

## **May 21, 2019 SESNA meeting – minutes**

Compiled by Bill Smaldone, acting Secretary

1. Darrin started the meeting at 7:00. Board members present: Seleste, Bill, Kirk, Darwin, Darrin, Ken, Jeff.
2. The minutes of the April meeting were approved unanimously.
3. Introductions of those in attendance
4. Announcements: Open Streets Salem will be held on Sept. 7.

### **Guests**

Gray Wolf-Deals with Natural Areas Program Coordinator for the City (Public Works). Subject: Shelton Ditch Tree Removal. SESNA is among the stakeholders who can ask questions, etc. This year they plan to remove 14 trees from the Shelton Ditch corridor. This amounts to 30 percent of the tree canopy. Parts of the trees will be left behind for wildlife. Red Alders and Cottonwoods are the main types to be removed. The work will be done in June and will take one to two weeks. This is a multi-year project. As trees age in future years they will be removed, pruned, or replaced. This work is based on a recent study of Shelton Ditch, which is apparently experiencing bank erosion when large trees fall and destroy parts of the bank. Also, because the ditch is important for dealing with overflow from Mill Creek, the trees can't be allowed to block the ditch.

5. Community Enforcement Officer Anthony Hinkle reported that there will no longer be a secretary at the front desk. There will be a voice mail system to take call and he brought an example of the on line form which is the best way to contact them. He also provided a handout with statistics since January.

### **Old Business**

1. Carol from Salem Parks Foundation explains a bottle drop fundraiser they are using to raise money for our Aldrich Park improvements and distributed a flyer. She will get us some blue bags for our June 23 event there.
2. Lessons learned from the community yard sale in May: We had positive proceeds of ca. 43.00. We had good outreach and contacted 70 families. We had part of the event at the church and also helped people in the neighborhood do their own sales if they registered with us (at no cost-the effort to charge failed and we had to open up registration for free to draw people in). People who did their own said they were pleased to be part of a neighborhood event. It seems the date is less important than being consistent (one should do it each year around the same time). Sellers report that it was primarily "higher value" stuff that sold. The Church is interested in opening the kitchen for food service next year. We also need to work on our planning and communication (e.g., regarding Value Village's potential involvement). Don't forget that you NEED CHANGE to sell stuff.

### **New Business**

1. "Strategic Doing" workshop opportunity for Aldrich Park Party. Darrin went to a training at work run by a group funded by the Ford Family Foundation (which he will be continuing). The group that Darrin is in contact wants us to use the Aldrich Park event to ask people to come to a meeting to talk

about their ideas for Aldrich Park. Eventually they might come to a workshop run by Strategic Doing.

2. Dog Parks. Darrin brought up the issue of having a dog park in a neighborhood park at the last neighborhood chairs' meeting. The City does not allow it for various reasons. Darrin and some others would like to talk about changing that at a later time.

### **Project Team Meeting**

(Amador Aguilar from ENLACE Cross-Cultural Community Development Project will be helping bring some acts to the June 23 event).

Umpqua Dairy has declined to participate, but the On Any Sundae Ice Cream Truck will come. We will sponsor a \$3.00 kid's cone for the first 100 people. Bill made a motion to that effect and Kirk seconded it. It passed unanimously. It can be paid from City Communications money.

We will do some flyer distribution (Bill, Seleste, Kirk, Ken, Jeff, Darrin).

Weed cleanup at the park? Jeff will call Tibby at Public Works.

### **Communication Fund Status:**

We started with a balance of \$600.21. We reimbursed Shannon for a \$180 expense. If you add in the \$325 in credit for volunteer hours, we have a balance of \$745.21. We can also increase our volunteer credit by another \$125 up to a total of \$500.

Bill moved to reimburse Kirk for \$15 in costs for signs. Approved unanimously.

### **Other Projects**

Tree Planting. Jeff has a catalogue of all the places we can put trees. He will divide the addresses for volunteers to go query about whether they want a tree. Perhaps we can combine with flyer distribution.