

Board Members Present: Jon Christenson, Christine Chute, Carel DeWinkel, Victor Dodier, Bill Holmstrom, Jesse Irizary, John Prohodsky, Ron Rubel, Jim Schepke, Jeff Schumacher, Roz Shirack, Brian Sund, Carole Synder, Lorrie Walker and Mark Wigg (15). Guests were present as well. **See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster**

President Lorrie Walker called the Zoom meeting to order about 6:30 pm with a quorum present. We did a quick round of introductions.

1. Approval of Minutes

Victor Dodier commented that he had distributed revised minutes to the Board. The revisions corrected spelling, corrected references to The Arches Project, and put the Transportation Committee report in third person. He had distributed the revised minutes by email. In addition, Roz Shirack had alerted him that he omitted the September Land Use Committee report.

With the changes above and the addition of the Land Use report, Jim Schepke moved approval of the September 9, 2020 SCAN minutes. The motion was seconded. The minutes were approved with one abstention, Carel DeWinkel.

2. City and Councilor Reports:

Salem Police. Officer Marino did not have a specific report. He asked for questions. Has there been a large increase in homeless at Cascade Gateway Park and Wallace Marine Park? Resp. Yes. There was a large increase due to the fires, but Officer Marino did not know if those people were still there. Has there been a large increase in crime? Resp. Could not say.

Code Enforcement. Deb Romano reported that 5 code enforcement officers had been at Cascade Gateway Park recently with police support. They tagged 50+ vehicles which had not been moved recently and had 1 undrivable vehicle towed. She noted that people cannot live in their vehicles. Discussion. What do the people who are living in their RVs do? Resp. Code Enforcement refers them to the Church of the Park. Why are the vehicles being cleared out now? Resp. The camping and living in parked vehicles is recent. People living in the park cannot afford money for gas to move their vehicles. Resp. Councilor Anderson commented that the City is considering giving gas cards to those who cannot afford to buy gas. If 50 vehicles are being tagged, where do these people go? There are not enough churches. No Resp. Has the City done a count of homeless? Resp. No.

On other matters, Romano noted that she has responded to situations where homeless are camped on private property. Other code enforcement cases are sliding due to work load. For instance, abandoned vehicle cases are 6 weeks behind. Does the City have a position to do sign code enforcement. Resp. Yes. The position is budgeted but not filled.

City Council. Councilor Anderson covered several topics. **Climate Action Plan.** Council adopted an aspirational goal for the City to be carbon neutral by 2050. The committee has 3 council members plus a wide range of citizens. **Trees.** There are a bunch of issues. The “after the fact” permit approval. Removal of the trees was not a surprise because it was planned to remove the trees.

Councilor Nordyke also covered several topics. **CAHOOTS.** She said that she planned to move at the next council meeting that the City start a community-based response team like the CAHOOTS program in Eugene. She addressed why a CAHOOTS program is needed in Salem ... a CAHOOTS-style mobile unit with a social worker and EMT could provide direct services, such as

transporting people to the hospital, saving the cost of an ambulance ride. **Trees.** She remains interested in an urban forest commission, although it may have to wait until the new council is seated in January 2021. **Hoyt-Rural Path.** Council asked staff for 2 options. She is looking forward to the staff report that is due in November. **Monthly Ward 7 Meetings.** Monthly Ward 7 meetings are being held on Zoom for now. Next meeting is October 21. The Zoom link is on Councilor Nordyke's Facebook page. **Homeless.** She continues to work on the issue, looking for options for shelter beds. The City is not able to find landlords with vacant storefronts or warehouses that are willing to participate. The "cash for trash" program is working well but she has not got much support from the private sector.

Jim Scheppeke noted that City Council has a work session scheduled on the tree issue. Will the city take public comment? Resp. No public comments will be accepted at the meeting. Written comments may always be emailed. Councilor Nordyke said that she wanted to be open to comments, but she does not set the agenda.

John Prohodsky asked what percentage of police calls are mental health related? Resp. Salem Police does not have a "mental health related" category. She could not recall the reported percentage for "disturbed individual" related calls.

Jon Christenson asked, Will the tree work session be televised? Resp. Yes. When will the next public hearing on the historic preservation code be held? Resp. Don't know. Councilor Anderson noted that the revised historic preservation code was first read at the October 12th Council meeting.

3. Announcements and Neighborhood Concerns:

Gatti Trees. Jim Scheppeke commented that there has been a settlement in the Gatti trees case.

Traffic. John Prohodsky raised concerns about the growth in traffic. Have there been any studies of Liberty Street S. and Commercial Street SE. Victor responded that this is too large an issue to be handled as a neighborhood concern. The next Transportation Committee meeting will be a better place to discuss the issue.

4. Bush Park & Deepwood Estates – Planning Update

Patricia Farrell stepped through a slide show reporting on the results from the Cultural Landscape Management Plan's first survey. There were 351 responses; about 60% were completed. People use the park. They come from all directions ... and report that there is no clear entrance to the park. In general, people feel that sensitive areas are not being protected well. Maintaining the oaks and native plants was the highest priority.

For more information about the cultural landscape management planning process, see <https://www.cityofsalem.net/Pages/bushs-pasture-park-and-deepwood-gardens-cultural-landscape-management-plan.aspx>.

Mark Wigg noted that oaks and camas were / are part of the cultural landscape in the sense that the Native Americans maintained them. What is being done to acknowledge their role? Resp. The team is talking to the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde. We need to improve recognition of Native American's role.

Jon asked two questions. What is being done concerning restoration along Pringle Creek? And, what about wild flowers other than camas? Resp. Parks crews removed blackberry bramble along Pringle Creek several years ago. But, blackberry removal is a long term process unless they can use chemicals. Concerning wild flowers ... there are wild flower seeds in the soil seed bank. They come up, but get mowed. Same is true for oak seedlings.

Jim asked if irrigation and mowing are part of the plan. Resp. Yes. Irrigation is reduced around the oaks. Discussion. Are there best practices that would allow the lawns to go brown in summer?

The issue is that the fields are heavily used. If the grass dies back, the fields will go to dirt. There might be different types of turf that could stand up to the heavy use.

John asked if there will be garden spaces typical to those in use before WWII. Resp. The garden areas are maxed out in terms of what can be maintained, even with volunteers. Garden areas may need to be consolidated.

Mark noted that the Mission and 12th Street frontage to Deepwood is a boring entrance to Deepwood. Resp. Yew Park is “lost space.” There are some ideas for improvements, but traffic makes it a noisy place.

Roz Shirack commented that, when the invasive plants were removed along Pringle Creek, the native plants went too. The creek is not shaded. Resp. Removing the invasives takes time. They are trying to get trees established.

5. **Cory Poole, Chair, SEMCA Neighborhood Association**

Cory Poole is chair of SEMCA and owner of Paradise Island Park, a 55+ community / manufactured structure park. Paradise Island is adjacent to Cascade Gateway Park.

He made a presentation on what has been done to Cascade Gateway Park and Wallace Marine Park by homeless encampments. He had many pictures of trash, broken down vehicles, burned out campsites, chopped trees. The damage has been done since City Council reversed itself in March and moved homeless out of downtown, allowing camping in the parks.

SEMCA NA feels that no city park should be an unsupervised campground. He had a few examples from Portland of how homeless camping might be handled in a better way.

Poole asked for support in the form of a letter asking the City to find a better approach to homelessness.

Discussion. Lorrie commented that no one expected the outcome at the parks. The thought was that there might be a 100 people at each park. Instead, there are many, many more. The City many not want to approve supervised camping areas. Is housing enough? Housing first is the best approach, but many other services are needed.

Has SEMCA made a presentation to Council? Not yet, missed agenda. However, Poole said that he was skeptical that Council would take action. The problem is out-of-sight / out-of-mind.

There was support for SEMCA’s position among board members. However, we were not sure what should be done. Jim, Mark and Lorrie will draft a letter of support for SEMCA.

6. **Committee Reports**

Land Use. Roz submitted the Land Use Committee report to the Board (Exhibit B) by email.

Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens. Jon submitted the Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee report (Exhibit C) to the board by email.

