



September 12, 2018 - SCAN Monthly Meeting
South Salem High School Library

Board Members Present: Jon Christenson, Victor Dodier, Delmy Edwards, Lea Hinchcliff, John Prohodsky, Ron Rubel, Jim Scheppke, Jeff Schumacher, Brian Sund, Mark Wigg (10). *See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster*

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Jeff Schumacher with a quorum of 10 board members present at commencement.

1. Introductions

Everyone present introduced themselves including Board members, neighbors and guests.

2. City and Council Reports

- A. Councilor Tom Andersen reported on the High Street short term rental issue. A Hearings Officer has granted a conditional use permit, but Andersen has called the issue up for consideration by the Council at either their first or second meeting in October. Andersen continues to lead an effort to ban single-use plastic bags in the City. He hoped to see passage of the ordinance developed by City staff at the last meeting, but after debate the issue was put off until October 22nd. He is still confident of passage with some modifications to the draft ordinance. He has been hearing lots of concerns about subcontractors who have been hired to work on the new police facility and has been trying to get answers. He has been posting information obtained from Deputy Chief Belshaw on his Facebook page. There are state and federal rules and regulations that control contracting. The City cannot require union subcontractors and the City can only encourage their project contractor to hire local subcontractors. There is particular concern about the electrician subcontractor. Andersen will be meeting with Mike Ellison, an electrician and candidate for the Legislature, about this. Andersen fielded several questions about the police facility.
- B. Councilor Sally Cook reported that Mayor Bennett has appointed her, along with Councilor Jim Lewis, to the "Our Salem Committee" that will be working over the next several years on a revision to Salem's Comprehensive Plan. Cook is working with City staff on changes to the Salem Revised Code that would allow beekeeping in the City. The City will soon be receiving a consultant's report evaluating the City's response to the cyanotoxin crisis earlier in the summer. Cook answered several questions about the Comprehensive Plan revision process.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Christenson with second to approve minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting. Minutes approved with one abstention.

4. Announcements:

- A. Ellen Stevens announced that the Salem Public Library Foundation's "Salem Reads" project has selected a book: *Good Morning Midnight* by Lily Brooks-Dalton. Copies are being provided to local high school libraries and free copies will be distributed at the Library. The author will speak in Salem on February 28th.
- B. John Christenson announced that one of our Board members was honored yesterday. Brian Sund received a Volunteer Service Award from the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation (SKEF).
- C. Brian Sund reminded the group about SKEF's Crystal Apple awards. October 10th is deadline for nominations.
- D. Ellen Stevens reported that she has noticed more graffiti in our neighborhoods. She encouraged everyone to report graffiti as soon as they see it. There is a graffiti hotline: (503) 588-6333.
- E. Shelaswau Crier, a neighbor, announced that she is running for Marion County Commissioner. She described her background and what her priorities are. She described how people can get involved in her campaign.
- F. President Schumacher announced that the SCAN Board took an email vote on a resolution supporting the draft ordinance to ban single-use plastic bags. The email vote was 14-2 in favor. He sent a letter to the City Council indicating SCAN's support of the ban. He reminded everyone of the Riverfront Park Master Plan open house meeting on September 18th at Pringle Community Hall.

5. Neighborhood Concerns:

- A. Joyce Judy asked if SCAN can appeal the hearing date when the Council will consider the High Street short term rental issue. President Schumacher does not think this is possible. The issue needs to be decided before 120 days have elapsed. We will attempt to convene a Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting before this comes before the Council.
- B. Joyce Judy also asked about access to community development funds. These were discussed at the last City Council meeting. This is something SCAN should be more aware of.

6. Update from Salem Health

Leilani Slama, Vice President for Community Engagement, reported on future plans for Salem Hospital. Salem has an aging population. They anticipate 30% growth in the over-65 population in the near future. Persons over 60 comprise about half of their admissions. They see the need to add 50-70 beds per year until 2030 or so. Their ER is already the busiest on the West Coast, but they have improved wait times. They are now licensed for 494 beds and they are filled more than 90% of the time. They have created a plan to build capacity and they want SCAN's feedback. She showed a model and described the tentative plan. Building B on the west side of Winter Street is not seismically sound and the plan is to eventually tear it down. To replace it they would build a new building adjacent to Building A (east side of Winter Street) and eventually another building next to the new one. Each new building would have 120 to 150 beds. They have not made plans for what might go on the site of Building B. They estimate \$1 billion in

capital needs in next 10 years. SCAN members asked questions about the plan. Overall the feedback about the plan was positive.

