

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Capital Park Wesleyan Church
410 19th St. SE
19th Street Mid-Block Entrance

This is an open meeting. The public is invited.

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7:00	<p>Welcome, Approval of Minutes, Good News and Announcements (including Kirsten Straus and SESNA Architecture booklet)</p> <p>Meeting began shortly after 7 and a quorum was present: Shannon, Arnaud, Jeff, Mary, Bill, Jeff, David and Kirk, along with guests John Shepard, Alex Berlin, Lori Meisner, Toni Kirk, Dave MacMillan and Kirsten Straus. Minutes from November 26 (last meeting) were approved and an item on what to do when encountering white supremacists was forwarded for further investigation (Who was to do and post on sesna.us website?)</p> <p>Kirsten shared a few copies of the completed “Historic Buildings of Southeast Salem” book. Dave highlighted how much work Kirsten had done and later suggested we send her a letter of thanks and praise for her efforts and for the record. Your secretary thinks that should be authorized at the next meeting.</p>
7:05	<p>Guests – John Shepard: Why be Concerned about Flooding; What can SESNA Do?</p> <p>John, a resident of the Battle Creek (BC) area, announced that the city’s new “Storm Water Master Plan” was released in December. It was last done in 2000. Updated plans for Mill Creek, Pringle Creek and Battle Creek were included. John has followed the plan development and believes it is inadequate. Section 71 of the zoning code mandates that BC area development must be prevented from creating additional downstream flooding. Mill Creek (our neighborhood, of course) is where runoff from the BC area flows, but the designated retention area around Waln Creek is inadequate to prevent Mill Creek from flooding under any major rain event, defined as 2½” in 24 hours.</p> <p>John suggests that we attend the next city floodwater meeting Feb 13 to voice our concerns. Jeff, Shannon, Toni and Dave said they would try to attend. A concern about assistance for elderly folks during flood events was voiced.</p>
7:25	<p>Council Updates - Tom Andersen, City Councilor for Ward 2 (if available). Topics: City’s approach to helping the homeless; city revenue</p> <p>Tom wasn’t present, believed to be in the land of Gross National Happiness (Bhutan:).</p>
7:45	<p>Neighbor Concerns</p> <p>Alex complained about city code compliance people causing him to “spend thousands of dollars” on a property at 2580 Simpson St, but it wasn’t clear what the problem really was. He left in frustration and left us frustrated, too.</p>

8:00	<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual board retreat Saturday/officer election Shannon agreed to be chair for one more year; Arnaud was selected as vice chair and Kirk will serve as Secretary/Treasurer. There was unanimous approval of new and continuing officers.
8:15	<p>Old Business/Project updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warming Center Capital Park Church was open for overnight guests only three times in December. There have not been enough volunteers for overnight shifts to open it more. <p>discussion of the city council's identifying 1185 22nd St SE as a possible large (>100 people) low barrier shelter occurred. There was some agreement that we would support that but we decided to sound out the neighbors there (Salem Heating, Valley CU, Real Estate businesses) before doing that. Toni and Kirk agreed to approach them.</p> <p>is doing a series on homelessness during Willamette Wakeup programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPIF grant/Parks Foundation ideas? (Foundation will come to Feb. meeting) We talked about continuing efforts at Aldrich Park (the basketball court, fencing, painting benches and replacing trash cans was mentioned) and about the need to contact PGE on lights in Lee Park. Salem Parks Foundation's deadline for grant applications is April 30.
8:20	<p>Project/Partnership/Committee Updates</p> <p>Salem Connect Shannon pointed out that SSC recognized Darrin as volunteer of the year, generally based on the excellent work he did on the Safe Routes to Parks effort to get Aldrich selected for a grant. Shannon agreed to see where his Aldrich Park presentation is so we can put it into the Google archives.</p>
8:30	<p>Good of the order/Adjourn It was noted that Anthony Hinkle, code compliance officer, will be at the February meeting. We adjourned a little after 8:30.</p>