

Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association Meeting

January 23, 2018. Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

- 1. Welcome, introductions, approval of minutes**
 - a. Minutes approved (attendance listed at end of minutes)
- 2. Announcements & Good News**
 - a. Red cross is offering a free smoke alarm installation, call 503-528-5783
 - b. Salem Health is celebrating heart month with free health screenings
- 3. Officer's Reports**
 - a. **Anthony Hinkle from code compliance** - Only 3 derelict properties in this neighborhood currently, 2 dangerous buildings. 63 vehicles noted, towed 14 since October. Noted specific properties that are currently being worked on and shared plans for abatement. Neighbor shared concerns about graffiti and problem activities with properties; hotline identified - 503-371-4264 or take photo and send to graffitti@cityofsalem.net. Question about sump water; directed to building and safety department. Neighbors are requested to please report all crimes, no matter how small - police modify patrols based on crime statistics.
 - b. **Officer Gordon, Salem Police** - Coffee with a Cop on Weds Jan. 24, 8:30-10:30 am at Starbucks at 1134 Lancaster Dr NE. Gave update on new Police station process and what changes they are excited about. Reminder to be observant of what is happening in the area. Asked neighbors to call graffiti abatement team (see above) if you see it, especially if it is crossed off (could indicate gang activity). Pay attention to color and type of shoes if you see someone suspicious, because that is an easy way for police to identify suspects.
- 4. Neighbors' concerns**
 - a. **Vacation Rental** - Laws changing about short term rental, neighbor shared info about experience with permitting process. Property owner has had a rental in neighborhood for many years, concerned about putting in money and time for permitting process if SESNA will object. Neighbors expressed no concerns about short term rentals at this time.
- 5. Council Updates, Tom Andersen**
 - a. **Salem Reads project**, will read "Outcasts United" and can get book at library. Noted events sponsored by Oregon Humanities Conversation Project.
 - b. **Update on State Street corridor project**. Explained politics of decision regarding road diet to 17th (instead of to 25th). Pedestrian crossings will be added all the way. This is a beginning step to try over a few years, then extend further in the future if it works well. Discussed cost of mixed use buildings, height of 55' recommended to make it feasible. Next step is to come up with final recommendation to take to planning commission then to City Council. Discussed writing a letter to support higher height of buildings on SESNA side than NEN side, do a shadow study. Time/date is not yet set for hearings, have 12 weeks or so to draft something to discuss.
- 6. Guests** - None scheduled

7. Old Business

- a. **Election of officers.** Slate proposed: Shannon Priem - Chair; Darrin Brightman, Vice Chair; Kirk Leonard - Treasurer; Ken Jacobs - Secretary. Motion made to elect officers. Motion moved, seconded and approved.
- b. **Confirm 2018 Committees and members.** Committees include: Beautification (Seleste, Marcia, Shannon, Arnaud), Parks (Ken, Kirk), Land Use (Bill, Kirk, Dave; co-chaired by Darrin and Jeff), School Liaison (Seleste, Shannon), Digital Assets (Arnaud, Darrin, Jeff), Outreach and Business (Marcia, Ken, Shannon, Darrin), Safety (Jeff, Darwin), Flood Watch/Watershed (Jeff, Shannon). Motion made to adopt committees. Motion moved, seconded and approved.

8. New Business

- a. **2018 SESNA Priorities:** Passed out list with descriptions. Topics included: follow State Street Corridor, plan litter cleanup party, tree planting, Geer Line median improvements, increase business outreach, and explore Hispanic outreach.
- b. **Volunteer hours** - Create a new form tracking hours spent vs. using existing sign-in sheet. **Kirk will ask Irma about deadline for reporting.**

9. Committee Reports

- a. **Heritage Neighborhood** - Vinyl wrap locations decided, proposed photos and descriptions described, will be brought soon.
- b. **Watershed/Flood watch** - no news
- c. **Land Use / Housing** - State street mentioned. Geer Line briefly discussed regarding need for ownership shift, possibly only a resolution for Council to change utilization. **Shannon will develop action items for next month's meeting.**
- d. **Digital Assets** - Hosting expired, but domain name paid through February. Need to find a host to keep domain name. Discussed what functions we need on our own vs. through city website, which won't currently enable us to add content, can't access email list. **Tom will investigate.** Jeff made a motion that we find a new registration for domain and pay it for a year, up to \$35. Motion seconded by Darrin and approved by board. Arnaud is working on it.
- e. **South Salem Connect** - Approx \$4500 available in fund; annual meeting is tomorrow night, talk to Kirk.
- f. **Tree Planting** - no news

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Attendance: Jill Summers, Shannon Priem, Darrin Brightman, Joanie Shugarman, Dean Hanke, Jared Rogers, Kirk Leonard, Darwin Sandau, Ken Jacobs, Seleste Liyanage, Arnaud Verstuyt, Bill Smaldone, Marcia Hoak, Jeff Leach, Officer Gordon*, Tom Andersen*, Anthony Hinkle*

*Indicates city staff or guest