

**Board Members Present:** Jon Christenson, Carel DeWinkel, Victor Dodier, Bill Holmstrom, Jesse Irizary, John Prohodosky, Ron Rubel, Jim Scheppke, Jeff Schumacher, Roz Shirack, Carol Snyder, Brian Sund, Lorrie Walker and Mark Wigg (14). 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**

Jim Scheppke moved approval of the November 11, 2020 SCAN minutes. Brian Sund seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with one abstention, Jesse Irizary who did not attend the November meeting.

**2. City and Councilor Reports:**

Our City Councilors were attending to other city business. They were not present.

No police officers or other City staff were present.

**3. The Arches Project – Ashley Hamilton, Director of The Arches Project, and Lindsay Dent**

Ashley Hamilton shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Arches and its programs. The programs can be described as Basic Needs, Supportive Services, Coordinated Entry and Housing.

About 1,000 individuals come for some services provided by The Arches every day.

Lindsay Dent provided more detail on the Salem Warming Network and what it does. The Portland Road facility has capacity for 2640, for instance. There are other, smaller facilities including the State Street program that focuses on women with children. Lindsay noted that COVID has forced changes ... masks, social distancing, temperature monitoring and COVID symptoms survey ... and reduced capacity in the warming centers.

Ashley discussed the services that the Arches provides for the folks sheltering in Cascade Gateway Park and Wallace Marine Park. This includes trash pickup and the Trash-for-Cash program.

Ashley briefly covered the Coordinated Entry program. It guides about 43 unsheltered thru the process of finding shelter. She also provided insight into the Housing programs.

The Arches has recovered about \$7 million in back benefits for unsheltered veterans over the years. There is a new veteran housing program ... Tanners ... to provide transitional housing for veterans for up to two years. Another new program ... Redwood Crossing ... will provide permanent housing. Its limit is 31 beds.

Roz Shirack asked if the Arches worked with the "Safe Sleep" program. **Ans.** Yes. It's a partnership program.

John Prohodosky asked, how long will it take to make a dent in the housing situation? **Ans.** A long time. We can expect a large influx of unsheltered due to evictions coming out of the COVID crisis. Solve the problem ... \$6 billion.

There was discussion about the next "point-in-time" count. The official date is January 27, 2021. COVID is changing how the "point-in-time" count may be done.

Carlene Benson asked about folks in campsites outside of Salem. **Ans.** If people are camping out, they are unsheltered. Outreach workers are making contact 2-3 times per week. There is garbage removal in the form of Trash-for-Cash.

Victor Dodier asked about encampments in other areas, such as Minto Brown. **Ans.** Regular outreach to Minto Brown is seasonal. The encampments around the Market Street interchange are contacted regularly. She noted that ODOT was cleaning up trash at the Market Street interchange.

Jesse Irizaray asked about the impact on parks. Are the impacts part of the discussion with the unsheltered? **Ans.** Yes. For the most part, people are responsible. There is some self-policing. However, there are always bad apples.

Mark Wigg noted that one of the slides appeared to show a high eviction rate within the first year after unsheltered are housed. **Ans.** Not the case ... Arches has an 86% retention rate after the first year.

#### 4. South Salem High School Update – Joel Smallwood & Karma Krause

Joel Smallwood reviewed what has been done on the project to date. The project is on schedule. There is a web cam on the site that shows work on a 15-minute delay. There is also a time-lapse video. (Note: The time-lapse videos of the district's projects, including the SSHS project, are at: <https://salkeiz.k12.or.us/projects-status/construction-cams/>)

He showed pictures of the work. The size of the addition is apparent from the pictures. The 900-seat Rose Auditorium and a similar one at North High School are the largest two in the district. Building codes tend to keep the size under 600 seats.

There have been some delays due to COVID. There have been benefits too. For instance, some seismic work is ahead of schedule because students are not in the building. Construction will continue until August 2021 ... in time for opening the 2021-2022 school year.

Roz asked, how many entrances would there be for students? **Ans.** There will be the existing main entrance on Church, the second entrance on Church, the south entrance on Rural and a new entrance at Cottage and Howard. There are others that may be open at the beginning of the day, but secured later. These are operational decisions that will be made later.

Lorrie commented that she did not realize that the new part of the building would be so tall. **Ans.** The slabs and raw concrete make the building appear larger / taller than it is. When it is painted and with brickwork trim is in place, it will be better looking.

Mark asked, what is the capacity? Will the school accommodate a projected 2500 students? **Ans.** The addition will bring SSHS to 2200 capacity. The portables will not be kept; the infield of the track will be returned to an athletic field. Mark asked for a follow-up reconciling the student population projection with the size of the school.

John asked, how will *Our Salem's* projected increase in Salem's population be accommodated? **Ans.** Not sure. The district used the official State of Oregon population projections done by PSU to size the bond issue.

Brian asked, will there be an elevator on the north side of the school? **Ans.** Yes.

Ellen Stevens asked, will there be an opportunity for a tour? **Ans.** Yes. Karma Krause chimed in that, hopefully, we will be done with virtual tours and Zoom meetings when SSHS is ready next August.

#### 5. Announcements and Neighborhood Concerns:

- Jim noted that the Proud Boys, et al, are planning to return with a big rally on New Years Day.

- Mark noted that the City staff report on the Hoyt-Rural connection would be coming out on December 14. It would be an information item. Jon asked if it would be an item for discussion at the SCAN Transportation Committee meeting on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Victor said, yes. Jon also said that some material relating to the connection was sent to the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Brian commented that there was an effort to redesign the City of Salem flag. There are some options. This is not a City effort. Rather, it is an effort by an individual interested in flag design who happens to be a City staffer.
- The Fall Leaf Haul will be on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. Committee Reports & Chair's Report

**Land Use.** Roz commented that the Land Use Committee continues to review the *Our Salem* project. There is nothing else to report.

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

**Transportation.** Victor submitted the November 18<sup>th</sup> SCAN Transportation Committee report by email (Exhibit C). He asked that another board member (Jeff Schumacher volunteered) keep notes for the discussion concerning the Saginaw Street family friendly bikeway. This item was carried over from the October meeting.

Some improvements were made to Saginaw Bikeway report. The Transportation Committee notes the frequent stops for bikers, though with the Idaho stop rule it may not be as much of a concern now.

The Committee also looked again at Owens / Saginaw intersection. It is currently unmarked. While there do not appear to be injury accidents involving bikes/peds, these crashes may not be tracked by the City tracks unless there is an ambulance ride.

Current route runs south on Saginaw from Mission, then turns east when it reaches Superior. We would prefer the route continue south on Saginaw to Rural (two blocks) and then go east to Commercial or perhaps west to Hoyt/Rural cemetery connection (if feasible).

Victor moved:

*SCAN requests that the City of Salem fully implement the family friendly bikeway beginning at Mission Street, connecting to Saginaw Street and terminating at Rural Avenue along the route designated as a Tier 1, Near Term Priority Project in the City's Transportation System Plan. SCAN recommends improved signage and way finding together with minor changes to the route.*

Carel DeWinkel seconded the motion.

Carol Snyder noted that the many multi-family dwellings on Saginaw create significant parking on both sides of Saginaw and reduce room for vehicle travel. She said that she was not sure there is room for bikes, too.

"Advisory bike lanes" were then discussed. Idea is auto traffic travels slowly by necessity allowing bikes to travel with slower-speed vehicles. Also, Saginaw is already a City-designated bikeway, but it does not run to Rural and it is not signed well (i.e., only signed in southbound direction).

**Vote - 10 in favor, one opposed.**

## 7. **Adjournment**

Lorrie adjourned the meeting about 8:45 pm.

