

SESNA meeting - Minutes

May 26, 2020 from 7 p.m. till 9:00 p.m.

- 7 p.m. / Welcome and introductions to the new format
Ed approved Bollinger, neighbor guest, and Bill, Arnaud, Seleste, Shannon, Darwin, Jeff, Darrin, and Kirk attended. David was unable to attend because his father passed away last night. 4/28 minutes were approved.
- 7:15 p.m. / Neighborhood concerns
Cars and cycles speeding at Waller and 16th on both streets. We will report this to SPD.
- 7:20 p.m. / Guests No guests tonight. Tom is at a City Council meeting.
- Land use application -- Habitat looking to reduce minimum setback requirement for abutting a collector street. We will respond that we have no problem with the request.
- The facility on 21st St has finally planted some hedges. Bill and Darwin have thanked them.
- 7:45 p.m. / Old business
 - Summer meetings in park?
We will meet on Zoom in June and decide then about July and August meetings.
 - Litter pickup (Committee Beautification)
Shannon will organize a January cleanup. Geer Line/25th St is always trashy, as is the area around the Oregon Market store, so that will be considered in choosing a location.
 - End of year accounting, communication fund and volunteer hours
There are many things we can do to earn communication funds, and we have lots of discretionary funds, in the vicinity of \$4,500 and 122.5 volunteer hours.
 - Tree Planting with R. Milan Davis, the City's Urban Forester
Trees have gone in on Bellevue and a few other places. Our efforts have waned recently and we need to pick it up. Bill spoke with Milan, who agreed to take a tour of the neighborhood to see and discuss the tree situation, and is receptive to our becoming a sort of model neighborhood. We will get our tree catalog to him.
 - Parks Foundation Grant of \$3,000 for Aldrich Park basketball court refurbishment. Discussion of the application led to a motion to request \$1,000 of the SSC funds to support resurfacing the court. Move was seconded and the motion passed. Kirk has 4 of the Bottle Drop bags that benefit the Foundation if anyone wants one.
 - Turning the Geer Line into a linear neighborhood park between 14th and 25th.
Shannon will talk with Jennifer Kellar. Major improvements were proposed in a parks master plan some time ago. Jeff will send us a link to it.
 - Commercial flights at Salem Municipal Airport

Bill thought about a letter but the City Council has acted. It's a perpetual desire of many people in Salem and there's little if anything we can do. Jeff's research shows that smaller airports near large, regional ones rarely are economically successful. We will seek a meeting with Tom to learn the details of the current situation and what we might best do v.a.v. the prospect.

- Proposed changes to sidewalk ordinance (Arnaud, letter)
Arnaud will add it to the questions of Tom.
- Website continuity (Committee Digital Assets)
Sesna.us is up with a minimum information site – mainly contacts, meetings, projects, -- with reference to our fb page and our enewsletters. Arnaud is currently finishing set up of the site, and eventually there will be Facebook forwarding and content on the site.
- 8.00 p.m. / New Business
 - Bylaws revision proposal
Main change will be support for virtual meetings. Other suggestions are in an annotated copy on our Google drive. Seleste and Darwin committed to review them in anticipation of changing them at our annual meeting.
- 8:15 p.m. / Committee and partner updates
 - Committee Beautification -- 13 properties are currently being watched
 - Committee Digital Assets – Ongoing, mostly Arnaud's work
 - Committee Flood Watch – Jeff will ask who principal city contact is.
 - Committee Land Use
 - Committee Outreach and Business – Ed is interested in identifying properties that can be purchased and renovated for low income housing use.
 - Committee Parks --
 - Committee Transportation*
 - Liaison Capital Park Wesleyan Church
 - Liaison Schools
 - Liaison South Salem Connect

*Bill, Open Issue: Nothing has happened on State Street. Money spent, time taken, lots of energy, a good plan, and nothing has been done. He will contact Laura Buhl of NEN, who has interest in a joint letter from SESNA and NEN on the project.

Shannon will get a card to send to David on the death of his father.