

AGENDA ITEM

#1 Introductions

BOARD MEMBERS:		PRESENT - <i>P</i>	ABSENT - <i>A</i>	EXCUSED - <i>E</i>	
JEANNE BOATWRIGHT	<i>P</i>	TINA HANSEN	<i>P</i>	SAM SKILLERN	<i>P</i>
MARK DECOURSEY	<i>P</i>	CYNTHIA KAVANAGH	<i>P</i>	AARON TERPENING	<i>E</i>
TIM FRANCE	<i>P</i>	ELLIOTT LAPINEL	<i>P</i>	PAUL TIGAN	<i>P</i>
CHRISTOPHER HACKETT	<i>P</i>	NICK MASELLI	<i>P</i>		
LOLA HACKETT	<i>P</i>	SUSAN NAPACK	<i>P</i>		

Others present: Scott Munford, Carolin VanOrdin, Irma Dowd, Teresa Joslin, Marissa Theve, Megan Stevens, Anne Colao, Tommy Van C.?, Carol DeCoursey, Ron Kimal P.?, Virginia Stapleton, and Mark Kavanagh.

Paul moved that ***“We approve the June minutes with the single correction brought forward.”*** Lola seconded the motion. Vote was 9 in favor, 0 opposed.

Correction:

#4 Officer Reports

Salem Police –

CORRECT: Regarding a recent situation at D and Winter streets where a pedestrian threatened some residents, he reminded all to call 911 whenever a threatening or safety situation is **ii** progress.

TO READ: Regarding a recent situation at D and Winter streets where a pedestrian threatened some residents, he reminded all to call 911 whenever a threatening or safety situation is **in** progress.

#2 Great Story from Grant

- Great to see Broadway Commons back alive. Hope the Covid Delta variant does not cause a step back.
- Salem Alliance Church is installing solar panels on the roof of the Broadway Commons this fall. If it goes well, they may install panels on some of their other buildings.
- Grant Neighborhood had an outreach event at Salem Saturday Market and also at the Barrel & Keg National Night-Out Block Party. Appreciation was extended to the communication team for coordinating these activities - Susan, Aaron, Marissa, and Teresa.
- The communication team is floating the idea of enlisting other NA’s to sponsor a general Neighborhood outreach station at the Saturday Market on a regular basis.
- The Grant School construction project on Cottage Street has started. There has been a recent lull in the progress, but it is scheduled to pick up again on Monday the 9th. Street work is scheduled for completion on August 20th, on-site work to be done by September 3rd.
- The City had 76 registered Block Parties for National Night-Out, while there were many others that were unregistered.

#3 Neighbor Concerns

- Neighbors are concerned about what seems to be becoming a permanent yard sale at 765 Hood Street. Additionally there is lots of trash left in the alley adjacent to the property. Irma recommended contacting Compliance Services through the City’s website. Residents are only allowed to hold 3 garage sales per calendar year.
- A neighbor asked about the closure of Court Street and all the basketball hoops set up there. Neighbors explained that it is the annual Hoopla event that will run through Sunday.
- An Emergency Preparedness information meeting for apartment dwellers was held. There needs to be additional ones set up.

- Neighbors began a lengthy discussion about the proposed closing of Winter and Union streets during the Saturday Market hours. Points raised and comments made included:
 - There is no good reason to affect the neighborhood, parking for the market, and traffic patterns;
 - How will the side streets be signed so as to prevent dead-ends at the closed streets and stuck vehicles that then have to maneuver between the curb lines in order to turn around;
 - Some City staff are concerned about the effect;
 - It might hurt Market attendance which is already down over this past year;
 - How will residents on the closed streets, particularly Winter Street, get in and out;
 - Many thought the portions of Winter and Union that abut the Market were the ones proposed for closure, not clear to Market Street and to the Union Street Bridge;
 - Concern about relocating bus stops and the affect of that on access to the Market;
 - Visitors to the Market, who bring kids and dogs, may be discouraged by the longer walking distances to get to the Market;
 - Visitors that purchase large, bulky, or heavy items at the Market may have bikes that can't accommodate the load and need a car to transport these;
 - Bikeways on Union and Winter are coming in the future – this is an opportunity to see how they will work;
 - Try this for awhile – it is a short term closure, not a permanent one;
 - Salem has lots of bike lanes, but there seems to be a real lack of use;
 - From an avid bike rider – it is currently very easy to ride a bike on Winter Street on Saturdays – don't understand the need to close the street;
 - Street closures have been tried in Eugene and British Columbia with devastating effects on the business and community it was supposed to support.

Virginia Stapleton arrived part-way through the discussion and provided additional information and comments:

- Through October, the street will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and open during that time to pedestrians and bicycles;
- Information will be gathered on how drivers respond and how bicyclists and pedestrians respond;
- City considered 2 options:
 - ♦ Soft Closure - Bus routes unchanged and cars asked to not use the streets;
 - ♦ Hard Closure – No buses, no cars
- They chose the hard closure;
- The closure on Union Street was moved to the east side of Commercial so that access to Riverfront Park and the Gilbert House would not be impacted;
- Vehicle traffic will be allowed to cross Union and Winter streets at every intersection;
- Residents on the closed streets will be allowed to leave, but cannot return to park until after 3:00. Parking of these vehicles is expected to occur on the adjacent side streets (D-E-Belmont) (Cottage-Church-High-Liberty);
- Apologized for not being clearer about the extent of the proposed closures;
- Pre-closure vehicle and parking counts were collected by the City, but did not know when, where, and how many were done;

Mark moved that ***“Grant Neighborhood convey to the City the serious concerns that neighbors have regarding the Union Street and Winter Street closures during the Saturday Market operations that are going to damage elements of Salem activities that we are interested in supporting.”*** Christopher seconded the motion. Vote was 5 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion failed.

#4 Officer Report

No Salem Police Officer was in attendance.

#5 Councilor Report

Virginia reported that:

- She is concerned that the affects of the unhoused fall on Ward 1, in particular, and is having discussions about how to spread the support system around the City;
- The Library is scheduled to reopen on September 1st;
- The Transportation Master Plan and the Parks Master Plan reviews are coming up;
- A neighbor commented that the sweep of Market Street at the I-5 exit resulted in a slight influx into downtown, but not as numerous as in the past;
- Another neighbor said that lots of folks from that sweep went north, on Lancaster Drive, to a wooded area near the Portland Road intersection.
- The City's number one need is a place for a women's shelter;
- A neighbor asked about help from Marion County. Virginia said that the current commission does not recognize the houseless as a concern;
- The next needed piece in the social service puzzle is a sobering center;
- A neighbor commented on the pallet house village at Silverton Road and Portland Road being clean, secure, fire-safe, and no garbage. Talking with residents he heard that it made a complete difference in their life – no theft, no flooding, no stress, not worried about having their things stolen, and, they have jobs.

#6 Board Officer Elections and Confirm Land Use & Communication Chairs

No nominations were received from the floor. Christopher moved to *“Nominate Aaron & Sam as co-chairs, Jeanne as secretary, Paul as Land Use Chair, and Susan as Communications Chair.”* Tim seconded the motion. Vote was 12 in favor, 0 opposed.

#7 Resuming In-Person Meetings

Discussion and comments included:

- Rather not meet in person – too many risks;
- Support for not meeting in person;
- Can we do a hybrid?
- Absolutely not ready to meet in person yet;
- Let's go month-by-month and see how it goes.

The consensus was that we would continue meeting via Zoom, but will include meeting in person as a discussion point under Board Member Reports each month until we are able to resume our usual protocol.

#8 Board Member Reports

- CERT - Lola reported:
 - An in person class will be started on September 2nd. It will be held on Thursdays & Tuesdays at Fire Station #6 (Airport Station on 25th). The final exercise will be Saturday Sept 19th. The class will also be available via Zoom for those not comfortable meeting in person.
 - The CERT program held an information meeting at Broadway Place Apartments for the residents. Only 3 showed up. A resident reported that they had not received any notification. Evidently there is not enough support from the management, because the CERT folks had to go through management to arrange for distribution of the meeting notices. The low turnout was discouraging and required too much time and preparation for so little return. CERT is recommending that, instead of informational meetings from the City, residents get trained and then take that information back to their fellow residents.
 - Nick and Mark are approaching the City regarding requirements for new apartment construction to provide support for residents during emergencies.

- Communications/Outreach – Susan reported:
 - She spent less than the \$500 budgeted for in-person outreach events. The items purchased were printed flyers (in both English and Spanish), and long term durables that included a Grant Neighborhood banner, and a canopy with leg-weights.
 - She spoke with Kimberli Fitzgerald about the Historic Neighborhood sign-toppers that we discussed at the June meeting. The cost is \$75/each for the signs and we can get a maximum of 10. We need to submit a proposal of the locations we have selected for installation. The City will then return an estimate to Grant NA for the cost to have a City crew install all of them. Susan is looking for help in identifying locations. Jean Palmateer, a past GNA board member, avid neighborhood walker, and participant in the ODOT program to renovate the train station baggage depot, has volunteered to assist Susan. Anyone else interested in scouting, or who has a suggested location, can contact Susan.
 - The GNA Instagram account is grantneighborhoodsalem;
 - Office Depot has set up an account for GNA which provides discounts on printing and supplies.
- Land Use Updates - Paul reported:
 - Columbus Hall, at the northeast corner of the intersection of Shipping and Cottage, is up for sale. It was not proposed to be rezoned to multi-use in the Our Salem work.
 - There has been nothing new on the DevNW project at the Evergreen Church. The church has not yet moved to their new 17th Street location.
 - Paul said he would like to form a land use sub-committee to help review neighborhood and City wide land use issues. No further action was taken.
- North Neighborhoods CPT (aka N²) - Sam reminded us that all are welcome to attend the N² meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 am to 12:45 pm. Currently meetings are via Zoom. Contact Sam for Zoom's meeting connection data.

#9 Other Business

A neighbor had a chicken killed recently one early morning. The predator could have been a raccoon, but more likely was a hawk.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Jeanne Boatwright