

Board members present:

Jon Christenson, Christine Chute, Carel DeWinkel, Victor Dodier, John Prohodsky, Jim Schepcke, Jeff Schumacher, Roz Shirack, Brian Sund, Carol Snyder, Lorrie Walker, Mark Wigg

Guests were present as well. **See Exhibit A - Attendance Roster**

Vice-President Jim Schepcke called the Zoom meeting to order about 6:34 pm with a quorum present. President Lorrie Walker joined the meeting during Councilor Nordyke's presentation.

1. A motion to approve the September 2021 meeting minutes was made by Victor Dodier and seconded by Carol Snyder. Approval of the July 2021 meeting minutes was unanimous.

2. City and County Reports:

a. Councilor Nordyke

Councilor Nordyke attended the Hispanic Heritage Month Breakfast where she met State Representative Alonso Leon.

Several **homeless** have moved to permanent housing or found jobs. The proposed temporary shelters intent is to provide a stable living situation for the homeless and allow them to stabilize. The intended population of proposed West Salem location for temporary homeless shelters with gated 24/7 security is people older than 55 or medically fragile individuals. There will be restrictions on Drug and alcohol use. To be considered the homeless must be on a list. Thanks to those who contributed towards the purchase of pallet shelters.

The **Climate Action Plan** will be out in October and there will be a hearing on it in December, The October 20<sup>th</sup> Emergency Preparedness Workshop's topic will be car kits. Previous workshops are available online.

Councilor Nordyke mentioned and appreciated Senator Patterson's efforts to fund transitional housing for the homeless. Salem has made investments and acted to reduce homelessness and the impact of being homeless.

\$10m was allocated by HB2417 to county governments to fund mobile mental health crisis units.

President Walker mentioned that ODOT gave residents of a homeless camp 2 hours' notice to move. She said that we shouldn't complain unless we are willing to help.

The **Indigenous People's Day celebration** held at the Gerry Frank Amphitheater on October 11<sup>th</sup> was a success.

**Portland State University evaluated Portland's street response unit** and the data was compelling in showing the street response unit was cost effective in responding to mental health and other crises that didn't need a police response. The mobile crisis unit increased the spectrum of non-criminal crises that Portland can respond. Councilor Nordyke wants to know if Salem needs a mobile crisis unit to respond to non-criminal crises.

John Prohodsky asked if Salem was still promoting car camping. Answer: Church at the Park and others are working to encourage more churches to open their parking lots.

There has been a significant increase in criminal activities that Salem police, including SWAT, have been responding to criminal activity. What does it take for the City to act to prevent crime?

b. Michelle Howard, Vice Principal South Salem High School

Note: Michelle is a neighbor, she lives in SCAN.

The demolition of South High's north wing and old Leslie School and constructing the new addition was an inconvenience and she appreciated how neighbors responded during demolition and construction. The new addition includes science rooms, auxiliary gym, health services, athletic training room, two new culinary spaces, a new Rose Auditorium, and a broadcast journalism space that includes a podcast space and green screen. The new wing has an elevator. We were encouraged to sign up for a **tour of the new spaces** after the October 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am grand opening.

Lorie Walker worked with Joel Smallwood of the school district to have **exterior lights** installed that minimized glare and light intrusion into adjacent residences.

Enrollment for the 2021-22 school year is 2300 students. The 2019-20 school year had 1985 students enrolled at South High School.

Staff and student government is working to create a space where needs can be met. South High's culture is coming back and is driven by Seniors who are working to reestablish the culture. An integral part of the culture is the celebration of successes. Lorrie walker noted that students speeding through the neighborhood has decreased.

Jim Scheppke asked if the **later start times** were working. Michelle said they are and transportation of students to/from school was a major consideration. Classes start at 8:30 except on Wednesdays when classes start at 9:30. Between 8:30-9:30 on Wednesdays staff meets to focus on supporting Tier 3 kids.

John Prohodsky observed that South High's current enrollment exceeds the design capacity (2200 students) of South High. He asked for the current enrollment and designed capacity of all high schools.

Brian Sund asked three questions: 1) Has **TikToc challenges** caused any problems? 2) Has the number of exit points increased? and 3) Are efforts being made to get additional staffing?

Michelle said Covid impacted staffing and they are working on getting needed staff. Office staff did not increase. A vestibule was constructed at the main entrance by the office to increase security. Visitors must go through the vestibule and be buzzed in. South does not have any additional office staff.

Brian said when he was teaching at **South High** there were **39 exit points** where students could leave and asked how many exit points does SSSHS currently have? Michelle said South has new state of the art (video) cameras covering the doors. Not all the cameras are working.

TicTok has monthly videos that challenge students to do perform destructive acts. South's student council started a positive challenge, **Angelic Yields**, to distract from the TicTok challenges. The winner has their choice of either a parking space or a gift card. If there is more than one winner, the winner is determined by a drawing.

Victor Dodier expressed support for neighbors who are close to entrances where students are dropped off and picked up. The traffic back up blocks their driveways. Michelle said the school district is doing a traffic assessment. Staff will review the results then act. Victor said speed humps are needed on Oxford and Rural to slow traffic going downhill. Michelle said a student was hit by a car when crossing Rural across from the athletic practice field. Victor said the School District proposed placing traffic barriers to prevent traffic stacking in front of entrances. The proposal was a 24/7 solution to 1-2 hour weekday problem [during the school year]. More traffic enforcement is desirable.

c. Deb Patterson – future state senator for SCAN if proposed redistricting stands

If the proposed redistricting stands, she will represent SCAN starting in 2023. There is a court challenge to proposed Oregon legislative redistricting. She was appointed to finish the late Senator Jackie Winter's term. Previously Deb was the CEO of a global healthcare NGO. Legislative accomplishments include:

- \$40 million for affordable housing and providing behavioral healthcare to veterans.

- Prescription affordability - \$75 maximum cost for insulin.
- Helping the long term care industry with staffing.

She said more **wildland firefighters** are needed. Fire season is becoming longer each year and a stable fire fighting force is needed. Firefighter burnout is a problem due to the increased intensity and duration of wildland fires.

Deb visited 40 businesses in 40 days. Zoom was used as an adjunct to face to face meetings. She found that labor availability was an issue.

Jio Scheppke commented that Salem needs mobile, non-police, units to respond to mental health, drug overdoses, homeless and other non-violent crises. Only counties can apply for funding for **mobile response units**. Jim asked if it is possible for cities to apply for those funds. Deb said she would look into it.

Victor Dodier said that downsizing the **mental health budget**, un-funding State Hospital operations saved Oregon a significant amount of money. It was assumed that a significant amount, if not all, of the savings would be allocated to increase community based mental health services. e.g. housing and supportive services. This did not happen. Deb said she worked on a \$470 M package of bills supporting mental health and substance abuse services.

John Prohodsky said his wife, a retired psychiatric social worker, mentioned many of the issues she experienced in providing services to clients with him. He said Oregon should increase funding for community based mental health services. He also inquired about tax expenditures and business improvement districts.

### 3. Neighborhood Concerns

Christine Chute mentioned that Grant and Northeast Neighbors neighborhood associations have an **initiative to lower the speed on residential streets**.

A 5 mph reduction in speed decreases pedestrian and bicycle deaths by 50%.

Victor Dodier said the City is not good at picking up trash. An example is the homeless under the Rite Aid awning downtown. He has seen small piles of trash in the right of way.

Brian Sund said [Marion] County Solid Waste Management Committee is working on a manual on how to be on top of the problems caused by **waste generated by the homeless**. Covanta will accept waste generated by the homeless free of charge. He has seen a draft of the plan and it includes contact people who will be the communities eyes and ears.

#### 4. New Business

Jim Scheppke mentioned that Grant Neighborhood Association has a new logo designed by Susan Napack. Jim moved that SCAN have Susan Napack design a **new logo for SCAN** with funds from SCAN's Communications Fund. Jim said the cost would be between \$200-\$500.

Roz Shirack said she doesn't support the motion. She said time is needed to recognize new logo and current logo is known. Jon Christenson said we should consider having SSHS or Willamette students design logo. He moved to table the motion. The Board voted was 6 for tabling the motion and 4 against. Lorrie said a committee will discuss a new logo and report back at the November Board meeting. Email Lorrie if you want to serve on the committee.

#### 5. Committee Reports and Chair Report

##### a. Chair's report

Lorrie Walker attended the Northeast Neighbors Board meeting and said 20 is Plenty and Vision Zero was discussed. NEN wants to present both to all neighborhood associations and City Council.

Lorrie asked if we have seen more homeless in Salem. She said the SE corner of 13<sup>th</sup> and Rural is being considered for managed homeless camp.

The [fall leaf haul](#) will be November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 3 at Brown's Island demolition landfill. The City will provide assistance to senior citizens and those with disabilities who need help bagging and hauling leaves and grass. For help call 503-589-2195 or email [cwildman@cityofsalem.net](mailto:cwildman@cityofsalem.net). November 28, 2020, will be the last day to sign up for assistance.

##### b. Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee

Report **(Exhibit B)** was emailed to Board.

##### c. Land Use Committee

Report **(Exhibit C)** was emailed to Board. The Land Use Committee is reviewing a land use application for 1865 12<sup>th</sup> St. SE that is requesting adjustments. Comments are due by October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Council will be discussing the updated Comprehensive Plan at the October 18<sup>th</sup> work session.

##### d. Transportation Committee

Victor said the Transportation Committee report has a misspelt name. He will submit a revised report **(Exhibit D)**.

Mark Wigg brought up the need for more smoothways – paved paths for bikes and pedestrians. The discussion will continue when more information is available.

Zero is Plenty and Vision Zero have been around for a while. Vision Zero is an aspirational goal and has been a failure. Victor has sent links to YouTube videos describing ideas to control traffic. They discuss street designs that are alternatives to street designed for faster traffic. An example is Liberty Street, SCAN's local speedway, whose design encourages traffic to travel faster than the posted speed.

20 is Plenty is a good idea. Carel DeWinkel said in Europe local street's speed limit is 30 Kph which is about 18 mph.

Portland has park to park bike rides which have been very successful. Salem should try them.

## 6. Informational Items

Jim Schepke said Council will be discussing a new tree ordinance and Twenty is Plenty.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52.

**Exhibit A**

**Attendees for July 14, 2021 SCAN Zoom Meeting**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Present?</b>	<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Present?</b>
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Chute, Christine	<a href="mailto:cachute@gmail.com">cachute@gmail.com</a>	X	Schumacher, Jeff	<a href="mailto:jeff.schumacher@gmail.com">jeff.schumacher@gmail.com</a>	X
DeWinkel, Carel	<a href="mailto:cdewinkel@comcast.net">cdewinkel@comcast.net</a>	X	Shirack, Roz	<a href="mailto:rozshirack7@gmail.com">rozshirack7@gmail.com</a>	X
Dodier, Victor	<a href="mailto:vjdodier@teleport.com">vjdodier@teleport.com</a>		Sund, Brian	<a href="mailto:sund60@icloud.com">sund60@icloud.com</a>	X
Edwards, Delmy	<a href="mailto:ride2myhouse@yahoo.com">ride2myhouse@yahoo.com</a>		Snyder, Carol	<a href="mailto:snyder2858@comcast.net">snyder2858@comcast.net</a>	X
Holmstrom, Bill	<a href="mailto:williamh@gmail.com">williamh@gmail.com</a>		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
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<b>Other attendees:</b>
Vanessa Nordyke, City Councilor Ward 7
Michelle Howard, SSHS Vice-Principal
Deb Patterson, State Senator
Dick Yates
Carlene Benson
Ellen
Gail Stek
Nadene LeCheminant
Emily Mooney
Susan Arbor & Wes Johnson
Chris D'Arcy

## Exhibit B

### Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee Report

#### RESTORATION OF THE SUNDIAL GARDEN/PATHS/BENCHES - BUSH'S PASTURE PARK Case No.HIS21-04

See attached photograph. Work began in September. Original bricks have been removed and are being saved. A skilled mason is preparing a new underlining surface. Roses will be planted in the spring 2022. Project is moving forward nicely. Collaboration with MSPC has resulted in \$ 4600. (\$ 1100 Salem Parks Foundation) (\$ 3500 Autzen Foundation) in successful grant applications and awards. A thank you to Christine Chute for outstanding cooperation-collaboration and work.

#### CLASS 2 DESIGN REVIEW: Case No. HIS21-15 - BIKE STATION AND ASSOCIATED SIGNAGE IN BUSH'S PASTURE PARK

Support for the bike station. HPPG design recommendations to the City Historic Preservation Officer and applicant were adopted. Use of color that will be integrative to a park setting, "natural terrain colors" (will be beige and brown). Name on the signage will be changed to the historically + National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)correct, Bush's Pasture Park. An upgrade will be made in the gravel to be used to improve safety and appearance.

The design recommendations are consistent with the newly adopted (July 2021) BPP/Deepwood Estate CLMP policies for Management Area #5, park main entry sites are opportunities to educate about park context (White Oaks, natural terrain), history (name) and "avoid cluttering park with extraneous signs" (CLMP 95) Signage should be integrative if installed.

#### PENDING DESIGN REVIEW: Case No. HIS21-19: 446 Oak St. SE

Replacement of an existing non-historic window and sliding door, install a French door, and add an additional window in the back of the French House (1925 historic contributing resource). Non-controversial. Proposed alterations will not be visible from "any public right-of-way" (source: Review Worksheet 1).

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Photo credit: Christine Chute

## Exhibit C

### Land Use Land Use Committee Report October 13

The Committee is reviewing an application for redevelopment of 1865 12<sup>th</sup> St SE for a new restaurant and lounge, Fiddle Fig Lounge. The existing 2,400 sq ft building will be retained and improved, with an additional 600 sq ft covered patio. Driveways and parking area will be reconfigured. The applicant is requesting reduced parking and setbacks from what the zone requires. Residents on University St SE, west of the site, reported frequent parking on their block from customers of Jammers Bar, which is next to the proposed Fiddle Fig Lounge. But residents did not object to the proposed new lounge.

The Committee began reviewing the conceptual plan for this redevelopment in June before the complete application was submitted to the City. The Committee will finish its review via email by the October 22 due date for comments.

There will be no Zoom Committee meeting this month.

### Our Salem Work Session October 18

The City Council and Planning Commission will hold a virtual work session on the [Our Salem](#) project on Monday, October 18 at 6 p.m. You can watch the work session live:

- [Watch live in English and American Sign Language](#)
- [Watch live in Spanish](#)

Staff will present the draft Salem Area Comprehensive Plan and associated maps and code changes at the work session. A summary is provided in [this staff report](#). You can view the draft materials on the Our Salem project webpage.

- [Draft Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Proposed Comprehensive Plan Map](#)
- [Proposed Zoning Map](#)

This marks a major milestone in Salem's efforts to plan for future growth and development. It is the result of a three-year project called [Our Salem](#), which has involved extensive community engagement.

### What's Next

Staff plans to start the adoption process for the draft Comprehensive Plan, proposed Comprehensive Plan Map, proposed zoning map, and associated code

changes by the end of this year. The adoption process will include public hearings next year at the Planning Commission and City Council, which will vote on the draft Comprehensive Plan.

The draft Comprehensive Plan and associated maps and code changes will not be effective until they go through the formal adoption process.

## **Learn More about Our Salem Project**

### **Background**

The Our Salem project is a multi-year project to update the Salem Area Comprehensive Plan, which guides future development in the Salem area. Salem is growing, and with this growth comes the chance to better plan for how and where we want to grow.

[Sign up to get email updates](#) about the project.

For more information, feel free to contact Eunice Kim, project manager, at [ekim@cityofsalem.net](mailto:ekim@cityofsalem.net).

## **Get involved and learn more**

## Exhibit D

### September 15 SCAN Transportation Committee Report

Attendance: Victor Dodier, Brian Sund and Mark Wigg,

Agenda:

- Brief report by chair:
  - Follow up w/ City regarding repairs to sidewalks on Saginaw
  - Status of traffic calming around SSHS ... traffic study reported by James Heyen
  - 20 is Plenty
- What should the committee take up next?
- Topics suggested by committee members

**Chair's Report:** Sidewalk Repairs Carel DeWinkel commented recently that the sidewalks on Saginaw were in poor shape. I had written to the City last year about sidewalk segments on Saginaw that are in need of repair. I had understood from the City's response then that they would repair sidewalks in SCAN during 2021. Nothing has been done. I emailed city staff but have not received a response. Traffic Calming around SSHS I had contacted James Heyen to learn the status of the traffic calming concepts. Heyen reported that the school district is doing some traffic counts around SSHS now that students are back. So, more about traffic calming around SSHS soon. 20 is Plenty Earlier this year, Jim Scheppke had encouraged us to write to City Council in support of Councilor Stapleton's 20 is Plenty effort. Recently, Gary Obery urged me to contact Ray Quisenberry about the 20 is Plenty effort. Councilor Stapleton is making another push for 20 is Plenty thru the NAs. Quisenberry is heading up the effort in Grant NA. He reported that Lynn Takata in NEN is also active. We should take up 20 is Plenty to see what people in SCAN think about the concept. SCAN Resolutions concerning High Street I reported that I was waiting for September SCAN minutes to draft a transmittal letter for Lorrie.

Mark commented that he'd heard that locals around Bush's Pasture Park intend to continue to use the route thru the park. I responded that the resolution asks the City to consider designating a bikeway on High Street. Doesn't mean that the City will designate the requested bikeway nor does it mean that the City will not implement the family friendly bikeway thru Bush's Pasture Park that is proposed in the Salem Transportation Plan. Mark noted that the path connecting the central multiuse path to Church Street is narrow and very rough. It should be improved.

Mark also noted that we should change the discussion just a bit. Lot of people are traveling by skateboards and electric OneWheel, even though the streets, sidewalks and paths are rough and gravelly. The routes for walking and cycling should be super smooth, he said. Walking and rolling ... it's more than bicycling.

On another point, he observed that commuters will go out of their way to go thru parks. In contrast, City policy discourages commuter travel thru parks ... parks are parks, not transportation. City policy should be changed.

We also discussed the concept that “cyclists want to be in the mix of traffic.” Some bike advocates ... those in the “strong and fearless” category ... wanted to be part of traffic. The concept has led the City to paint bike lanes on higher speed arterials. The concept has failed. Bike routes should be serve more cyclists.

Mark also raised the discussion that he wants to have with the Historic Preservation, Parks and Gardens Committee. We are seriously underfunding parks. Purchases of land for parks is lagging behind where they were planned to be. And, we have not looked at parks as transportation facilities.

Brian commented on the Salem Bike Boulevard Advocates tour organized by the Oberys and Councilor Stapleton in August. He complemented Angela Obery’s presentation. He commented on the poor condition of the Winter Street road surface.

I asked if there was an organization similar to Bicycle Transportation Alliance in Salem. There was once a BTA chapter in Salem, but it has disbanded. Reason that I asked: I have an idea for something like Portland’s Park-to-Park event that needs someone to organize. The event has popularized bike boulevards in Portland. It could here too, but it’s beyond my ability to organize. Brian suggested sharing the idea with Salem Transportation Alliance, Breakfast on Bikes, the Oberys.

To sum up:

- The Committee should look to the Salem Transportation Plan and the Parks Plan to see where we can connect “things that roll.” This would include advocating for adequate funding for parks and trails. And, for making the connecting routes or trails extremely smooth.
- The Committee should look for someone to organize an event similar to Portland’s Park-to-Park event. It would popularize the connections between the Salem parks.