7. Committee Reports:

- A. Land Use & Transportation (contact Chair Roz Shirack with questions) *No report for September*
- B. Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens (contact Co-Chair Jon Christenson w/ questions)
 - a. Summary of current issues before the Committee in *Exhibit B - Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Committee Report*
 - b. Christenson reported on the completion of a SCAN project to replace the bench at McKinley School. Neighbor Ken Edwards provided assistance to the project. Christenson received thanks from President Schumacher for successfully leading this project.

8. Discussion of Liberty Street Crosswalks

Alex Rhoten asked for SCAN's support for a signalized crosswalk at the intersection of Bush and Liberty. The Land Use and Transportation Committee voted not to support this request. President Schumacher asked for a discussion of what might be done to improve pedestrian and bike safety on Liberty Street. A number of ideas were suggested, including traffic calming changes to the design of Liberty Street and a pedestrian bridge. Schumacher will invite someone from the City to come talk to us about this at a future meeting.

9. Discussion of SCAN Goals for 2018-19

SCAN needs to adopt goals for 2018-19 and report them to the City. A number of ideas were discussed including improving multi-modal transportation facilities, collaboration with the Mission Street Parks Conservancy, protecting natural resources in our parks, promoting the use of parks, promoting historic neighborhoods in SCAN and continuing to monitor and give feedback to Salem Health on their expansion plans. Joyce Judy brought up what she saw as a problem with street design at Fairview and Commercial. The history of this was discussed. There is now an adopted corridor plan that does not make major changes to this intersection. President Schumacher will draft some goals based on the discussion and send them to the Board by email.

10. Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned by the SCAN President at 8:34 pm.

Submitted by Jim Scheppke, SCAN Secretary

Exhibit B - Historic Preservation, Parks, and Garden Update

JULY-AUGUST 2018

Bench at the North Entrance of McKinley Park Rebuilt

A beautiful cedar bench with fine grain wood now shines at the entry near West Nob Hill & McGilchrist -- with assistance from the Salem Parks Foundation, Darrell Huskey from the Oregon Cedar Company, guidance from neighbor Kent Edwards, help from Parks staff Jake Snell and Michael Avgi, and others. The wood is a custom milled Red Western Cedar with a High Performance SIKKENS Transparent Natural Light Satin finish applied by hand and brush. A word of thanks also to Linda Bierly of the Salem Parks Foundation Board. And gratitude to Michael Avgi for removing the graffiti on the entrance concrete wall.

Minor Historic Design Review - Case No. HIS18-10 - 2121 High Street SE

Approved by the Planning Administrator, August 10, 2018, to install a new gate and to replace 34 existing vinyl windows with 34 custom wood windows on the Downs House (1925), an individually listed Local Landmark. Effective Date: August 28, 2018.

Art in the Parks

On August 7, 2018, Marie Bradford Blevins, Executive Director of Salem's Riverfront Carousel, reported to Mayor Chuck Bennett and the Salem Art Commission, high interest in the possibility of incorporating the Salem Peace Mosaic (*River of Peace* by the artist Lynn Takata) into the plans for a new Carousel annex called "The Stables."

The artist, Lynn Takta, is well known in the SCAN community for her work with 330 McKinley School children on the mosaic mural overlooking the community garden on McGilchrist Street SE.

Work is also beginning on a sculpture by Native American artist Lillian Pitt + Mikel and Saralyn Hilde to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Oregon's "Bottle Bill" enacted in 1969. The Pitt-Hilde artwork will be placed in the park near the creek just north of the SAIF complex -- between High Street SE and Church Street SE.

"The Bottle Bill marked the beginning of the end of America's 'throwaway' culture. Before the law, 'no deposit - no return' bottles and containers made up 40% of roadside litter. Now, years later, recycling is part of Oregon's cultural fabric" (Salem Public Art Commission 2018). The Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) contributed \$ 15,000 to the project.

Jon Christenson, Chair of SCAN's Historic Preservation, Parks, & Gardens Committee