at the Airport Fire Station Training Center. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to participate in the exercise should contact Lola.

#11 Other Business

A neighbor commented that the Cherriots have returned to providing bus service on Saturdays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright