

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>P</i>	CYNTHIA KAVANAGH	<i>P</i>		
TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	RAY QUISENBERRY	<i>E</i>		
CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Carolin VanOrdin, Greg Walsh, Teresa Joslin, Susan Napack, Hannah Vogl, Brook Edmonds, Randy Vogel, Marissa Theve, Elliott Lapinel, Nick Maselli, Megan Stevens, Lisa, Virginia Stapleton, and Carol DeCoursey.

Lola moved that ***“We approve the April minutes as submitted.”*** Paul seconded the motion. Vote was 22 in favor, 0 opposed.

#2 Great Story from Grant

- Paul noted that the North Salem High tennis courts are nearly finished.
- Susan said she is starting to see some engagement on our NA Facebook site. She asked how many that are present are on Facebook.
- A neighbor commented on the Alchemy Bakery on Broadway.
- Grant School Cleanup for Earth Day was May 1st.
- Congratulations went out to Salem Alliance Church for the cleanup and painting of their parking lot.
- Nick reported that the RP parking has been established on Church and Gaines streets.
- Neighbors mentioned that a neighbor with a garage in the alley in the block bounded by Market, Belmont, Cottage and Church streets chalked a sign in the alley that read “Salem Free Friday. They saw this while out walking. It is like a little free library, except the shelves are stocked with food, water, and hygiene products.

#3 Neighbor Concerns

- Nick reported that his catalytic converter was stolen from his car. He has heard of 2 others that were taken in the neighborhood. Right now there is a shortage of replacements so it is hard to get it replaced.
- A neighbor brought a complaint about a dog in the Winter and Hood streets vicinity that barks, howls and cries incessantly. It is left outside and is a gray and white pit bull. Sam suggested contacting Heather at Neighbor-to-Neighbor for assistance in resolving the problem. Others also suggested contacting Marion County Animal Control.

#4 Officer Reports

No Salem Police officer was in attendance.

#5 Disaster Preparedness – Sanitary Needs

Greg Walsh, City of Salem Emergency Manager, was present to talk about dealing with sanitation needs in the case of a service interruption of a disaster. These may result from the Cascadia Subduction Earthquake, power outages, water outages, or, system damages. Following the Cascadia Earthquake, service time recoveries are expected to be:

Service	Electricity	Police/Fire	Water/Sewer	Highways	Health Care
Willamette Valley	1-3 mo	2-4 mo	1-12 mo	6-12 mo	18 mo
Oregon Coast	3-6 mo	2-4 mo	12-36 mo	6-12 mo	36 mo

Our systems were built prior to the knowledge about earthquakes in our area, with few upgrades made since that awareness was acquired.

Everyone needs to be two-weeks ready. Options for sanitary needs are:

Twin Buckets-

For urine - add water pour and over lawn or garden. Put paper in the poo bucket.

For poo – add bark chips after each use. Do not fill more than ½-way full. Line bucket with 13 gal heavy duty garbage bag. Double bag when removed and place away from living area. Store separate from food waste.

Items needed: trash bags, toilet paper, glow sticks, solar lantern, bleach, wipes, gloves, go-girl (allows you to go pee standing up), bucket toilet seat and lid (definitely worth the \$15), pop up pod (small shelter) available at outdoor sporting stores.

Pit Latrine -

A pit latrine is a hole in the ground. It needs to be 10’ away from a property line or a residential structure. It also needs to be away from any stream, waterway or well. Dig a hole 2-4 feet deep and 2 feet in diameter. Stop if you hit any groundwater. Save the soil to refill the hole after use. Toilet paper goes into the hole. Dig a new hole as needed.

Septic System-

Make sure the system still works. Test with water from sinks and toilets. Do you need/have electricity? Look for earth that has moved, wet spots, odors, water/sewer backing up in basement, bathroom, or floor drain.

For any system, be sure you also have these items on hand and in supply to last at least two weeks:

- Hand Sanitizer
- Toilet Paper
- Feminine Products
- Can Liners (lots of them and thick enough to not tear)
- Lights
- Shovels

For further explanations of these systems and to find a quick guide printout or the *Emergency Toilet Guidebook*, visit:

<https://www.publicalerts.org/get-ready/have-a-toilet-plan>

You can also find a lot of preparedness information at:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/Cascadia-earthquake-preparedness>

Tina asked about what apartment dwellers should know. Greg said they are looking to work with landlords to site pit toilets on the grounds if there are landscaped areas. Another option is to put a pit latrine over a sanitary sewer manhole (make sure it is not a storm drain line). New Zealand has done a lot of research and has had quite a bit of actual practice. Bucket seat lids are available at sporting good and farm supply stores.

#6 Councilor Report

Virginia reported that:

- City Council will receive the Human Rights Commission’s recommendations on racism in a report in June.
- Mt. West has stopped construction on Yaquina Hall due to environmental issues.
- The Our Salem zoning sub-committee is working on maximum heights, parking, density, neighborhood hubs and multi-family housing.
- The pallet houses project on Portland Road is being worked on ahead of the “stop camping” order that will take effect in June. This will bring big changes and a lot of decisions are still up in the air. Cascade Gateway and Wallace Marine parks are bearing the brunt of this past year. The change is set to be done in stages with different sections addressed progressively so that non-profit partners can cope with the time requirements of the work load. The City is looking for shelter locations and land for temporary shelters. Lots of the potential sites are in the Ward 1 boundary and we must be

generous and compassionate when seeking solutions to help. The City is also working with ODOT on their staging and we don't know yet when they will say "no more." There will be no police clearings of camps.

Nick suggested that one neighborhood set up three pods instead of relying on Wallace Park and the downtown Rite-aid sidewalks. One small success can then be spread to all Wards, not just Ward 1. City buses or commuter buses can be used to get folks to services.

Sam commented that 5-years ago, the City banned panhandling which has now progressed to pallet shelters and small pods to deal with some of the same problems. The City is working with non-profits to find plots of land that will accommodate 20, or so, in a single location, which seems to be a good number. The Housing Rental Assistance Program (HRAP) is a successful program. He agreed that all Wards need to share.

Neighbors asked: "What are other cities doing that is successful?" "Can a pallet community be set up in Mario Square Park?" Virginia responded that Marion Square is being considered and Pringle Hall is another site. There are lots of mental health issues in this population that need to be addressed. She is also asking about installations of Portland Loos in the downtown area.

- The City Budget is working on money for: a crisis unit; interpreters for meetings; a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion committee; and, body cameras for police.
- Virginia is exploring requesting that Winter and Union streets be closed during the Saturday Market season.
- The linking of future development to the Cherriots Core Network has an outsized affect on the Grant Neighborhood where rezoning is based on a ¼-mile proximity to the Core. Maximum density and multifamily housing are all connected to the Core Network. A conversation is needed about one entire neighborhood (Grant) being affected, while others are not affected at all, or minimally. The proximity distance should be changed from ¼-mile to 500 feet. Our Salem did not change greenhouse gas emissions. A review should be made that looks at why a few neighborhoods are being asked to "fix" the majority of the Salem greenhouse gas issue. "Transit versus Zoning" is a "chicken and egg" situation. No money is allotted to for sidewalks and bike lanes and alternate transportation modes don't get funded.

#7 Board Member Elections

Jeanne reported that Ray Quisenberry is not seeking re-election as he has some other interests that he needs to focus his time on. Paul said the Sadie, too, is not seeking re-election. Jeanne nominated Susan Napack. Marissa nominated Elliott Lapinel. Jeanne also nominated Nick Maselli. The rest of the existing board agreed to stand for re-election. Lola moved ***"That we approve the list of candidates, consisting of: Jeanne Boatwright Mark DeCoursey, Tim France, Christopher Hackett, Lola Hackett, Tina Hansen, Cynthia Kavanagh, Elliott Lapinel, Nick Maselli, Susan Napack, Sam Skillern, Aaron Terpening, and Paul Tigan."*** Paul seconded the motion. Vote was 22 in favor, 0 opposed.

