

Meeting convened at 7:00 with introductions; in attendance: Neighbors Jeff Leach, Joanie and Dean, Arnaud Verstuyl, Dave MacMillan, Kirk Leonard, Bill Smaldone, Darren Brightman, Shannon Priem, Jaya Martin; Tom Andersen, Ward 2 Counselor; Carol Snyder, Salem Parks Foundation; Melissa Parker, Candidate for Municipal Judge; Jerry Thompson, Cherriots; Belle Cottrell, Marion Count P&P; Jeff Gordon, Salem PD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Salem Hospital ER has altered practices and as a result wait time has been cut in half; Jerry's Home Improvement coming to 25<sup>th</sup> and Mission still a go; 2 tenants moving into abandoned Kmart; Costco building new store at Kuebler interchange, will likely close current store.

OFFICERS REPORTS: Belle C. reports that things are pretty quiet at the moment; if P&P is working in the area they will always be in brown uniforms; several new faces in the department; MC is erecting a new building south of Kuebler on Turner Rd. that will have all Sheriff services under one roof: programs, patrol, counselors and P.O's. Officer Gordon reports that they have been getting really good descriptions as of late, which helps track down the bad guys; recently HS and MS students have been seen bashing in windows of parked cars between 2:00 and 4:00 pm; there is an enforcement officer dedicated to abandoned vehicles so if you suspect one, turn it in.

NEIGHBOR CONCERNS: garbage left at Mill Race Park by clients of the Club Pit Bull dispensary; Tom A. will speak with the club owner. There is a collapsed carport on Mill St.; has been there for weeks; needs to be reported to Code Enforcement. Bill S. concerned about the power grab by the state, which now appoints Cherriots Board Members.

COUNCIL UPDATE: Addressing Bill's concerns, Tom A. pointed out that Lane Transit District board members are appointed by the state and it works well, taking the politics (and campaigning and being beholden to donors) out of the equation; payroll tax to support Cherriots comes on the books in 2019; Costco move not good global thinking, just increases sprawl; at city State Street Plan still an argument between engineers and planners; Tom is on the Congestion Task Force and the Homelessness Task Force; Priorities for next two years are new sources of income (head tax on retirement homes, restaurant tax), ban on nicotinoid pesticides, plastic bag ban and an assault weapon ban.

GUESTS: Jerry Thompson of Cherriots reported that there will be route changes in Summer 2018 and by September 2019 service will be expanded to include weekends; during March 2018 there will be several Open Houses explaining the changes—check the Cherriots website for a full explanation. Carol Snyder of the Salem Parks Foundation explained that the grant cycle for park improvements is open now through April 30. Melissa Parker is an attorney and a candidate for Municipal Judge—she is running against the long-time incumbent due to frustration with court inefficiencies; she would also like to introduce more sentencing options, getting away from the jail time-revolving door.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion passed to spend up to \$50 as a thank you to Jill for her time on the board, service to neighborhood; Motion passed to spend up to \$100 for refreshments at the June Aldrich Park meeting; discussed SEMCA request to move 25<sup>th</sup> St. connector bike path up to a higher priority—no decision, will ask a SEMCA rep as a future guest;

OLD BUSINESS / COMMITTEES: Accepted Darrin's draft letter, with minor alterations, supporting the proposed Option #2 "Road Diet" for State Street Corridor; \$5,414 in accounts; Vinyl wraps being

designed, locations selected; discussed North Campus hospital color—will have to accept State of Oregon decision; new website up and running, domain name saved; in future need to make better connections with Friends of Trees

Adjourned 8:45