

Board Members Present: Jon Christenson, Christine Chute, Carel DeWinkel, Victor Dodier, Bill Holmstrom, Jesse Irizary, John Prohodsky, Jim Scheppke, Roz Shirack, Brian Sund, and Lorrie Walker (11). Guests were present as well. **See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster**

Vice-President Lorrie Walker called the meeting to order about 6:35 pm with a quorum present.

1. Introductions

Vice-President Walker welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting. We did a round of introductions.

2. City and Councilor Reports:

City Council. Councilor Anderson commented that he had been doing a lot of Zoom meetings. City council business has been conducted via Zoom meetings for the past couple of months. He noted that the city has a process whereby citizens can speak to Council via Zoom ... City Tech staff have set up a “waiting room” for citizens who wish to comment at the Zoom meeting. **Rural-Hoyt Connection.** He expects that the Rural-Hoyt Connection to be on the July 13th Council agenda. It was deferred from the last agenda because the agenda was so full. He did not discuss the matter further because it may become a land use issue. **Community Development Block Grant.** Council did not approve a grant to DevNW to purchase the former Evergreen Church and its parsonage on D Street. This issue has blown up in the blogosphere as “Council opposes low income housing.” Not true. Council’s concern is that DevNW proposes to convert the parsonage into offices for its staff. This would be a further encroachment of commercial development into the Grant residential neighborhood. While Grant NA is supportive of low income housing, it is opposed to converting the parsonage to offices. Jon Christenson asked, how large is the CDBG request? ANS. Not sure, \$350,000-\$450,000. **Police Response.** He reprised the letter that Council President Hoy, Councilor Kaser, and he wrote concerning the June 4 incident in downtown Salem. [Councilor Nordyke signed onto the statement later.] See <https://salem.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=8596405&GUID=9939EF63-9A55-463D-8F58-896F02B65DA5>. He and Councilors Hoy and Kaser were not pleased with Salem Police Chief Moore’s public response: more transparency is needed ... what mistakes were made in handling the situation, what lessons were learned, etc.

Jim Scheppke asked what was being done about the illegally trimmed trees at the Gatti property. **Resp.** Not sure; need to follow-up.

Marion County Parole & Probation. Sally Ramsay, MC Parole & Probation, asked if there were any questions about the program. Jon Christenson asked if Community Corrections crews work in city parks. **Resp.** Sometimes. The crew would be in work uniforms and would be supervised by Corrections officers. There would also be a van w/ the Sheriff’s insignia. John Prohodsky asked a general question about how Parole and Probation goes about its work. **Resp.** Officer Ramsay gave a general overview of the types of services that the office provides. Carel Dewinkel asked how many cases a probation officer handles. **Resp.** The case load depends on the risk involved. Different units within between 40-70 cases per officer depending on risk.

3. Approval of Minutes

Roz moved approval of the June 10, 2020 SCAN minutes. Jim Scheppke seconded. The minutes were approved with one abstention, Carel DeWinkel. Carel did not attend the June meeting.

4. Announcements and Neighborhood Concerns:

Brian Sund asked about speed humps on Howard Street. Lorrie said that the school district and City were talking about 3 speed humps on Howard.

5. SSHS Tile Mural Project for Class of 2020 – Kim-Chi To.

Kim-Chi To shared a PowerPoint presentation on the tile mural project. The presentation covered the project budget, fund raising, how individual tiles are being prepared, alternative designs and locations for the mural.

At the time of the presentation, the funding campaign was about 90 percent of the way toward its \$8,000 budget. The project has broad community support, including the Willamette Art Center, Georgies Ceramic and Clay (Portland & Eugene), Salem Heights Church, St. Timothy's, Salem Leadership Foundation, South Salem Connection, Devine Distilleries, and a number of individuals who have contributed to the GoFundMe campaign (<https://gf.me/u/xxvjj5>). About two-thirds of the Saxon Class of 2020 has painted a tile; the presentation had a number of examples. Tiles will be fired at the Willamette Art Center's facility at the State Fairgrounds.

Discussion after the presentation covered location of the mural on the SSHS building and design. The preference (in July) was the southwest wall of the SSHS building at the corner of Rural and Church. Other locations under discussion w/ the school included the east exterior wall of the new gym annex and an interior location. Chris D'Arcy suggested that, if the mural was to be visible from the street, the mural project make a walk-thru presentation with the Salem Art Public Commission. As to design, the goal is for the mural to be timeless rather than specific to the Saxon Class of 2020.

Lorrie asked if Kim if was looking for a letter of support for the project from SCAN. Yes, but not until the project was ready to submit its application to the Salem Public Art Commission.

6. Rural – Hoyt Connection.

Jim Schepke referenced the lengthy email discussion of the alternatives for the connection. There is lots of support for option #6 (connection along an easement through City View Cemetery). Jon Christenson pointed out that the draft letter mentioned option #5 (connection thru Pioneer Cemetery) first. He suggested as revision to the draft letter to indicate that option #6 was SCAN's first preference. The revision was agreed to. The revised letter is attached (Exhibit B).

