



May 8, 2019 - SCAN Monthly Meeting  
South Salem High School Library

**Board Members Present:** Victor Dodier, Delmy Edwards, Bill Holstrom, Donna Irizary, Jesse Irizary, John Prodhosky, Ron Rubel, Jim Scheppke, Jeff Schumacher, Brian Sund, Lorrie Walker, Mark Wigg (12). *See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster*

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Schumacher with a quorum of 11 board members present at commencement.

**1. Introductions**

Board members, neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Ron Rubel moved adoption of the minutes of the April 10, 2019, meeting. The minutes were approved with no abstentions.

**3. Announcements & Neighborhood Concerns:**

- A. Schumacher reported that Code Compliance Officer Deb Romano could not attend the meeting. He asked that anyone with code compliance issues contact him.
- B. Neighbor Christine Heyen raised concerns about the upcoming expansion and renovation of South Salem High School. The student body is expected to increase by 300 to 500 students. She is particularly concerned about increased cars and their impact on the neighborhood. There will be a new parking lot on Howard Street with 35 to 40 parking spaces. Heyen believes there should be neighborhood representation on the design team for the project. Schumacher suggested inviting Principal Tiffin, district project planners and someone from City traffic engineering to come to a SCAN meeting, possibly in July. Brian Sund had a conceptual plan and a project description. He said construction is scheduled to start in March of 2020 but there may be delays. Schumacher will work on invitations to a future meeting where more information can be provided and where there can be engagement with the Board and neighbors.

**5. Presentation on Howard Street Charter School:**

Principal Christina Tracy wanted to thank everyone for being a good neighbor for 22 years. Howard Street Charter School is moving to an new location in downtown Salem. They will vacate their current space at the South High campus by the end of the year. In January they will move to their new location in the former Oregon Department of Energy building at 635 Marion Street. In response to a question she reported that Children's Educational Theater will find a temporary location while construction is happening at South High, but they hope to eventually return there. They are working with Energy Trust of Oregon to make their new location a very green building with solar panels and weatherization. SCAN will be invited to their grand opening next year.

## **6. Update on Salem's Drinking Water Supply:**

Heather Dimke, from the City Public Works Department reported on the City's response to the drinking water crisis we experienced last year. We have now entered blue algae season, from May to November. The source of our water is the North Santiam watershed. The Geren Island treatment facility has provided clean water for Salem for 80 years, but warmer water and recent forest fires are producing more algal blooms. The City is using new methods to mitigate the cyanotoxins. They will build a \$40 million ozone treatment facility that will be in use in the spring of 2021. There are new Oregon Health Authority Regulations that we did not have last summer that they will follow. They have also made improvements to their plans for public notification. They are ready for drinking water distribution if needed. Their website is the primary messaging tool. In response to a question Dimke stated that they are only using plastic bottled water for people that can't to their distribution stations.

## **7. Committee Reports & Chair Report:**

- A. Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens (contact Co-Chair Jon Christenson w/ questions) Summary of current issues before Committee in *Exhibit B - Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Committee Report*.
- B. Land Use & Transportation (contact Chair Roz Shirack with questions) Summary of current issues before Committee in *Exhibit C - Land Use & Transportation Committee Report*
- C. President Schumacher reported on plans for our Annual Meeting on June 12th. We are still working to finalize the program. We hope to confirm the use of the Pringle Hall Community Center on May 13th. The Board discussed the refreshment budget. After discussion Victor Dodier moved we budget up to \$300 for refreshments. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Schumacher reported on SCAN's recommendation on amendments to the Uniform Development Code that was sent to Planning Commission. Roz Shirack wants to resend the original letter but with added emphasis recommending that site plans – rather than just conceptual plans - be provided to the neighborhood association. Schumacher moved to do this. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Schumacher reported on the presentation of public art for the new police station. Discussion of that. Mark Bechtel from Public Works is requesting that neighborhood associations develop a list of top five sections of sidewalks that need to be fixed in our neighborhoods.
- D. Ellen Stevens announced that at 2 pm on Saturday May 11th the Mission Street Parks Conservancy is holding a ribbon cutting for their ravine enhancement project at Bush's Pasture Park.
- E. Brian Sund reported on the Riverfront Park walk sponsored by the Salem Parks Foundation on Saturday, May 11th. The annual Academic Prom at South Salem High School will take place on June 3rd from 6-8 pm. Dottie Knecht will receive an Earthwise Educator of the Year award.
- F. Jesse Irizary thanked Ellen Stevens for leading the moss removal project on the Church Street bridge.

## **7. Adjourn:**

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

Submitted by Jim Scheppke, SCAN Secretary





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Mayor Bennett and Salem City Council  
555 Liberty Street SE  
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Subject: Public Hearing on Unified Development Code Amendments

The South Central Association of Neighbors (SCAN) supports many of the proposed amendments to the UDC. A few items we are particularly interested in are:

- **Support** requiring a grading plan in the several SRC chapters proposed.
- **Support** proposed changes to SRC Chapter 300, especially the new requirements for applicant to contact the neighborhood association before submitting certain applications; or to sponsor an open house before submitting certain applications. **SCAN believes this contact must include a full site plan (as originally proposed by staff), not just a conceptual plan (as recommended by Planning Commission). Otherwise, any resulting discussion between the applicant and neighborhood association cannot be specific enough to have meaning. (See SRC 300.310 (c)(2)(D) proposed amendment.)**
- **Support** the clarification that if a development requires historic design review, it shall only be subject to design review under SRC chapter 230.
- **Support** the new pedestrian access standards for connectivity through and to non-housing development sites (SRC 800.065).

Approved by the SCAN Board by a vote of 12 to 0 on May 8, 2019.

Thank you for your support of these proposed changes.

Jeff Schumacher  
SCAN President, 2018-19