#8 Board Member Reports

- CERT – Lola reported they are looking for a place to hold CERT classes. Tim said to contact him and he can find a space on the Salem Alliance Church campus.
 - Land Use Updates –
 - A) Paul reviewed the Our Salem process. The proposed new zoning map, in response to the Comp Plan changes, has been released. A neighbor on 5th Street is unhappy with the proposal to change zoning on the west side of that street from SF to R4. R4 allows added density, like RM2, but on major streets, such as arterials, it allows home occupations/commercial use – sort of a mixed use scenario. Paul says it is unclear if properties on 5th Street would be eligible for home occupation. The biggest changes in the Grant Neighborhood are mixed uses along Broadway, Fairgrounds, Commercial, Capitol, and Market streets.
- A neighbor asked if notices were sent out to property owners about these zone changes. Paul said they are proposals within the Comp Plan and they are asking for feedback prior to asking

City Council to adopt the plan. He also said that zoning changes, alone, will not cause the changes the City is seeking. Grant needs to be supportive- not NIMBY – and present ideas and alternatives that will help Grant.

- B) Regarding the progress on the School District’s proposed changes to Cottage Street, Jeanne listed the items she saw on the current plans that are slightly off of what we discussed with the District staff on site last summer. Some of these items are not necessarily land use issues, per se, but the neighborhood felt that they should at least be provided to the City. The included points are: 1) The trees at the west side of the gym building that seem to be too close to the wall, based on their drip line radius; 2) The absence of a large canopy tree to the north of the entrance walk, between the school and the sidewalk, which was requested because the space is open and free of overhead power lines; 3) The slope of the shed roof extension over the entrance walk seems like it would be more effective at providing shade and rain protection if it sloped from the south, up, to the north; 4) There is no mention on the plans of removing the large ornamental shrub near this school entrance that we were told would be removed to provide sight lines to the doorway for security purposes; 5) Some concern about the extensive use of grasses and ferns for the understory landscaping which may become garbage and debris collectors. Tina moved that “Grant Neighborhood write a letter of support for the work that the School District did to address the Neighborhood’s concerns and include the list of items Jeanne presented.” Lola seconded the motions. Vote was 22 in favor, 0 opposed.
- C) Randy Vogel, owner of Sensible Speech was in attendance. His offices are currently located at Capitol & Shipping streets, and he is in the process of purchasing property at Capitol and Norway, just one block north, to move their operation. The north site consists of 3 parcels, all of which were occupied by T&R Automotive – a non-conforming use that has been there for about 50 years. The two that have frontage on Capitol are already zoned CR, and the one that faces Norway is zoned RM2. He would like to change the RM2 to CR and consolidate the lots. He will be back at our June meeting to discuss their plans in detail. Sam has forwarded questions to him that he should be prepared to address, including: 1) Given that it was an auto repair operation for so long, are there any soil contamination issues? 2) What will the parking situation be? 3) Have they talked to the surrounding neighbors about the change? Randy said they have not yet made an application to the City, but have met with City staff at a pre-app conference. He is interested in hearing any community concerns or suggestions.

#9 Other Business

- Nick proposed that we impose a time limit on our monthly meetings of 1½ hours. Sam replied that we have had a long standing goal to keep them to 75-90 minutes. The problem is that some months we have a very full agenda that includes items that have to be addressed before the next month’s meeting.
- Jeanne asked for the board to think about the following issues to be addressed at next month’s meeting: Ideas for how we would like to spend our NA communication funds, which are now at \$2500; The Annual Review will be due in 60 days and she may need information from Board members about their City/community activities this past year; We need to set a new NA goal for this coming year (June 2021 thru May 2022); The City may be receiving Travel Oregon Grant money. If so, are we interested in getting any additional “Historic Neighborhood” sign toppers or utility vault historical info wraps, like the one we have in Grant Park?

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright