



November 13, 2019 - SCAN Monthly Meeting
South Salem High School Library

Board Members Present: Jon Christenson, Carel DeWinkel, Victor Dodier, Delmy Edwards, Bill Holmstrom, John Prohodsky, Jeff Schumacher, Roz Shirack, Brian Sund, Lorrie Walker, Mark Wigg (11). Jesse Irizary and Ron Rubel were excused. There were numerous guests. *See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster*

President Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm with a quorum of board members present.

1. Introductions

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

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 9, 2019 SCAN meeting were approved with was one abstention (Carel DeWinkel who did not attend the meeting).

3. City and Councilor Reports:

A. Marion County Sheriff's Office Update. Heath Nelson from the Sheriff's Office updated us on several programs including the SOAR program for kids at high risk. SOAR is an evidence-based program to reduce recidivism. Before SOAR, the Sheriff's Office was seen recidivism rates of 35%; now the recidivism rates are lower than in other counties.

Another effort has been to reduce disappearance and re-offense by parolees. The Sheriff's Office now has a program to "reach-in" before inmates are let out on parole. Before the program, 30% of parolees never checked in with Marion County Parole; now the rate is about 2%.

Councilor Nordyke commented on of the Citizens Advisory Committee. She served on the Committee in the past and thought it was effective. She asked if the Committee was still active. Ans: Yes. And, the Sheriff's Office is accepting new members. Nelson was not sure about the process.

Mark Wigg asked if the numbers rural homeless were higher than urban homeless. Ans: Nelson said that he would be surprised if there were more rural homeless than urban homeless. He was

sure about the numbers. He said that he would get back to SCAN and subsequently responded by email.

B. City Council.

Councilor Vanessa Nordyke is Salem newest councilor, replacing Sally Cook in Ward 7. Her background. She is a Salem native. She attended South Salem High School. As a teen, she volunteered for the Salem Art Association. As a new council member, she said that she is listening and learning.

Council Nordyke said that she had attended an afternoon meeting at Fairmont Cottages before the SCAN meeting. There was a lot of interest in the idea of a pedestrian path thru the cemetery. She is really interested. When she grew up in the Candalaria, she didn't know about the playground at Fairmont Park that she and her friends could have used, if there had been a path.

4. Announcements and Neighborhood Concerns:

Crystal Apple. Brian Sund reminded us of the Nov. 14th Crystal Apple awards, Salem-Keizer recognition of outstanding educators, administrators and support staff in the district. There are several SSHS nominees.

Fall Leaf Haul. Victor Dodier reminded us of the Fall Leaf Haul. Leaf Haul will happen twice this year (Nov. 16 and Dec. 14).

Hoyt to Rural path. Mark Wigg brought up the subject of the afternoon's meeting at Fairmont Cottages: a path connecting Hoyt and Rural. He moved that:

SCAN supports a path connecting upper Hoyt to upper Rural Ave. S and encourages the City to implement a path called for in its TSP immediately.

Jeff Schumacher seconded the motion.

During discussion of the motion, Kimberli Fitzgerald noted that since Pioneer Cemetery is on the historic register, if a path goes thru Pioneer Cemetery, there would need to be a hearing. Victor Dodier commented that the adopted TSP currently shows that further study is needed of a Rural-Hoyt connection to determine its location and design. It may be time to take this concept off the shelf.

The motion was approved by a vote of 10 - 0 with one abstention (Jon Christenson).

1201 S. Commercial Mural. Chris Darcy, chair of the Salem Public Art Commission, provided background on the City's public art program. Public art becomes part of the City's art collection. She noted that the program has money to purchase public art, but not much to maintain it. For

example, the rod taken from the Tom McCall statue in River Front Park will cost \$14,000 to replace. Another example is the Mattingly Mural on the east face of the Elsinore that requires periodic repainting. The Public Art Commission is trying to be careful about what it accepts into the City's public art collection because of the maintenance cost.

Concerning the proposed mural at 1201 S. Commercial, she said that the project got started before the building owner and the business owner realized that the City had rules about public murals. She briefly covered the City's criteria concerning public murals. This proposal is a paint-by-numbers approach; people will be invited to paint the various colors within the outline provided.

Jon Christenson asked Chris about funding for art purchase and maintenance. She responded that it depends on the source of the money for the City's project. If a project is paid out of bond funds, such as the new police facility, all of the "1% for art" goes toward the purchase of art work. If the project is paid out of other funds, some money is set aside to buy, some to maintain and a small amount to administer the public art program.

The business owner said there was a lot of interest in the mural. She had gathered signatures from other businesses around 1201 S. Commercial on a letter of support.

Returning to City Council reports. Councilor Anderson discussed the proposed sit / lie ordinance. He said that Council was trying to find a balance between the interests of businesses and those of the homeless. There was to be a work session on the proposed ordinance. While the public may attend the work session, public comment would not be taken.

He also reviewed the City's revenue proposals. The proposed employee-paid payroll tax will be going to the voters. He explained some of the differences between the City's proposed employee-paid tax and an employer-paid payroll tax that would not be paid by public employers like the state. City Council will enact the proposed operating fee itself. He described the proposal, noting that there is a waiver process for low income residents.

5. Update on Historic Preservation Plan:

Kimberli Fitzgerald, the City's Historic Preservation Officer, and Kristen Straus did a presentation on the update of the Historic Preservation Plan. Kimberli outlined the process the City is using (for details, see <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-historic-preservation-plan-update.aspx>). Phase 1 of the 4 step process, Needs Assessment, is ongoing. Phase 2 will start soon.

Kristen Straus presented selected PowerPoint slides reporting on the survey. Highlights include: *Did property owners understand the design review process and was it timely?* Depends on perspective ... 55% of residential property owners had a good experience; 30% of business property owners; and, 64% of professionals in the field. *What is the best way to encourage historic preservation?* All

methods outlined in the survey (regulation, funding, advocacy, education and recognition) ranked above 50%. Funding and incentives got almost 80% followed by Education and training somewhere above 70%. *Do historic districts add value to Salem?* Overwhelming response was yes; less than 10% said no or didn't have an opinion. *What could be improved about the program?* This was an open-ended question. Education got more than 50% of the response; an improved code process was next.

Kimberli came back to outline the next steps. The first Open House is scheduled for December 4, 5:00-6:30 at the Dye House, Willamette Heritage Center. A second Open House is scheduled for February 5. The next phases of the update will come quickly. Phase 3 (action plan) planned for Spring 2020 with Phase 4 (adoption by City Council) slated for June 2020. The next Stakeholder Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 22.

Kimberli responded to questions and comments.

- Have Historic Property owners talked about what works and what doesn't work. Resp: Yes, Kimberli said that she keeps an annotated copy of the historic preservation code.
- Short-term rentals are a problem. What's being done? Resp: Looking for a brain dump on the question. Some things that may be short term rental cannot be addressed thru the Historic Preservation Code.
- Safety issues in historic homes need to be better addressed (e.g., wiring). Resp: Good point.
- How is the update being funded? Resp: A private donor.

Jeff Schumacher asked the people from the Gaiety Hill neighborhood to meet between this SCAN meeting and the next one (Dec. 11).

6. Committee Reports and Chair Report

A. Land Use

Roz Shirack, Land Use Chair, announced that the next Land Use Committee meeting would be devoted to the City's update of the multi-family housing design standards.

B. Transportation

Victor Dodier, Transportation Chair, reported on the Oct. 16 Committee meeting. The discussion centered on bicycle and pedestrian connectivity in preparation for the Our Salem meeting that was held later in the evening. SCAN was well represented at the Our Salem meeting.

A bike route along High Street discussed as a possible alternative to the marked bike lane on Liberty Street. The Transportation System Plan (TSP) shows family friendly bikeways thru the neighborhood on the east (Berry St. and S. Summer) and west (Church Street-High Street) sides of Bush Park.

Victor said that he met with Angela Obrey later in the October. She and her husband spearheaded a multi-year effort to designate the Maple-Winter family friendly bikeway. It connects the bikeway along the Salem Parkway to downtown Salem. It was a big effort, taking tens of neighborhood and community meetings along the route of the Maple-Winter bikeway to build support.

Angela suggested that SCAN focus on the Church Street – High Street route that is indicated in the TSP rather than High Street. There may be too many obstacles to designating a route on High Street because High Street is a collector.

Victor asked for an indication of support from Board members to move forward with the two bikeway routes designated in the TSP. He was looking for head-nods (SCAN board members appeared to be in agreement). He pointed out that a SCAN motion might be premature; we need to find out what's needed before SCAN adopts a resolution.

Victor said he had contacted staff at Salem-Keizer School District about the South Salem High School expansion. It getting close to time to begin the demolition process for the old Leslie Middle School building. Jeff indicated we had received an email about meeting that afternoon (Nov. 13th). Victor will schedule District staff for the next SCAN Transportation Committee meeting. *NOTE: District staff subsequently indicated that they were booked for the evening of November 20. They will attend the December SCAN Transportation Committee meeting.*

The next meeting of the SCAN Transportation Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, at 5:00.

7. Homelessness (not on agenda)

At the October SCAN meeting, Lorrie Walker had requested that SCAN support the CANDO neighborhood's resolution in opposition to the City's proposed sit-lie ordinance. After the October meeting, Jeff discussed the issue with Lorrie and drafted a letter that he circulated by email. Lorrie submitted a motion for the Nov. 13th meeting that SCAN submit the letter by email; the motion was seconded.

Lorrie brought a revised letter indicating SCAN's support for CANDO's position and opposition to the proposed sit / lie ordinance to the meeting (see Exhibit B). Lorrie noted that NEN had supported CANDO's position. What was the percentage of those within CANDO that opposed CANDO's position? Lorrie did not know.

The ensuing discussion covered several topics. How many people would be affected? What can be done to address homelessness? What's been shown to work elsewhere? Lorrie said that the City had not implemented the recommendations of its own Task Force on the homelessness issue.

Jon Christenson called the question. Roz clarified the motion was to approve sending the letter Lorrie had distributed via email to the board on Nov. 11th; Lorrie seconded this clarification. SCAN members voted 8 in favor of the motion; 1 opposed to the motion. There were no abstentions.

Councilor Nordyke indicated that she was scheduling meetings with Arches, Family Building Blocks, Center for Hope and Safety and others working on the homelessness issue.

8. Adjournment

Jeff adjourned the meeting about 8:36 pm.

Submitted by Victor Dodier, SCAN Secretary

Attendees for SCAN Meeting

11/13/2019

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Exhibit B. Letter Supporting CANDO / Expressing Opposition to Proposed Sit / Lie Ordinance

Mayor Chuck Bennett
Members of City Council
Civic Center
555 Liberty Street SE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE 10-19

Dear Mayor Bennett, Members of Council:

We ask the Council (1) to refrain from the adoption of the proposed Ordinance 10-19; (2) to continue working earnestly on implementation of the recommendations of the Downtown Homeless Task Force and Good Neighbor Partnership; and (3) give full consideration to the Resolves (Resolution No.2019-1) of the Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CAN-DO) on the proposed municipal law and the findings of the Northeast Neighbors (NEN).

Citizens in the SCAN Neighborhood are among the volunteers that assist shelter and warming centers. Ours is a neighborhood adjacent to downtown, and downtown is where many of us shop, work, procure services, utilize restaurants, attend performances and cinema showings, educational events, and other activities.

Presently, there is a lack of sufficient or even moderate level of resources and hours of availability at facilities and programs for the homeless and mentally ill in Salem, and enactment of punitive legislation by the Council does not address what are at the core of the homeless issues: addiction, mental and physical health, poverty, lack of work, and absence of safe shelter.

We do support efforts for a more balanced response that acknowledges the full range of human need, of those without shelter, of the business community and the general public; and widening the community dialogue; and resource outreach and resource base.

We do not support the Proposed Sit-Lie or Sidewalk Behavior Ordinance 10-19.

Respectfully,

Jeff Schumacher
SCAN President, 2019-20

cc: Councillor Tom Andersen (Ward 2)
Councillor Vanessa Nordyke (Ward 7)