

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions

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

Others present: Scott Munford, Douglas Kuzmanoff, Eunice Kim, Eric Bradfield, Cara Kaser, MaryAnne Spadlin, Carolin VanOrden, Nick Beleicks, Susan Napack, Carol DeCoursey, Elliott Lapinel Marissa Theve and Dustin Purnell.

#2 Our Salem

Eunice Kim discussed where the process is for creating, reviewing and adopting the Our Salem document which will update the Salem Comprehensive Plan. Currently it is still in draft form. The plan, which sets high-level goals, will be a framework for other Salem plans, i.e. water, parks, transportation, etc. She displayed a map that highlights the areas that are proposed for changes. Those areas are shown with a black cross-hatched pattern. The map and the draft report are available on-line. City staff, a consultant team, Salem-Keizer School District, and Cherriots make up the core team. The project is under the authority of the City Council. There is an open online survey that will be available until Thanksgiving. Also influencing the plan is the Greenhouse goal set for 2050 so they are partnering with those developing the Climate Action Plan. A neighbor asked how the plan affects proposals that are in the process. Eunice responded that the process takes a lot of time. One of their biggest concerns is the vacant land that is quickly being developed as single family housing when multi-family housing is needed. The City is short by about 3000 units of multi-family housing. Eunice was asked if the goals address fixing “donut-holes” or, are they just focused on corridors. She said that they are encouraging mixed-use overlays. There are also areas that have not developed to higher zones that have been applied. These may be down zoned to reflect the actual, and supposed long term, use of the properties.

#3 Councilor Update

Cara announced that she and Eric have bought a home in Silverton and moved there. Eric has resigned from the Grant Neighborhood Association Board. She has tendered her resignation from City Council and Council will vote on Monday the 11th to accept it. Her term ended on December 31st. The rules of City Council state that if there is more than 1 year until the next primary elections, which in the case here, the vacancy cannot be filled with an appointment. It must go to a special election. That will not occur since Virginia Stapleton is the Councilor-elect and will take over duties in January. She can attend Council meetings, with no voting privileges until she is sworn in.

Cara reported on the following:

- The City is looking at a Mental Health Crisis Response Unit that would be a better, and more appropriate, option for sending to certain 991 calls, rather than a uniformed police officer.
- The City Manager has proposed an option to assist with those homeless who are camping in Cascade Gateway and Wallace Marine Parks. Right now small trees are being cut down for firewood. The proposal will supply additional sanitation and water needs.
- There is really no good option for aiding the homeless population if they are experiencing a mental crisis, are drunk or high - they don't need to go to jail or the Emergency Room. State funds are needed for capital improvements, land treatment and personnel. There is no money to fund a low-barrier shelter.

- Sam commented about the Church in the Park, which is a response to those that are living in the park. They help get people out of the park and have assisted about 150 individuals over the last several years. It has been an effective outreach program.
- Cara continued; reporting about a proposal to use the old DMV building and lot at the intersection of Silverton Road and Portland Road to as a temporary place to allow tents and cars to be used as shelters. It would serve women, women with children and families and could accommodate up to about 50 people. It would only operate through the winter for about 90 days. It would be organized and run by ARCHES.
- A second project would be set up in a building at State and 19th streets. Building Blocks would operate a shelter for women and children during the cold season.
- Tim asked if the City is still working towards getting a low-barrier shelter. Cara said yes, they are still working towards that. The City needs wrap around services for permanent or semi-permanent service centers.

#4 Land Use Updates

Sam spoke about the Grant School transportation use of Cottage Street. He said the District had taken our input to heart to reconfigure the Cottage Street entrance as a secondary “main” entrance, adding raised crosswalks and trees. However, the design will be done by the District’s team, which we were hoping to work with before the proposal is finalized. Seems we will only review a final product. Anyone who wants to join Sam can contact him.

Paul spoke about the DevNW/Evergreen Church proposal. The Planning Commission gave it a unanimous approval. The appeal to have City Council to pull it up is scheduled for 6:00pm on Monday, November 23rd. Council will hear everything rather than just review the Planning Commission decision. The Neighborhood Association does not accept the project as proposed, but could accept an RM2 zone. We need to communicate our concerns without being repetitive. In the current and upcoming Comprehensive Plans, this land is not identified as needed for his change. A neighbor asked if the City is feeling pressure because they are drastically behind on the multi-family housing and they are not looking at any other factors. The process does not seem congruous with the Plan. The housing needs have identified that over 200 acres needs to change from single-family to multi-family. What are the social and political consequences of accomplishing it in 0.30 acres increments? If anyone is interested in providing testimony at the Council meeting, Paul will provide them with the signup information when it becomes available. A neighbor commented that a meeting over Zoom is not like a meeting in person. Councilors can become distracted so presentations need to be compelling to keep them involved in the discussion. A neighbor asked if both structures need the RH zone. A neighbor asked about the historic aspect of the structures. The church property, in particular, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Under Sec 106, if any Federal monies are involved, mitigation is required. It is up to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), who administers the Federal regulations in Oregon, and the owner to decide on a plan. It could be something like a memorandum of understanding that involves signing, or mitigation. SHPO is aware of the unreinforced masonry construction of the church building and is concerned. A neighbor asked what happens if the church has to come down. Sec 106 may delay, but does not stop, projects from happening. No architectural plans were submitted with the application. The property acquisition is 100% privately funded.

#5 Board Member Reports

No Board Member Reports were presented.

#7 Other Business

- Sam commented on the multi-modal crossing of Fairgrounds Road at Norway, and recommended the neighbors go by and see it. It has a nice center of the street refuge for both pedestrians and bicycles. This brought up a discussion about the trees in the median farther south, at Hood Street, that have died and need replacing. Time said he will contact the City about getting trees replanted.

- Jeanne asked for information on who served on any City boards or commissions this past year. She needs the info for the Neighborhood Association Annual Review that she is preparing for the City.
- Paul and Sam reported about a contact they had regarding a potential mixed-use housing and work development near Capitol Street on a split zoned property. It might be a set of row houses on one side and offices on the other. It sounded interesting and the owner should be invited to a NA meeting.
- In conjunction with the Annual Review document, Jeanne asked us to consider and adopt a goal, or goals, for the coming year. Discussion ensued about how to engage new arrivals into the neighborhood. We used to receive a notice from the City of new real estate sales and we did information letters out with invitations to the NA meetings and ways to participate. Paul moved that ***“We revamp our outreach effort and update and maintain our website.”*** Tina seconded the motion. Susan Napack is a graphic artist and volunteered to work on updating the website. The vote was 8 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Jeanne reported on the NA participation at the Willamette Heritage Center Trick-or-Treat event on October 31st. It was very well attended, a beautiful dry day, and lots of fun.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright