

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions

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

Others present: Virginia Stapleton, Carolin VanOrdin, Scott Munford, Megan Stevens, and Lt. Jason VanMeter.

Paul moved that ***“We approve the minutes for July, August, September, October, November, and December with the following corrections.”*** Lola seconded the motion. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed.

July 9, 2020

Agenda Item #2

CORRECT: 3) ***The*** received a staff report on what a performance audit of the Police Department would look like.

TO READ: 3) ***They*** received a staff report on what a performance audit of the Police Department would look like.

Agenda Item #5

CORRECT: *Finally, a neighbor asked if the applicant has gotten their Engineering Study of the structure, and felt that, if they have not, **they** sincerity in saving the church building is questionable.*

TO READ: *Finally, a neighbor asked if the applicant has gotten their Engineering Study of the structure, and felt that, if they have not, **their** sincerity in saving the church building is questionable.*

August 6, 2020

Agenda Item #3

CORRECT PUNCTUATION: *He replied that it is very fast, too fast*

TO READ: *He replied that it is very fast, too fast.*

Agenda Item # 6

CORRECT SENTENCE STRUCTURE AND PUNCTUATION: *A neighbor what is the desired outcome of having a code of ethics?*

TO READ: *A neighbor **asked** “What is the desired outcome of having a code of ethics?”*

September 3, 2020

Agenda Item #3

CORRECT SPELLING AND EDIT PUNCTUATION THROUGHOUT IN THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE: *It would remove part of the ball field, widen **on** and create two new driveways, remove at least 6 mature trees located on-site and in the parking strip, remove open green space/play space and turn it into a storm water detention basin, fence in the playground structure and two four-square and two hopscotch courts just south of the playground, eliminate the two tether ball poles and two additional four-square courts.*

TO READ: *It would: remove part of the ball field; widen **one**, and create two new, driveways; remove at least 6 mature trees located on-site and in the parking strip; remove open green space/play space and turn it into a storm water detention basin; fence in the playground structure and two four-square and two hopscotch courts just south of the playground; eliminate the two tether ball poles and two additional four-square courts.*

November 5, 2020

Agenda Item #3, First Bullet

CORRECT: *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.*

TO READ: The City is looking at a Mental Health Crisis Response Unit that would be a better, and more appropriate, option for sending to certain 911 calls, rather than a uniformed police officer.

Agenda Item #3, Fifth Bullet

CORRECT: *Cara continued; reporting about a proposal to use the old DMV building . . .*

TO READ: Cara continued, reporting about a proposal to use the old DMV building . . .

Agenda Item #3, Seventh Bullet

CORRECT: *Cara said yes, they are still working towards that.*

TO READ: Cara said yes, they are still working towards that.

Agenda Item #6

CORRECT: *#7 Other Business*

TO READ: *#6 Other Business*

Agenda Item #6, First Bullet

CORRECT: *Time said he will contact the City about getting trees replanted.*

TO READ: *Tim said he will contact the City about getting trees replanted.*

December 3, 2020

Agenda Item #6

CORRECT: *On November 23rd are appeal was heard before City Council for 905-925 Cottage Street.*

TO READ: On November 23rd our appeal was heard before City Council for 905-925 Cottage Street.

#2 Great Story from Grant

- Aaron reported that he is still working on transferring and updating the setups for the Grant Neighborhood Association website. Susan, a neighbor who is a retired graphic designer, volunteered to update the GNA logo. Aaron brought some of her current work that included several variations on the work Susan presented last month. The layouts can be used in different situations. Cynthia moved that “We accept the three versions of Susan’s current logo designs for use by the GNA.” Tim seconded the motion. Vote was 10 in favor, 0 opposed.
- Ray commented on the new building going up on the corner of E and Broadway. He was surprised, at first, that he could see it from his home, but is pleased to have a mixed use structure on this corner. Aaron said there will be an optometrist on the main floor and apartments of various sizes on the two higher floors. They vary in size from quite small to 2-bedrooms. The owner of the development lives in the neighborhood.
- Sam mentioned that both of the new pedestrian signs on Market Street at Grant School, which had been damaged or destroyed, have been replaced.

