

SESNA Meeting of March 27, 2018

Board members present: Shannon Priem (Chair), Darwin Sandow, Bill Smaldone, Jeff Leach, Darrin Brightman, Kirk Leonard, Celeste Liyanage, Arnaud Verstuyt, Marcia Hoak. (Irma Dowd, City of Salem Dept. of Community Development)

1. **Introductions:** Shannon welcomed the public and began a round of introductions. February 27, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Announcements:** Darwin announced an upcoming wine tasting and chocolate tasting event at the Willamette Heritage Center on April 7.
3. **Police Report:** Officer Gordon urged people to get (or create) serial numbers for their valuables and to store them electronically. He also reported on new camera systems people can use for securing their homes. Some are wireless and very effective.
4. **Neighbors' Concerns:** None voiced.
5. **Council Update:** Tom Anderson says there are three things to which he thinks SESNA needs to give particular attention. (Besides State Street, which will be discussed below).

Budget Process is just starting. The squeaky wheel gets the grease during this process. If we want something to get priority, we need to show up.

A Congestion Task Force has been formed to deal with the 3-9 minute slowdown at different times of the day on the bridges crossing the Willamette. Tom is not on the committee but is attending.

A Homeless Task Force has been formed including several councilors and representatives from different stakeholder groups. Tom wants to look at the situation downtown in particular and how homelessness impacts all concerned (the homeless, business owners, residents, etc.) He favors a creating a place where homeless people can store their goods. Darrin asked about toilet facilities downtown and Tom responded that the Task Force hopes to deal with this.

6. Guests

School Bond Issue

Karmen Krause (A Salem Keizer Schools official) and Mark Shipman (on the Bond Committee) provided information on the upcoming bond of 619.7 million dollars (May vote). This adds \$1.24 per thousand to the tax rate.

Karmen Krause: Reasons for the Bond: More space needed of various types for different activities, seismic upgrades in many schools are needed, new technology is needed, security infrastructure must be upgraded, and space reserved for future growth.

Mark Shipman made a pitch for the bond. He explained various aspects of the bond and also noted how this bond relates to the 2008 measure, which built 4 new schools among other things. This bond would not build any new schools but expand/enhance already constructed schools. Equity for all schools in all areas of town would be a priority (e.g., science labs will be of equal quality across the district).

To pay for new teachers, the District relies on state money on a per capita basis.

Bike Path Project

Ron Sterba from SEMCA explained a proposed bike/pedestrian path link on the east (airport) side of 25th Street SE to connect the bike lane from Cascade Lakes Park and Madrona to Mission Street. He calls this proposed path a "missing link" in the system.

This project is already on the City's list of capital projects. The issue is where it is on the priority list. Jeff Leach noted that this project is already a Tier 1 priority, but it is one among many on a non-ranked list. Ron Sterba wants to build public support to have it stand out on the list. He is also looking for assistance from the OR National Guard (once public support is demonstrated).

Tom Andersen will inquire about who the decision makers are in this process (in the City government) and when and how SESNA can best make its views known to them.

Meanwhile, Ron Sterba wants the endorsement of SESNA. This decision will be made at a future SESNA meeting.

Anthony Behrens: Candidate for Municipal Court Judge (www.Behrens4Judge) then appeared and spoke briefly.

Question: why he is running? Answer: to enforce existing law.

7. **Old Business:** State Street Corridor Update (The Planning Commission will be holding a hearing at 5:30 on Tuesday, April 3)

Darrin reports on revised letter from Salem to Public Works incorporating changes suggested at the SESNA February hearing. Darrin moved and Jeff Leach seconded that we add language thanking the city for its efforts in this matter. Passed unanimously.

Kirk moved that Darrin speak at the Planning Commission Hearing, seconded by Arnaud. Passed unanimously.

8. **New Business**

Outreach Committee Ideas for SESNA Summer Meetings

First Summer Meeting in Aldrich Park. Maybe we should move the June Meeting to a weekend and try to make it into a more festive occasion to attract people to our events and get them involved. It would be a way to learn more about what neighbors are concerned about.

Some ideas for the event: we can have food, discuss a major topic, have a "give us your ideas" booth, CERT information booth. An "open house" format works better in a park setting than one speaker. We could have special booths for specific issues. If we have "a" speaker, then he would need a megaphone. We can do the same thing indoors at a winter event.

We should do four of these kinds of meetings per year (1 quarterly).

We have to reserve the park, order a portable toilette. Kirk suggests we get one from the city. Irma Dowd will look into it.

Food? Do we want to do it ourselves or bring in a vendor? Use local businesses? We have money in the budget, but we'd have to think about long-term costs.

Music. Arnaud has some friends who may be willing to play.

We will have to have a strategy to get people to attend.

Outreach needs to discuss this further so that SESNA can complete the discussion at the April meeting. Kirk moved that the target date be set for the 17th or the 24th of June (in lieu of the regular meeting). Irma will check on scheduling conflicts and portable toilets. Passed unanimously.

Other Outreach Ideas discussed at their last meeting will be attached to these minutes.

SUMMER PARKS FOUNDATION GRANT IDEAS

Shannon will attend the April meeting of the Parks Advisory board to get leads on project ideas.

9. Committee Reports

Heritage Neighborhood: Shannon says 4 vinyl wraps are almost ready.

Outreach & Business: See above about quarterly meetings.

Digital Assets: Arnaud will distribute a document on digital assets for discussion at a future meeting. We will also be discussing how to build SESNA identity.

Land Use/Housing: Several people will be attending the Land Use Network Committee meeting this week (Shannon, Kirk, and Darrin)

South Salem Connect: no report

Tree Planting: Jeff had two meetings with Friends of Trees. The latter is moving away from working with neighborhood associations. They did give us useful information about how to improve our follow up. Jeff will consult with Ken Jacobs about future plans. Our next planting will be in the winter.

Adjourned at 8:55pm