

Board Members Present: Carel DeWinkel, Victor Dodier, Delmy Edwards, Lea Hinchcliff, Bill Holstrom, John Prohodsky, Jim Scheppke, Jeff Schumacher, Carol Snyder, 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. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Victor Dodier with second to approve minutes from the September 12, 2018 meeting. Minutes approved with three abstentions.

3. City and Council Reports

- A. Councilor Sally Cook thanked SCAN for their work to oppose the short term rental variance at 725 High Street that was before the City Council at their meeting on October 8th. She understands that Councilor Andersen is not giving up and will investigate if any more can be done when he returns from vacation. Councilor Cook shared news from the report she gets regularly from City Manager Steve Powers. Councilor Cook is pleased to have been appointed to the "Our Salem" committee that will be working on a revision of the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan. There are meetings scheduled for November 5th and December 5th. She reported on plans for warming centers and urged people to volunteer. She asked for a letter of support for a "Safe and Sound South Salem" project she is proposing to identify points of health in SCAN and other neighborhoods. President Schumacher will send a letter of support for the project.
- B. Officer Lucenti from the Salem Police Department reported. He stated that the SCAN neighborhoods are at an all-time low for burglaries and car theft. He reported on the annual Halloween event that the SPD is holding once again. He answered questions about the problem of people running red lights on Commercial Street.
- C. Officer Deb Romano reported for the Code Enforcement Division. She has 24 cases that are currently open. She reported there are no derelict or dangerous buildings in SCAN. She asked everyone to keep watch on vacant buildings and contact her if doors are open. Board members asked about several houses that are of concern in SCAN. Board members also inquired about the continued problem of illegal signs in the public right of way. Officer Romano will ask if another sweep can be done.

4. Announcements & Neighborhood Concerns:

- A. Daniel Wren is running for Marion County Circuit Court Judge. He talked about his background and his qualifications. He fielded questions about improving mental health services and the bail system in Oregon.
- B. Lorrie Walker reported on the "Pocket Guide for the Homeless in Salem" which a group she works with has produced.
- C. South Salem High School Assistant Principal Victoria Davis asked if there were any questions or concerns that SCAN had. Board member Mark Wigg suggested that the school district needs to be doing more to encourage students to ride bikes and walk to school instead of driving to school. Concerns were also voiced about parents who stop at stop signs to pick up their children from school.
- D. President Schumacher reported on the outcome of the October 8th City Council meeting concerning a variance that would allow a short term rental house at 725 High Street. Two failed motions from Councilors meant that the

Hearings Officer ruling to allow the variance has prevailed for now. He believes the issue is not over, and he believes Councilor Andersen has not given up yet. Schumacher was thanked for his work on the issue.

5. Presentation by Neighborhood Connections — South Salem

Jodi Mahoney, Executive Director, reported on Neighborhood Connections. It is a new non-profit formed to assist seniors using the "village" concept. There are already six villages operating in Portland. Mahoney and another person will organize villages in Salem. They started a pilot village on October 1st. There is an online system that tracks needs of seniors. Needs include isolation, transportation, light housekeeping, and handyperson projects. She handed out information and asked that SCAN help spread the word about her project.

6. Presentation by Friendship Brigade

Heidi Wold Miller, Project Coordinator, reported on the Friendship Brigade. Center 50+ has started this program. The purpose is to connect isolated seniors in nursing homes with caring volunteers. Seventeen percent of seniors are experiencing isolation. The project started in May and they already have 25 active volunteers. They are hoping to get 11th and 12th graders involved as well as college students. She provided information and asked for SCAN to help her promote the project.

7. Committee Reports:

- A. Land Use & Transportation (contact Chair Roz Shirack with questions). No report.
- B. Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens (contact Co-Chair Jon Christenson w/ questions). No report.

8. Report on Hillcrest:

Board member Mark Wigg reported on the sale by the Oregon Department of Administrative Services of the former Hillcrest Youth Correctional Facility in southeast Salem. It consists of 45 acres with buildings and other facilities and amenities. He understands that it was offered for purchase to the City for \$6 million but the staff at the City has passed on the offer. Wigg believes this was a mistake. He described the opportunity for new parkland and other purposes that the property might serve. There could potentially be housing for 300 people. He suggested that the SCAN President send a letter that he could draft asking them to reconsider the staff's decision. Jim Schepke moved that this be done and Walker seconded. The motion passed.

9. SCAN Issues

Schumacher suggested three possible goals that SCAN could adopt as requested by City staff, and the Board gave him feedback on his ideas. He will continue to work on this and bring a proposal to the November SCAN meeting.

10. Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned by the SCAN President.

Submitted by Jim Schepke, SCAN Secretary