Transportation. Victor submitted the September 16th Transportation Committee report to Board members (Exhibit D) by email. He reminded board members that the next Transportation Committee meeting will be October 21st at 5:00 pm. It will be a Zoom meeting.

7. **Adjournment**

Lorrie adjourned the meeting about 8:50 pm.

Submitted by Victor Dodier, SCAN Secretary

Exhibit A

Attendees for October 14, 2020 SCAN Zoom Meeting

Board Member	Email Address	Present?	Board Member	Email Address	Present?
Christenson, Jon	edscannewsletter@gmail.com	X	Rubel, Ron	ronrubel@comcast.net	X
Chute, Christine	cachute@gmail.com	X	Scheppke, Jim	jscheppke@comcast.net	X
DeWinkel, Carel	cdewinkel@comcast.net	X	Schumacher, Jeff	jeff.schumacher@gmail.com	X
Dodier, Victor	vjdodier@teleport.com	X	Shirack, Roz	rozshirack7@gmail.com	X
Edwards, Delmy	ride2myhouse@yahoo.com		Sund, Brian	sund60@icloud.com	X
Holmstrom, Bill	williamh@gmail.com	X	Synder, Carole		X
Irizary, Jesse	irizary@gmail.com	X	Walker, Lorrie	dakotalor@msn.com	X
Prohodsky, John	johnmpro@gmail.com	X	Wigg, Mark	mark_wigg@hotmail.com	X

Other Attendees
Councilor Vanessa Nordyke
Councilor Tom Anderson
Candice Goldsmith
Angela Obery
Ellen Stevens
Patricia Farrell (City of Salem)
Deb Romano (City of Salem)
Officer Marino (City of Salem)
Cory Poole, Chair, SEMCA Neighborhood Association

Exhibit B

SCAN Land Use Committee Report October 14, 2020

The Committee continues to monitor the Our Salem project, including watching the September 23 Council work session and September 29 webinar by Eunice Kim (or recordings thereof).

The main change in SCAN on the proposed Salem Comprehensive Plan map is to change all the Commercial designated properties along both sides of Commercial St. SE to Mixed Use. What this might mean in terms of actual uses is unknown, because staff is discussing several different mixed use zones, including new types, that could be applied to this area to implement the Mixed Use plan designation. Staff has identified Commercial St. SE from Mission St. through SCAN to Robins Lane SE as a "*potential location*" for a new Mixed-Use-III zone, which appears more retail orientated and less pedestrian oriented than the existing Mixed Use-I or Mixed Use-II zones.

This proposed change is something the Committee will be following closely and considering the pros and cons of the several types of mixed use zones that might be applied.

The draft vision includes the concept of a Neighborhood Hub, which would allow limited, small-scale commercial uses in residential areas. The Committee supported this concept at its July meeting, IF development standards are adequate to limit scale and type of commercial uses to neighborhood demand and not draw vehicle traffic into the hub. The proposed comp plan map shows a number of these Neighborhood Hubs throughout the City, but none in SCAN. This is not surprising, since the proposed location criteria for a Neighborhood Hub is to be at least ¼ mile from other commercial or mixed use zones. With Commercial/Liberty Streets and 12th St running through SCAN, nearly every property in SCAN is already within ¼ mile of a commercial zoned area.

Another new concept of the draft vision is the Residential 4 (R4) zone. It would implement single-family and multi-family comp plan designations. It would allow up to four dwelling units and life-work uses, including retail, on one residential lot. It would likely include limits on commercial uses and development standards, but merits a close look by the Committee.

The Committee will be looking beyond SCAN to the citywide impacts of the draft vision and comp plan map, especially the provision of affordable and multi-family housing throughout the City; and a more self-sufficient West Salem with a better balance of jobs and housing.

There have been no land use applications for specific developments in the last few months.

Submitted by Roz Shirack, Chair

Exhibit C

HISTORIC PRESERVATION, PARKS & GARDENS BRIEF October 2020

HLC Case Applications

There were no case applications for property changes or adjustments on properties in SCAN during September 2020.

Patricia Farrell to Speak at SCAN meeting October 14

Patricia Farrell RLA, the City of Salem Parks & Natural Resources Planning Manager, at the invitation of SCAN president Lorrie Walker, will be attending - speaking at our SCAN Board meeting next week. This is an excellent time to ask questions on the progress and dialogue on the future steps of the City to develop a Cultural and Landscape Management Plan (CLMP) Bush's Pasture/Deepwood.

Virtual OPEN HOUSE Data: Bush's Pasture Park/Deepwood CLMP

Attached [link provided instead ... <https://www.cityofsalem.net/CityDocuments/bushs-park-cultural-landscape-management-plan-survey-1-summary.pdf>] is a brief summary of the data or inputs compiled from a virtual OPEN HOUSE released within the last week (9-30-2020) by GREEN Works.

Oak protection/restoration was the foremost initiative or change identified as needed. Natural features such as pasture, camas fields, and oaks rank as the favorite features of the park. Maintaining the health of these features is the top concern.

Changes not sought, included a potential admission fee, changes to the camas and Oregon White Oaks, and overdevelopment.

Upcoming BP/Deepwood Stakeholders Meeting October 2020

Paul Agrmis, PLA, PE, Principal of GREENWORKS and consultant for the Bush's Pasture Park/Deepwood Cultural & Landscape Management Plan, has announced the next Stakeholders Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 from 10 AM to 12 Noon (Virtual).

HISTORIC QUESTIONS FOR THE DAY:

Which American President spoke English as his second language? What was his first language at home? And what was his real name?

Jon Christenson

Exhibit D

September 15 SCAN Transportation Committee

Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Victor Dodier, Jim Scheppke, Jeff Schumacher, Brian Sund

I reported that I had posted a request for comments on Nextdoor for the family friendly bikeway connecting Wilson Park, Bush's Pasture Park and Clark Creek Park. Unfortunately, only one comment from the Nextdoor posting had been received as of the committee meeting.

We discussed the timeline for making a recommendation to the SCAN Board. Possible timeline ... Request SWAN and Morningside endorsements in October, maybe November, depending on whether there are more comments as a result of the Nextdoor posting. *[update for October SCAN meeting ... no additional comments.]*

Nothing to new to report on radar speed reader board. SCAN is in the queue.

We discussed another "Tier 1" family bikeway. This one is on Saginaw

The route is west on Mission from intersection of Mission and Commercial SE, then south on Street S to Rural Avenue. This route designated in a variety of ways, a being one.

We should test neighborhood acceptance ... SCAN, Nextdoor ... proceeding. Also, solicit comments Salem Area Trail Alliance (SATA).



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The discussion moved on to the "Church - High Street" family friendly bikeway. The route needs study. The planned route ... along the pedestrian path within Bush's Pasture Park may not be a good route. It is too close to Bush House and to the playground. The route might be better if it was along High Street, perhaps separated from High Street. There may be limitations on what can be done in the park.

Following to the meeting, I contracted SATA. I received the response below:

Hi Victor,

Thanks so much for making contact with SATA. I am delighted to see action on these family friendly bikeways, and SATA very much supports every effort at improving infrastructure for human powered transportation. The connection between Wilson Park and Clark Creek Park would greatly facilitate biking in this area, and it ties into the trails at Bush Park and out to 12th street, filling in some important gaps in city bikeways.

The Saginaw route is well known to me, as I used it for over 20 years as part of a bike commute from south Salem to Salem Hospital. This is a critical link, as riding a bike on Commercial Street simply is not safe, and this route provides a pleasant and safe link to downtown and to the Riverfront Park area.

I feel that the Saginaw route would be greatly enhanced by allowing biking and walking across Pioneer Park, linking Hoyt to Rural streets without a needless detour down to Commercial Ave. I believe City Council is already hearing input from various groups on the Pioneer Park trail and I encourage you to support it as well.

The crossing of Owens Street is very problematic, and I think would be best handled by an on-demand crossing light, like the one on Commercial Ave near City Hall. This allows a biker or pedestrian to cross quickly and safely without needlessly delaying car traffic.

Sincerely,

Beth Dayton

President, Salem Area Trail Alliance