7. Board Officers.

Victor Dodier, representing the nominating committee (Lorrie Walker, Victor, Roz Shirack, Jon Christenson, and Jim Schepke) presented the slate of nominees for board officers:

- Lorrie Walker, President
- Jim Schepke, Vice-president
- Victor Dodier, Secretary

Lorrie asked if others were willing to step forward. There were none. Slate of nominees was approved unanimously.

Lorrie asked board members to help her as she takes up her role as SCAN President.

8. Committee Reports

Land Use. Roz indicated that she would talk about the "Our Salem," comprehensive plan update at the next board meeting.

Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens. Jon submitted his report to the board by email. See attached Exhibit C.

Transportation. Victor talked about the current status of the east-side family bikeway review. We returned to Brian's question about the raised crosswalk at SSHS. It's one of the alternatives

that have been proposed by the group of neighbors working on pedestrian friendly traffic calming measures about SSSS.

We returned to the draft letter to the Oregon Department of Transportation in support of the City's urban trail grant application. City staff had provided a generic support letter. The Board approved a letter that was tailored to SCAN with one abstention (Bill Holmstrom). The revised letter is attached (Exhibit D).

7. Adjournment

Lorrie adjourned the meeting about 8:35 pm.

Submitted by Victor Dodier, SCAN Secretary

Exhibit B



July 8, 2020

Mayor Chuck Bennett, Councilor Nordyke, Councilor Andersen & Salem City Council
Civic Center
555 Liberty Street SE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Staff Report on Connection Between Fairmount & Candalaria Neighborhoods

Dear Mayor Bennett, Councilors Nordyke and Andersen, and Members of Council:

The South Central Association of Neighbors supports a trail connection between upper Rural and Hoyt. The benefits of this connection have been well described by the many neighbors offering supportive comments, and SCAN encourages this City Council to move forward on making this connection a reality.

In looking at the City's Staff Report from June 22, we strongly reject Options One and Two. Taking no action (Option One) or removing the goal of this connection from our Transportation System Plan (Option Two) would each frustrate the desires and efforts of many people over many years.

Option Three is unacceptable as it is no substitute for a connection at the top of Rural and Hoyt. Neighbors have accurately described the unpleasant experience of walking along Commercial Street and the Staff Report reinforces this fact. Similarly, Option Four would not be a substitute for the north / south connection at the top of Rural and Hoyt. Improving the trail connecting Fairmount Park to Crestview Drive South is worth exploring but not in the context of usefully connecting Candalaria to Fairmount.

SCAN supports Options Five and Six as described in the Staff Report. Our first preference would be Option Six as it presents a cleaner connection from the dead end of John Street. However, Option Five should be given consideration in the event the City is unable to advance Option Six with City View Cemetery. The historic preservation considerations present in Option Five and perhaps even Option Six should not prevent us from improving our neighborhoods by fulfilling those connectivity goals as described in our long-range plans.

Respectfully,

South Central Association of Neighbors

Exhibit C

SHORT HPPG SUMMARY

1. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been no cases or applications for historic properties in the SCAN Neighborhood before the City Historic Preservation Officer or the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC).
2. On July 15, 2020, the first stakeholder meeting for the **Bush's Pasture and Deepwood Cultural Landscape Management Plan** will be held on ZOOM from 10 AM to Noon. A link and the Agenda will be forthcoming later this week. For information, please contact Ms. Patricia Farrell RLA, Project Manager, City of Salem - pfarrell@cityofsalem.net.
3. Work is continuing on the **Draft City of Salem 10 Year Historic Preservation Plan Update (2020-2030)** and the completion and analytical timelines are in flux, due to the COVID-15 pandemic.

Attached are two different versions, in format, of the work underway from April 29, 2020. One is in print form, and one is a video "with Notes": the video is helpful as a first tool, and gives an overview to the print form. Recommend start with the video. The video is approximately 22 minutes.

Thank you.
Regards.

Jon Christenson, HPPG chair

Link to HPPUpdate page: <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/salem-historic-preservation-plan-update.aspx>

To watch the video please go to: https://youtu.be/qYmNqOm_Uzs

Exhibit D

July 28, 2020
David Helton
ODOT Region 2
Transportation and Growth Management Program Lead Grant Manager
2080 Laura Street
Springfield, OR 97477

Dear Mr. Helton,

The South Central Association of Neighbors (SCAN) in Salem borders the southern edge of historic downtown Salem and encompasses Bush's Pasture Park and the Gaiety Hill – Bush's Pasture Park Historic District. We take pride in our support for walking and biking – not just in our neighborhood but across the City. Today we are writing to express our enthusiastic support for the City of Salem's grant application to fund an Urban Trails Implementation Plan. Urban Trails are an important element of the transportation system, creating opportunities for people to walk and bike to destinations away from busy traffic. Increased walking and bicycling trips help to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and resultant climate change. Trails also play a role in supporting public health goals.

The City has a strong network of trails in certain parts of the city, including Minto Brown Island Park and Riverfront Park but this trail network is more fragmented in most other areas of the City. The City's adopted plans call for many miles of new or upgraded trails connecting people to destinations. What is important now is to have a plan that will guide implementation and help target allocation of limited resources. This plan also needs to address implications for property owners who might have a future trail identified across their property.

Our organization looks forward to participating in developing an Urban Trails Implementation Plan that works for the City of Salem and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Lorrie Walker, SCAN President