

Board Members Present: Jon Christenson, Christine Chute, Victor Dodier, Bill Holmstrom, John Prohodsky, Ron Ruebel, Jim Scheppke, Roz Shirack, Brian Sund, Carol Snyder, Lorrie Walker and Mark Wigg (12). 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.

1. Approval of Minutes

Jim Scheppke moved approval of the June 9, 2021 SCAN minutes as corrected. Ron Ruebel seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with one abstention (Christine Chute).

2. City / County Reports

Councilor Nordyke reported on several items. **Cascade Gateway Park.** She returned to Cascade Gateway Park to talk to campers. They were interested in better connection to employment but with no permanent residence, gaining employment is hard. There was also more interest in managed camps ... security, trash pickup, laundry, showers, etc. She mentioned use of the city parking lot on Commercial across for City Hall. Money is going toward housing ... housing first strategy ... progress is slow though. **City Recognition and Activities.** The City was recognized for its work on the daylighting Pringle Creek through the old Boise Cascade plant. City staff worked hard during the June heat emergency, distributing water, fans, opening splash pads, etc. **Urban Renewal.** Council Nordyke reported that the City has invested money in the new hotel that is being built kitty-corner from the Salem Convention Center. The hotel will add room capacity for larger events. The City will see a pay off in taxes, jobs, and a better downtown. Also, plans have changed for the former Nordstrom building. Shopping malls are in decline. Plans have changed to mixed use. The building will be demolished. A new apartment building will replace it; market rate apartments in the range of \$1,000 to \$1,300 per month. **Guidelines on Park Use.** The Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (SPRAB) is hard at work on new guidelines for parks use. There is no timeline for SPRAB to report back to Council. **Fireworks.** Clear policy on the sale / use of fireworks in the City is needed. It's a thorny question. City Council could leave the decision on whether to allow or prohibit sale / use of fireworks to the City Manager, but it might be too much authority. Council will hold a work session.

Ron Ruebel ask how many floors / rooms the new hotel would have. **Resp.** Do not recall.

Mark Wigg commented that better managed campgrounds were needed sooner. There was further discussion of the houseless issue.

MCSO Kayla Thompson reported on what the Sheriff's Office has been doing during the pandemic. They've had to be creative. She works with people who are transitioning out of custody. She reported on the June recidivism rates.

Mark asked how many houseless individuals were on parole and probation. **Resp.** She did not have that information.

Ron asked, what is the trend of recidivism? **Resp.** She didn't have the information at hand, but would send it to Ron.

3. Patricia Farrell, Salem Parks & Natural Resources Planning Manager

Paul Agrimis, Greenworks

Presentation / Discussion of Bush's Pasture Park Cultural Landscape Management Plan

Patricia Farrell gave some basic background for the CLMP ... it is about learning the cultural history of the two properties. She introduced Paul Agrimis from Greenworks, the City's consultant on the project.

Agrimis stepped through a PowerPoint presentation on the CLMP. *[Note: The presentation is attached to the minutes, but is transmitted as a separate document due to its size.]*

Ron asked about Willamette University's involvement in the CLMP. Could the sports complex be improved with better landscaping? **Resp.** The WU Athletic Director did not participate in the CLMP process. The CLMP covers city-owned property. The sports complex is WU-owned property so the CLMP does not cover it.

Christine Chute asked about the blank pages in the CLMP that relate to the tribes. **Resp.** The tribal sections were redacted until approved by the tribes. What is online has the sections complete. The version that will go to City Council will have the completed section incorporated.

John Prohodosky noted that the actions recommended in the CLMP depend on staffing and budget. **Resp.** The expectation is that the CLMP guides the city's maintenance management at the park. One benefit of the CLMP is that it will focus / prioritize activity.

Mary Grainey shared her concern with the climate change piece of the CLMP, esp. fires in the park. She indicated that she would share some pictures with Lorrie.

4. Neighborhood Concerns / Announcements

Should the SCAN Board meet in August? No. While the City's Climate Action Plan is nearing completion, Patricia Farrell noted that it would come to City Council for a work session in September and then again in December. There is time for SCAN to act in September. So, the Board will not meet in August.

5. Committee Reports & Chair's Report

Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens. Jon Christenson emailed the HPPG committee report to Board members prior to the meeting (See Exhibit B). It contains two action items:

Nominations to the Historic Landmarks Commission. HPPG nominates three individuals to the Commission:

- Mary Anne Spradlin
- Kendra Mingo
- Claudia Howells

The SCAN Board approved the nominations unanimously.

SCAN Letter of Support for the CLMP. HPPG recommended a draft letter in support of the CMPL to the Board. The draft had been circulated and revised by email.

Discussion.

Jim Scheppke noted that, if SCAN supports the CLMP, then SCAN supports the recommendation related to the Salem Art Fair. There was further discussion on this point. The CLMP does not say that the Art Fair should not be located in Bush's Pasture Park; only that it should be in areas that do not adversely affect the oaks. And, Parks and Operations was / is moving in that direction.

It was noted that the Historic Landmarks Commission, the Mission Street Conservancy, and Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have supported the CLMP.

The SCAN Board voted unanimously to send a letter of support for the CLMP. The final version of the letter is attached to the HPPG report.

Land Use. Roz distributed the Land Use committee report by email. She noted that the Land Use Committee would not meet in August. See Exhibit C.

Transportation. Victor Dodier emailed the June 23 Transportation Committee report to the Board. It is attached as Exhibit D. He announced that the next Committee meeting will be July 21st at 5:00 PM by Zoom to further refine the Committee's recommendations to the Board concerning High Street. .

Chair's Report. There was no Chair's report.

6. Nominations of Board Officers

The nominating committee reported the following nominations for Board officers during 2021-2022:

- SCAN President, Lorrie Walker
- SCAN Vice-President, Jim Scheppke
- SCAN Secretary, John Prohodsky

There were no other nominations; nominations were closed.

The Board approved the nominations for Board officers unanimously.

We discussed where SCAN would meet in September and during the rest of 2021-2022 in view of changing city and school board policies concerning use of facilities such as the South Salem High School Library where SCAN has met for many years. We did not reach a conclusion.

7. Adjournment

Lori adjourned the meeting about 8:30 pm.

Submitted by Victor Dodier, SCAN Secretary

Exhibit A

Attendees for July 14, 2021 SCAN Zoom Meeting

Board Member	Email Address	Present?	Board Member	Email Address	Present?
Christenson, Jon	edscannnewsletter@gmail.com	X	Scheppke, Jim	jscheppke@comcast.net	X
Chute, Christine	cachute@gmail.com	X	Schumacher, Jeff	jeff.schumacher@gmail.com	exc
DeWinkel, Carel	cdewinkel@comcast.net		Shirack, Roz	rozshirack7@gmail.com	X
Dodier, Victor	vdodier@teleport.com	X	Sund, Brian	sund60@icloud.com	X
Edwards, Delmy	ride2myhouse@yahoo.com		Snyder, Carol	snyder2858@comcast.net	X
Holmstrom, Bill	williamh@gmail.com	X	Walker, Lorrie	dakotalor@msn.com	X
Prohodsky, John	johnmpro@gmail.com	X	Wigg, Mark	mark_wigg@hotmail.com	X
Rubel, Ron	ronrubel@comcast.net	X			

Other Attendees
Councilor Vanessa Nordyke
Patricia Farrell, City of Salem
Paul Agrimis, Greenworks
Jake Burt, Salem PD
Deputy Kayla Thompson, Marion County Sheriff's Office
Mary Ann Spradlin
Jesse Irizary
Christine Ertl
Francine Boulosa
Pat & Mary Strobel
Mary Grainey
Karen Parton Lee
Rachel Edmonds

Exhibit B

HISTORIC PRESERVATION, PARKS & GARDENS COMMITTEE Action Request No. 1: July 2021

On July 12, 2021, the Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Committee met and recommends three appointments to the HLC Historic Compliance Advisory Committee.

I. BACKGROUND

The City of Salem Historic Landmarks Commission is establishing a short-term Historic Compliance Advisory Committee to provide input and guidance to staff as the City updates historic compliance enforcement code.

The City Historic Preservation Officer (HPO) & City Archeologist is requesting three individuals be appointed, approved by the SCAN Board to serve to a short-term Stakeholders advisory group on enforcement of Chapter 230.

Within the City of Salem code (Chapter 230), there are two designated residential Historic Districts: Court-Chemeketa (in NEN), and Gaiety Hill/Bush's Pasture Park (GH/BPP NHD in SCAN).

Identified for NEN (Court-Chemeketa) are: (1) Hazel Patton and (2) architect Juliana Inman, Court-Chemeketa Historic District residents/property owners, and (3) Joan Lloyd, a former NEN chair and Court-Chemeketa Historic District resident.

II. ACTION REQUESTED

The HPPG Committee asks the Board please to approve the following three, outstanding, individuals to serve on this short-term Stakeholders group. .

Mary Anne Spradlin
Kendra Mingo
Claudia Howells

Ms. Spradlin has been a homeowner/resident of the GH/BPP NHD since 2015. Well known within GH/BPP community, Ms. Spadlin serves as chair of the House Committee of Gaiety Hollow, the Lord & Schryver National Register property. Mary Anne has a lifetime interest in landmark properties, substantial experience in ownership and living and maintaining historic properties. Prior to moving to Gaiety, Mary Anne owned a 1922 Bungalow in NE Salem, an 1888 vernacular farmhouse ("Fickens House") in Genessee, Idaho; and a 1912 Craftsman ("Molly Green House") in Asotin, Washington.

Ms. Mingo is a resident of GH/BPP NHD, and a community leader, highly respected in the District and accomplished, professional, experienced in development strategies, extraordinarily gifted as a researcher, and knowledgeable of City code, Chapter 230, and has participated in public hearings before Council on NHD concerns.

Ms. Howells is a past SCAN president, lives one block from Bush's Pasture Park, past public service includes 8 years on the Marion County Planning Commission, 3 years on the City of Salem's United Development Code Advisory Committee (UDCAC), four years on the planning commission of a city on the Oregon Coast during the early years of the adoption of the Oregon Coastal Management Program (CZMA Section 306); and former head of the Rail section at the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Each has expressed a personal interest, a willingness, to obligate the time to forthcoming 3 required meetings (in August, October, and December) and has skills and knowledge that can assist this Stakeholders advisory group, The meetings will be on-line (virtual).

In recruitment for these 3 appointments, I can report that I conferred with our SCAN Land Use Chair, asked members of the SCAN Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Committee (HPPG), accessible residents of GH/BPP through email, and in-person contact.

Three very qualified persons stepped forward. The request comes to you with the highest recommendation of the HPPG Committee.

Jon Christenson
chair, HPPG

HISTORIC PRESERVATION, PARKS & GARDENS COMMITTEE: Action Request No. 2 July 2021

On July 12, members of the Historic Preservation, Parks & Gardens Committee met, and reviewed the proposed Cultural Landscape Management Plan for the Bush's Pasture Park/Deepwood Garden Estate.

ACTION REQUESTED: The Committee requests the SCAN Board submit a letter of support and comment to City Council on the Cultural Landscape Management Plan.

Jon Christenson
chair, HPPG

[Note: The email item included a very rough draft letter. Board members commented on the draft letter. The final version of the letter sent by President Lorrie Walker is below.]

RE: PROPOSED BUSH'S PASTURE PARK and DEEPWOOD ESTATE GARDENS Cultural Landscape Management Plan

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

On July 14, 2021, we received a very fine presentation on the proposed Cultural Landscape Management Plan (CLPM) for Bush's Pasture Park and Deepwood Estate Gardens. Members of our leadership have participated in the Stakeholders Group. Scores and scores of neighbors have responded to the survey requests. For decades, SCAN residents have been key volunteers periodically in Bush's Pasture and to save Deepwood. Twice, (1994-1998)(2013-2015), we have worked hard to assist the rehab and supplement funding of the Crooked House Playground. SCAN led the effort (2004-200) to secure safe path lighting, -- designed lampposts, and the installation from the SAA to Leffelle Street. We have cleaned the 1959 Oregon Centennial "Guidance of Youth" sculpture by Avard Tennyson Fairbanks (1897-1987) after a spontaneous Memorial gathering for a South Salem High School student. We know the park well and we unanimously support the concept of a CLMP.

We add a word of caution: let Bush's Pasture be a park, not a 96 acre museum. Do not overload the park with interpretive and wayfinding signage, kiosks, statues, or public art. Respect the living ecological systems, the uniqueness of the habitat, the Oregon White Oaks, the camas, the fawn-lily and riparian habitat and waters of Pringle Creek that flow into the Willamette. Keep in mind play and the need for individual reflection and renewal that a park and natural space can bring, especially in a central city core and its accessibility. Honor the gift that the park is, not from the Bush family, but to us all. Recognize this is an area of national and state significance, and a neighborhood and community

Common, with a living neighborhood as quiet day-to-day guardians and partners with the City in care and concern.

SCAN requests priority be given to improving the existing sidewalk connection between Bush and Deepwood Parks along Mission St. over building a new pedestrian bridge over Pringle Creek.

SCAN requests the CLMP recognize the need to balance incremental standard management timelines, and immediate need for specific actions to prevent invasive species from taking hold, such as the recent arrival tansy ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*). Mowing, for example, can cause tansy ragwort plants to perennate. Programs of biocontrol, (e. g., Cinnabar moths [*Tyria jacobaeae*], tansy ragwort flea beetles [*Longitarsus jacobaeae*], mechanical or root extraction by hand, and limited herbicide use should be timely and species specific, scientifically based.

SCAN requests on-going priority to protecting the riparian area and enhancing the water quality and natural native habitat of Pringle Creek that flows through the park, an ancient resource of the Native peoples, and living natural feature for generations upon generations and youth to enjoy and learn from. BPP and Pringle Creek are "learning labs," "hands on" observation and data collection spaces for science students at SSHS and Willamette University.

SCAN strongly endorses the recommendation to evaluate whether two swing sets can be accommodated in the Upper Leffelle Management Area # 13c (Picnic and Playground sub-area). This area is very popular, as a picnic and gathering space for families, clubs, youth, church and other programs. The swing sets are well-used. Rather than upgrade the play or eliminate it, SCAN would strongly prefer the play equipment be left as is, with the swings re-installed. The City could mitigate safety concerns by refurbishing the fall material below the swings.

SCAN requests CLMP recognize that care is needed in installation of new capital projects, maintenance, and upkeep of pathways, introduction of new plant regimes, and irrigation. Lack of this attention can result in poor and insufficient drainage, seasonal pools of standing water, rival plant materials and placement that can promote disease and significant failure of the Oregon White Oaks, trees in oak-conifer groves.

Given the time, the circumstances and challenges of our times, this unusual era, this is an outstanding work of engagement and research addressing management, effect, techniques and approaches to protect and sustain a true gem, parkland and recreational area, timeless in our city. The CLMP is a very worthy report and guideline for management.

We commend City, the consultants and team, Patricia Farrell ASLA, Jennifer Kellar and Parks Operations - Brian Smith, Milan Davis, Jacob Snell, Becky George; Paul Agrimis RLA, P. E., GREENWORKS, MIG, Willamette Cultural Resources Associates, the Stakeholders, in particular: the Mission Street Parks Conservancy (MSPC); Ellen Stevens, for her pivotal support of essential research prior to the CLMP project, John Savage of the Native Plant Society of Oregon, Dr. Susan Kephart and Dr. David P. Craig of Willamette University, and the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde,

Respectfully,

Lorrie Walker
President
South Central Association of Neighbors (SCAN)

Exhibit C

SCAN Land Use Committee Report July 14, 2021

The Committee met June 17 via Zoom. Attending were Jeff Schumacher, Carol Snyder, Ron Rubel, John Prohodsky, Roz Shirack, and City staff Eunice Kim, Austin Ross, and Julie Warncke.

The discussion focused on what is the most appropriate mixed use zone for Commercial St SE from Mission St. to Vista Ave. Committee members argued for the Mixed Use-II zone, which is more compatible with the adjacent residential uses and existing office uses. That zone allows a maximum height of 55-foot buildings, which is significantly higher than any of the existing buildings along this section of Commercial St. SE. The Committee also noted the limited capacity of the narrow alleys on the west and east side of Commercial St. that provide vehicle access to parking for both commercial buildings and residences on both sides of the alleys.

Committee members also argued for locating middle density multifamily and mixed uses on arterials throughout Salem, rather than concentrating very high density housing and mixed uses on Commercial St, Portland Rd NE, and Lancaster Dr, as currently proposed.

Buildings of 55 feet and higher would also block the solar access of the current one and two story buildings, which is inconsistent with several policies in the Our Salem Vision document to encourage passive and active solar energy in buildings.

Eunice noted that staff is re-assessing the need for some of the proposed Neighborhood Hub Zones (including the one at Fairview Ave and Summer St), if daily commercial services are already available within a quarter mile of residential areas.

The Committee continues to follow the Zoning Subcommittee, which has its last meeting July 15 at 3:00 pm. All the Zoning Subcommittee meetings can be watched on the City's YouTube channel at any time.

There is no Land Use Committee meeting planned for July.

Submitted by Roz Shirack, Chair

Exhibit D

June 23 SCAN Transportation Committee

Zoom Meeting

Attendance: Victor Dodier, Jim Scheppke, Mark Wigg, Carel DeWinkel, Lorrie Walker, Brian Sund

Agenda:

- * Proposed SCAN motion concerning High Street
- * Other items suggested by committee members

The committee continued its work on a proposed motion concerning designation of High Street as a local street in the Transportation System Plan and designation of a bikeway on High Street. The wording of the proposed motion was modified and the explanatory text has been expanded to reflect the potential connection to both the Winter-Maple Neighborhood Greenway and the Pringle Creek Linear Park.

Mark noted that he has seen people getting between Fred Meyer and Ratcliff. Should not the bikeway continue south to Vista and eventually connect to Ratcliff? We discussed whether there is or is not a connection on public rights-of-way to Fred Meyer without going out to Commercial. Mark will look into it.

We need to prepare a map to illustrate the proposal.

We had been aiming to bringing this motion to the July SCAN meeting. But, we need to share this proposal with neighbors along High Street prior to bringing it to the SCAN meeting. Nextdoor might be the best way to share.

Other matters

We had a brief discussion of the Hoyt-Rural path and what might come next.

Carel asked what was the current status of sidewalk repairs on Saginaw St. I recounted the exchange with City when we identified locations in need of repair. I was told that repairs would be made sometime in 2021.

The current write-up of the proposed motion is below:

Proposed Motion:

SCAN requests the City of Salem consider changing the designation of High Street S, designating High Street S as a local street, and to consider designation of a bikeway on High Street S from Trade St. to McGilchrist St. SE.

High Street S functions as a local street, not as a collector street. High Street S is signed for local traffic at its intersection with Mission Street. The purpose of a collector street is to distribute neighborhood traffic from local streets to arterial streets. High Street S. parallels the arterial streets of

Liberty S and Commercial S. Through the distance from Trade to McGilchrist, High Street S is only one or two blocks away from these arterials. Further, High Street S is cut off from distributing traffic originating to the east by geography, parks (Pringle Park / Bush's Pasture Park) and large development blocks (Salem Health). High Street does not meet City standards for a collector street along most of the distance from Leslie St. to McGilchrist. The narrowest collector (Class C Collector) has an improved street surface of 34 feet; High Street appears to be 30 feet wide through most of this distance.

Designation of High Street as a local street may allow use of speed humps, sharrows, painted crosswalks and other measures to better control traffic speed and improved safety for pedestrian and bicyclists.

The Salem Transportation Plan envisions a family friendly bikeway through Bush's Pasture Park. Bike lanes are painted on Liberty St. S and Commercial St. S (south of Oxford). The painted bike lanes provide for the "strong and fearless" bicycle rider. High Street S, even with its current designation as a collector street, should be considered for designation as a bikeway.

Designation of a bikeway on High Street S beginning at Trade Street continues the existing route marked on High Street. It would connect to the Pringle Creek Linear Park at the bridge over Pringle Creek. The Pringle Creek Linear Park would serve to connect the bikeway to the bikeway designated on Winter Street and to the Winter-Maple Neighborhood Greenway at Willson Park. A bikeway on High Street S would also connect to another Tier 1 Bikeway proposed for Church Street via Leslie Street.