#3 Neighbor Concerns

- Cynthia reported that, at about 4:30 am on December 27th, a young woman who was stopped for a traffic violation ran from the officer. That drew a swarm of police cars to the 800 block of D and E streets. The young woman ended up on Cynthia’s roof but did eventually come down and was taken into custody.
- Sam said that someone had tried to steal the catalytic converter off his old car. He filed an on-line police report. He was impressed with the SPD’s on-line form.
- Carolin said the Salem Child Development Center had gas stolen from their busses. Evidently the thief had hopped over the locked fence/gate.

#4 **Officer Report**

Lt. Jason VanMeter, SPD, was present. He stated that SPD had assisted State Police at the Capitol during the Legislature's Special Session. They responded on several dates in December and January, including December 21st and January 1st, 5th, and 6th. They dealt with both antagonizing groups – trying to keep them out of the roadway and intervening to keep them separated and to quell attacks and counter-attacks. They made arrests. They have about 1-year to make follow-up arrests. They will go to the violator's homes and take them into custody. Anyone who participates is subject to being investigated. The SPD's work includes the event and also the investigations afterward. Both sides have threatened to sue the SPD.

A neighbor asked about the incident where a car plowed into the homeless camp beneath the Market Street underpass of I-5. Lt. VanMeter said that the tent was empty, no one was hurt, and the driver was arrested for DUII.

A neighbor asked, "What is the appropriate thing to do if people come into a business without a mask to purposely cause an incident?" He advised them to call the police so they can work with the store owner. The police can arrest the provocateur for trespass, if the private property owner wants the person removed. They cannot arrest them for not wearing a mask.

#5 **Councilor-Elect Update**

Virginia reported that:

- She cautioned folks about confronting people about mask-wearing.
- Her reaction to the storming of the US Capitol yesterday was overwhelming and unreal – the worst event since 9/11. The episode will be addressed at the next City Council meeting.
- Park clean ups of garbage and litter will be happening at Wallace Marine Park on January 15th and at Cascade Gateway Park on January 29th. The City will work for six hours at each park or until their trucks are full. We have coordinated with ODOT to have bi-weekly garbage pick up at the I-5 and Market Street exit. The downtown City parking structures are in need of cleaning but there is no funding for that now.
- The City has received COVID vaccines for emergency personal. All fire department workers were vaccinated this week. Police and 911 operators will be vaccinated next week. The City is also working with Marion County to set up vaccine drive-through locations. Virginia will be checking with the City Manager about shots for EMT service personal, who are not city employees but who support our emergency responders.
- As of Dec. 28th there are 1,851 water/waste water accounts past due. These accounts will not be shut off, but the City has \$566,000 in unpaid utility bills.
- Tomorrow Virginia has a meeting with Steve Powers to hear his plans to address our unsheltered neighbors and the park camping situation.

#6 **Board Member Reports**

- CERT: Lola reported that the next zoom class will be on a Tue-Thu schedule starting January 26th and running through February 9th. January 20th will be the next meeting of the Grant-Highland CERT group. It will address the "what?" and "where?" aspects of emergency supplies.
- Paul reported that the Budget Committee will meet on Jan 20th to set the 5-year forecast. They will also be weighing the effects that COVID-19 will have on revenues.
- Paul commented on the multi-family housing deficit that was identified by the City in 2015 which amounted to a shortage of 2897 multi-family housing units and 207 acres of land needed. Since then, 28 acres of multi-family zoned land have been added to the inventory along with 89 acres designated for mixed-use. This satisfies more than half of the identified deficit. The DevNW project added 0.29 acres.
- The tennis courts and bio-swales are constructed at the NSHS project on D Street. Tennis courts pretty much just look like parking lots so it's a jarring change from the ballfields that were taken out.

- Sam invited anyone interested to join the monthly N² meetings on the second Wednesday of each month from 11:30 to 1:00. During the pandemic they are being held via zoom. The group serves and supports the North Salem HS feeder area and works to aid families, kids, and seniors in the community.

#7 Other Business

- Sam will reach out to Salem Keizer School District to learn if any progress is being made on the Cottage Street proposal.
- Tim is going to reach out to the developer of the Fairgrounds triangle property to see how the plans are developing. Tim said that he has been told that metal siding is no longer planned.
- Aaron said he has been contacted by a neighbor at Market and Church streets about pursuing the RM-2 Parking program along the block of Church Street from Market to Gaines. The neighbor will be invited to attend our February meeting to discuss the plan. At that point the Board can make a decision about supporting the proposal.
- Neighbors asked if the zoom meeting notices and sign-in information for our GNA meetings can be sent out closer to our meeting date so they are easier to find in their emails on the day of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright