

September 11, 2019 - SCAN Monthly Meeting South Salem High School Library

<u>Board Members Present</u>: Victor Dodier, Delmy Edwards, Bill Holmstrom, Jesse Irizary, Joyce Judy, John Prohodsky, Ron Rubel, Jim Scheppke, Jeff Schumacher, Roz Shirack, Brian Sund, Lorrie Walker, Mark Wigg (13). Carel DeWinkle and Jon Christenson were excused. There were numerous guests. See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Schumacher with a quorum of board members present at commencement.

1. Introductions

President Schumacher welcomed everyone and Board members, neighbors and guests introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 10, 2019, meetings were approved unanimously; no abstentions.

3. City and Councilor Reports:

A. Councilor Cook touched on a number of city issues, including Hispanic Heritage Month, drinking water quality (city water is clear of cyanotoxins), an upcoming meeting of the North Santiam River Keeper (Salem's water comes from the North Santiam), the City of Salem's good credit rating and the establishment of a Safe Routes to School coordinator position within the Council of Governments. For more information on city issues see the City Managers Update at: https://www.cityofsalem.net/citydocuments/city-managers-update-2019-09-10.pdf

Council Cook was asked about rumors that the proposed Sit-Lie Ordinance would criminalize homelessness. Council Cook responded that she couldn't address the rumors. From her perspective, the issue is about addressing behaviors rather than the status of homelessness. During the long discussion that followed, several points were made: that city decisions often block, or are seen as blocking, private actions to provide relief; that city staff are not seen as forthcoming or transparent; that the recommendations of the Task Force have not been implemented; and, that the City is attempting to cope with a problem that is much larger than it.

B. Council Anderson commented, in the interest of transparency, that he, personally, is working on an application to install solar panels at his house. He has temporarily withdrawn it.

He touched on the new city revenue proposals. A proposed city employee-paid payroll tax has been modified to exempt wages under \$23,500 per year and to have more graduations. It's likely to go to an early 2020 ballot. A proposed city operating levy has been temporarily tabled.

4. Announcements and Neighborhood Concerns:

- A. Mark McQuilling announced that he is working to gather signatures from neighbors for residential parking permits on Cottage. He anticipates returning to SCAN soon with the okays.
- B. Victor Dodier announced that the first meeting of the SCAN Transportation Committee would be at the Fairmont Cottages HOA on September 18 at 3:30 p.m.
- C. Brian Sund announced a Repair Fair on September 18 at Pringle Community Hall (606 Church Street SE) and City Volunteer Recognitions.
- D. Charles Richards, a new member of the Governor-appointed Cherriots board, announced that Cherriots has resumed Saturday bus service thanks to money from the State. Saturday service in the month of September is free. He said that limited Sunday service would start in 3 months or so.

5. Multi-Sport Riverfest:

Robert Chandler, in his role as a Salem Rotary member, did a brief presentation on the Rotary's 3rd annual Multi-Sport Riverfest that was to be held on Sept 15th, the weekend following the SCAN meeting. It's a community event with 250 participants and 40 sponsors. This year is the first one to have para-athlete entrants. **See attached flyer.**

6. Bush Pasture Park:

Mike Slater, Bush Park Conservancy, talked about the upcoming City of Salem master-planning effort for Bush's Pasture Park. The master plan is scheduled to start in January and, as currently conceived, will have maintenance plan and program plan elements. The master planning effort will go quickly, may be as short as 6 months, and will finish up in 2020.

He noted that the flowering tree collection at the park (NW corner of park) is being renewed. 15-20 old flowering trees may be removed and replaced. He also noted that the City is doing a periodic sewer cleaning project at will affect lines under the SE section (Lower Leffelle) of the park.

There was a question about "nature play" and whether that might be part of the master plan. For example, a log was left for a short time after an oak tree fell. Ans. Not sure; there are finance and risk issues.

Would the white oak management plan be a part of the master plan? Ans. Not sure.

Vehicle traffic within the oak groves during set-up and takedown of the Art Fair was discussed. Soil compaction over roots is a long standing issue. Salem Art Association asserts that the city does not

impose any restrictions on its use of the park. It was also noted that people drive into the SW picnic area (Upper Leffelle & High) to set up grills.

Concern was expressed about the very high sound levels around the sound stage. The sound levels are high enough to damage children's hearing.

It was suggested that SCAN meet with the SAA board.

7. Committee Reports and Chair Report

- A. Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens
 - a. Mark Wigg reported that he and Jon Christenson had walked around the perimeter of Gilmore Field scouting a nature trail.
 - b. Mark also raised the issue of a pedestrian trail thru Pioneer Cemetery. There is general interest in re-engaging this issue. Who to contact: Kimberly Fitzgerald at the City of Salem and Elizabeth Potter at Pioneer Cemetery.
- B. Land Use (contact Chair Roz Shirack with questions)

Roz commented that the Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) for the hospital expansion is out. While she will not be present, there is a special meeting of the Land Use Committee at Jeff's house to review the TIA in order to submit comments, if any, by the Sept. 20 deadline.

C. Goals

Jeff Schumacher brought the SCAN goal statements back to the board. He submitted last year's goal statements to the City as part of SCAN's annual review with a comment that the goal statements may be revised. (**Note:** Jeff didn't have a handout; the statements below are reproduced from his Sept. 5th email concerning the Sept. SCAN meeting for convenience):

- 1. Encourage and support walkers, cyclists, and transit;
- 2. Advocate for improving parks; and
- 3. Support affordable housing, including a prohibition on unoccupied short-term rentals which remove housing stock for Salem residents.

Jim Scheppke moved approval; Lorrie Walker seconded. A long discussion followed on whether to split the third goal statement. Some favored one goal statement; others favored two statements with the second opposing short term rentals.

The question was called. There were 12 YES votes, approving the goals as stated; 1 NO vote.

9. Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned by the SCAN President at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by Victor Dodier, SCAN Secretary

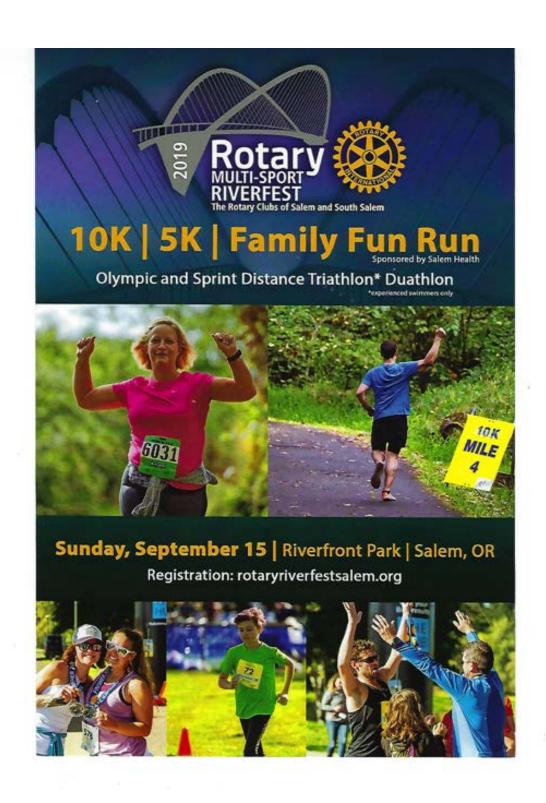
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Join us Sunday, September 15, 2019, and participate in one of the most scenic sporting events held in Oregon.

Race through three of Salem's premier parks

Watch and/or participate as athletes from around Oregon and beyond take on our Triathlon and Duathlon course!

Join us for a fun-filled catered award ceremony All participants receive a tech shirt and commemorative medal. Placement medals given to those who place in their age group.

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