Submitted by Victor Dodier, SCAN Secretary

## Exhibit A

### Attendees for December 9, 2020 SCAN Zoom Meeting

Board Member	Email Address	Present?	Board Member	Email Address	Present?
Christenson, Jon	<a href="mailto:edscannewsletter@gmail.com">edscannewsletter@gmail.com</a>	x	Rubel, Ron	<a href="mailto:ronrubel@comcast.net">ronrubel@comcast.net</a>	x
Chute, Christine	<a href="mailto:cachute@gmail.com">cachute@gmail.com</a>		Schepcke, Jim	<a href="mailto:jschepcke@comcast.net">jschepcke@comcast.net</a>	x
DeWinkel, Carel	<a href="mailto:cdewinkel@comcast.net">cdewinkel@comcast.net</a>	x	Schumacher, Jeff	<a href="mailto:jeff.schumacher@gmail.com">jeff.schumacher@gmail.com</a>	x
Dodier, Victor	<a href="mailto:vjdodier@teleport.com">vjdodier@teleport.com</a>	x	Shirack, Roz	<a href="mailto:rozshirack7@gmail.com">rozshirack7@gmail.com</a>	x
Edwards, Delmy	<a href="mailto:ride2myhouse@yahoo.com">ride2myhouse@yahoo.com</a>		Sund, Brian	<a href="mailto:sund60@icloud.com">sund60@icloud.com</a>	x
Holmstrom, Bill	<a href="mailto:williamh@gmail.com">williamh@gmail.com</a>	x	Snyder, Carol	<a href="mailto:snyder2858@comcast.net">snyder2858@comcast.net</a>	x
Irizarry, Jesse	<a href="mailto:irizarryj@gmail.com">irizarryj@gmail.com</a>	x	Walker, Lorrie	<a href="mailto:dakotalor@msn.com">dakotalor@msn.com</a>	x
Prohodsky, John	<a href="mailto:johnmpro@gmail.com">johnmpro@gmail.com</a>	x	Wigg, Mark	<a href="mailto:mark_wigg@hotmail.com">mark_wigg@hotmail.com</a>	x

Other Attendees
Mary Ann Spradlin
Ashley Hamilton, The Arches
Karma Krause, Salem-Keizer Public Schools
Joel Smallwood, Salem-Keizer Public Schools
Carlene Benson
Lindsay Dent, The Arches
Ellen Stevens

## Exhibit B

### SPECIAL REPORT: Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Updates - December 2020

#### I. SPRAB Annual Report 2020

RECOMMEND Board members and HPPG Committee members, if you have a moment, to review or peruse the attached parks-sprab-2020-annual-report-draft-2020-11... // In the report, you will find a rising Natural Environment Stewardship Program (see pages 5-6) to protect on the base natural resources in the City's park system, and the City's tree canopy. (Note: 2020 Annual Report is part of SPRAB agenda ... see below.)

Among the suggestions (on page 5), is (a) funding and support for a **Safe Pedestrian Crossings Program** for safer access to parks (e.g., could be to Fairmount Park, lower and upper sections, family friendly bike connection to Clark Creek Park); (b) a recommendation Salem Parks should not be used for permanent or temporary campsites (see page 1); (c) that the City provide funding for coordination of volunteer programs such as the Minto-Brown and Bush's Pasture Park Patrols.

*The SCAN Board and/or the SCAN Transportation Committee may want to explore and want to consider issuing an invitation to City staff to do a presentation and information session on the Safe Pedestrian Crossings Program, and needed funding, and potential funding sources and identified locations in SCAN.*

The **2020 Annual Report** reflects improved integration and communications in Parks, Public Works, Parks Operations; a high degree of professionalism and qualifications that is an outcome of new leadership, reorganization, new hires, in the last 2-3 years.

A Parks Planning and Natural Resources unit has been established, new hires of a Horticulturalist (Bush's Pasture Park) and credentialed Urban Forester, and increased focus by citizens on protection of mature trees in the city, Oregon White Oaks, the tree canopy, habitat and protection of the natural resource foundation of multiple parks. The excellence of the Minto-Brown master plan and initiative for a Cultural & Landscape Management Plan for Bush's Pasture Park/Deepwood Gardens are bellwethers.

#### II. SPRAB Agenda/ SPF Presentation/Unsheltered Persons in Parks/Rural-Hoyt path material

RECOMMEND Board members and HPPG Committee members, if you have a moment, peruse the attached parks-and-recreation-advisory-board-agenda and materials. (Note: Link to Dec. 2020 SPRAB agenda with attachments ... <https://www.cityofsalem.net/meetingdocs/parks-and-recreation-advisory-board-agenda-2020-12-10.pdf#search=SPRAB>) Some of the materials are worthwhile and relevant to some of the recent discussions we have had at the SCAN Board meetings.

Included in the SPRAB Agenda packet materials are: **1) approximately 10 pages of material (non-Action Item) submitted by Mark Wigg on a Rural-Hoyt path connection;** and **(2) an Update on Unsheltered Persons in Parks** from the Parks Planning & Natural Resources unit, with text and photographs of the need for clean up.

Agenda Item 5.e is a draft letter from the SPRAB to the City Council on Unsheltered Persons in Parks. I do recommend SCAN Board members review the December Staff report to SPRAB on unsheltered persons in city parks.

The SPRAB December 10, 2020 meeting is accessible by ZOOM (see Agenda how to access).

At the December SPRAB meeting, there will be also a presentation (Agenda Item 5.a) by **Carol Snyder**, president of the Salem Parks Foundation.

In the Agenda materials, is a report from Mission Street Parks Conservancy (MSPC), which is headed by **Christine Chute**, SCAN Board member. Another member of the MCPC Board is Bonnie Heitsch, SCAN resident. Bonnie is also trained landscape architect. MSPC reports are informative and well written. Jennifer Kellar, manager of Parks Operations also serves as an ex-officio member on the MSPC Board.

No action is scheduled or being recommended by SPRAB staff on the Rural-Hoyt connection material submitted by Mark at this time. The materials are informational only.

### **III. Bush's Pasture Park/Deepwood Gardens CLMP OPEN HOUSE**

RECOMMEND Board members and HPPG Committee members participate or "attend" the virtual OPEN HOUSE sponsored by the City currently underway.

### **IV. Historic Landmarks Commission**

No action affecting properties in the SCAN Neighborhood was heard by the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) in November or are scheduled currently to be reviewed before the HLC in December.

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Jon Christenson

## Exhibit C

### November 18 SCAN Transportation Committee

#### Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Victor Dodier, Jim Scheppke, Mark Wigg, Christine Chute, Brian Sund, Gary Obery, John Prohodsky, Lorrie Walker, Carl DeWinkel, Jon Christenson

#### Agenda

- Additional information for Saginaw Bikeway
- Discussion of Church / High Street Bikeway
- Bush Street connection from/to Bush's Pasture Park
- Traffic speed on Liberty S.
- Other items suggested by participants

#### Announcements

- I noted that there were counting hoses on Commercial and Liberty at Wilson. Kevin Hottmann said that data has not been processed yet. They may have speed data for the period of time that they sampled. We discussed traffic counts and the City's traffic database. What happens if the data shows that traffic is going too fast? We have requested for a radar reader board. We could ask for a radar camera associated with a traffic light. We could ask for more motorcycle patrol officers. Is there historic data on traffic speeds? We may have to ask.
- The contacts with Morningside and SWAN concerning the family friendly bikeway connection Bush Park and Clark Creek Park were positive.

#### Saginaw Bikeway

We discussed the number of stop signs on Saginaw. This is an issue I overlooked before. No stops between Commercial / Mission intersection and Saginaw / Owens intersection. Beyond Owens, there's a stop at every block (at Meyers, Leffelle, Lincoln, Washington, and Superior. This is/was a historic measure to discourage traffic infiltration into the neighborhood from Commercial Street. We should leave stop signs as is. They are not much of a problem, although there might be better ways to discourage traffic infiltration than stop signs.

We also discussed crash history (2014-2018) at the Owens and Saginaw intersection as reported in the ODOT crash statistics database. Most were minor fender benders. Injury crashes have involved vehicle passengers. Mark pointed out that Salem PD does not report crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists unless an ambulance called. We should make some suggestions for improvements at the Owens/Saginaw, like marked crosswalks, beacons, or crossing signs.

The northbound trip on the Saginaw bikeway needs attention when it reaches the Mission and Commercial intersection. Most of us who cycle take to the sidewalk along Commercial. The traffic control at Commercial / Mission forces eastbound traffic on Mission to turn right; there is no provision for bikes to go straight. There should be a clear route for northbound cycle traffic to make its way to other northbound routes on the east side of Commercial.

#### Other Bike Routes

Jon asked about a connection between Bush Park and Minto Brown Park. It may have been part of study done by U of O students. Brian has a copy of the report, but did not see that connection mentioned. Carel and I recalled discussion of such a connection along Bush Street, which now dead ends on the west at the railroad tracks. Mark raised the possibility of a connection at Belleview, under

the trestle. That might avoid the expense of a bridge over the railroad tracks.

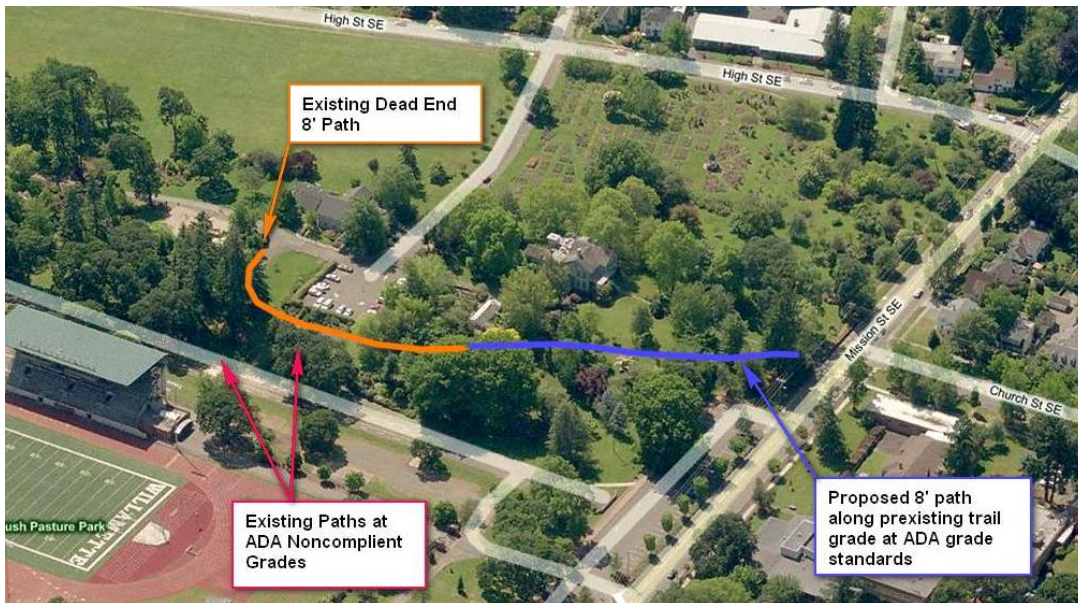
Lorrie reminded us that there have been homeless encampments on the west side of the railroad tracks. We need to explore what is going on before we make any recommendations for a family friendly bikeway in the area.

### Other Matters

**Traffic Speed.** We discussed the traffic speed on Liberty S further. And, how we might get better data on traffic speed in order to make the case to slow traffic.

**Rural / Hoyt.** Mark raised concept of 24 / 7 access between Rural and Hoyt. Why close the gates at sunset? Brian pointed out that the gate on the Hoyt side closes at sunset. He noted the opposition from City View. And, I expressed my concern that trying for 24 / 7 access will result in a decision for no access from the Rural side for the next 50 years.

**Church St. Bikeway thru Bush Park.** Finally, we talked about the idea of re-establishing the old carriage path at the Bush House as part of the family friendly bikeway on Church Street. This is the route illustrated by the drawing that Julie Warncke provided in response my request for background information on the bikeway thru Bush Park (below).



We can weigh in on this concept during the virtual open house for the Bush Park Cultural Landscape Master Plan (Nov. 30 – Dec. 15). We will talk about this at the Dec. SCAN meeting.

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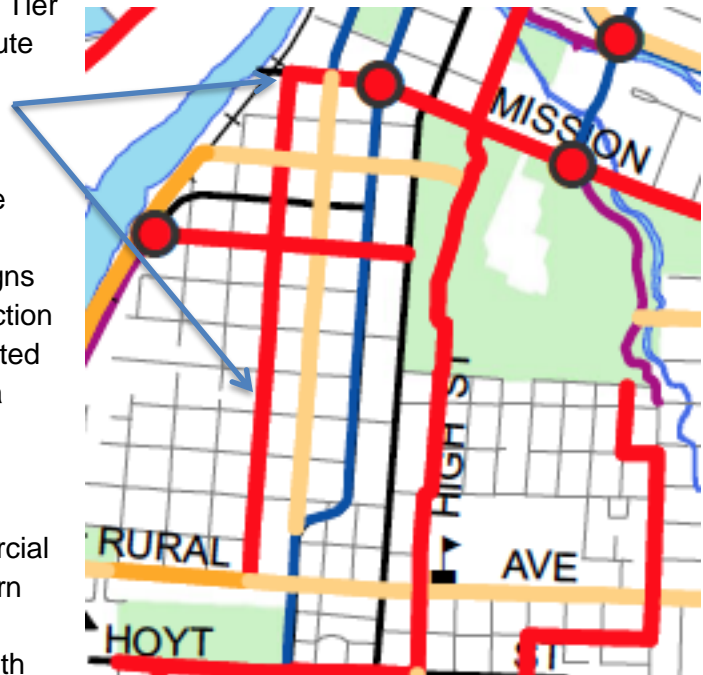
Victor Dodier  
Family Friendly Bikeway on Saginaw Street S.  
Report



The Transportation Committee also reviewed the Tier 1 Family Friendly Bikeway within SCAN. This route is on Mission and then Saginaw Street to Rural Avenue.

This route is partially designated. There is a Bike Route sign at the intersection of Mission and Commercial. There are additional Bike Route signs going south (but none going north) to the intersection of Saginaw and Superior where the route is directed east to Commercial Street and the beginning of a marked southbound bike lane on Commercial.

The northbound terminus of the route needs attention. Traffic control at the Mission / Commercial intersection forces vehicle traffic on Mission to turn right onto Commercial. There is no provision for cyclists on the Saginaw Bike Route to connect with other northbound cycle routes in Salem's one-way grid.



Excerpt from Map 7-9: Bicycle Project Prioritization - South Salem  
Salem Transportation System Plan

Signage should be improved. Sharrows would make clear where the route is going. Way-finding signage at the intersection of Miller Street could show direction / distance to Minto Brown Park and distance / direction to Bush Park at the intersection with Meyer Street.

The intersection of Saginaw and Owens is the one problematic intersection on this route. Owens is heavily traveled minor arterial. The unmarked crosswalk at Owens should at least be marked. In addition, beacons or signage would improve safety, warning drivers of cyclists and pedestrians who may be crossing Owens.

In addition, the route should be extended 2 blocks farther south on Saginaw to Rural Avenue. At Rural, bicyclist could be sent east to connect to the existing bike lane or sidewalk along Commercial. Going west, the route could connect to Hoyt across Pioneer Cemetery or City View Cemetery however that is decided and to Minto Brown Park through Fairmont Park, if the existing trail is improved to accommodate cyclists. The existing track through Fairmont Park is not currently passable, except to experienced off-road cyclists. It is unimproved, steep, narrow and, for most of the year, muddy.

We received one comment on this route from Beth Dayton at the Salem Area Trail Alliance (SATA). SATA is supportive of SCAN efforts to designate family friendly bicycle routes, including the Saginaw route. She noted the problematic crossing at the intersection of Saginaw and Owens.