

## SESNA Minutes of July 23, 2019

Board Members Present: Shannon Priem, Marcia Hoak, Ken Jacobs, Kirk Leonard, Seleste Liyanage, Darrin Brightmen, Bill Smaldone

Shannon called the meeting to order at 7:05.

**Announcements:** It appears that big changes are coming to the Trade Street Apartments.

**Minutes of the meeting of June 25** were approved unanimously.

### Old Business

1. **Aldrich Park Update:** Survey is out about potential uses for the park. So far only six people have responded. **Darrin will contact Pamela Prosis**, Coordinator of the Willamette Art Center, about plans for an art project in Aldrich Park. We have money for the project.
2. **Outreach Project:** A neighborhood litter pickup is planned for September. **Mia has produced a flyer.**

### New Business

1. **School District Signs:** The School District has posted signs on all the school fields in town, including those at the jointly managed Richmond and Aldrich Parks with messages that are unclear and will discourage casual use of the park ball fields. In response to complaints from SESNA, they have moved the signs but not altered the message. **Shannon will draft a letter** to the SKSD and to the City expressing our concerns with the signs' content and asking for revisions.
2. **Lee Park:** We discussed potential improvements to the park. These included enhanced lighting on the park pathways and on the sidewalks along the perimeter. It was also suggested that the ballfield be converted into an experimental dog park for the neighborhood. We will make improvements to the park a topic of a fall meeting and distribute flyers in the immediately surrounding area.
3. **Annual Meeting:** We will try to organize it on a Saturday in October. Preferred location would be the Dye House or the former café space at the Willamette Heritage Center. **Shannon will explore the possibilities.**
4. **South Salem Connect:** There was a walking tour of Woodmansee Park. We could learn from some aspects of the operation there, e.g., improved signage.

### Neighbors' Concerns

Eileen Budnick was very unhappy about the conditions on the large property on the corner of 25 Street and Mission SE. Not much has been heard from the owners about the new development since it changed hands two years ago. **Shannon will contact Tom Andersen about the matter.**