

SESNA Monthly public meeting - Minutes

Tue, July 28, 2020 from 7 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.

- 7 p.m. / Welcome, approval of June minutes. Both May and June minutes were approved. Participants included Bill, Shannon, Darrin, McCauley Wilson of Duncan Construction, Nancy McDaniel of NEN, David T, Seleste, Dave M, Kirk, Julie Warncke, Salem Transportation Planning Manager, and Jason VanMeter, Salem Police Lieutenant, graveyard shift commander, city-wide.

- 7:10 p.m. / Neighborhood concerns

McCauley is with Rich Duncan Construction; they're near May Apts on 23rd. Their facility is across the street at what would be Oxford, if the street were developed. There is a conflict with apartment dwellers' cars parking where trucks are unable to maneuver. They need a yellow zone and No Parking signs abutting this street/alley. The board voted and agreed to write a letter in support of their request; Shannon will confer with McCauley and write a letter to Tony Martin, Asst Traffic Engineer in Public Works. He is the person to contact at the city.

- 7:20 p.m. / Guests

Julie Warncke, city Transportation Planning Manager: Urban Trails ODOT grant. Julie thanked us for our support. Trails support livable communities and involve urban trails, for which there are many ideas and plans but more detailed plans, designs, and how they will connect are needed. An implementation plan is needed. Ask is for \$154K for a consultant team, with additional city staff support at \$21K. We should know by September end, with work starting late Winter or early Spring. This grant fits well with the Our Salem and Climate Action Plan work currently happening at the City.

Geer Line has trail potential in SESNA, but development is difficult because of multiple ownerships, including a significant amount by the city, but the work is non-trivial. Darrin will send maps showing some of the ownership information he developed for the Safe Routes to Parks effort last year with South Salem Connect.

Tom Andersen: City Council updates: Covid-19; airport; Richmond park signage; State Street Corridor progress. Tom is taking a break at the coast.

Jason VanMeter, SPD. Shooting at 17th/Mission handled quietly to allow the guy to rest and take him in a calm fashion. Property crimes tend to tick up in summer. On fireworks, the department can't handle all the complaints around holidays, but when lingerers set them off now, an address is all that's needed for them to talk with the people. We can call reports in to the non-emergency number – 503-588-6123 – and send Jason an email: Jvanmeter@cityofsalem.net. He is also the Neighborhood Association coordinator for the department.

- 7:45 p.m. / Old business

- Tree Planting strategies -- update after meeting Milan Davis, urban forester. No one has spoken with Milan but Bill has high hopes, and he just moved into the neighborhood, so we know where he lives....We were assured the trees recently removed from the block in front of TIUA will be replaced but there is no timeline yet.

- Making improvements to Aldrich Park (via grants) --Kirk and Darrin's update
We need to contact Jennifer Kellar at the city to get her to put a construction number on a concrete replacement court.
- Opposing commercial flights at Salem Municipal Airport
Arnaud, Tom and Bill's conversations yielded a strategy of silence until future events unfold. The outlook for commercial service is not favorable at present.
- Bylaw revision proposal to incorporate virtual meetings and voting, including on Slack.
They are on our google drive and will be voted on at our annual meeting later this year.
- Letter with NEN on lack of progress on work at State St is still an open item. Bill wonders why some smaller things couldn't be done, like crosswalks painted on 19th and 21st, which are due for rapid flashing beacons but not until 2024. Resolved: We will keep bugging Tom, council and city staff at all appropriate opportunities for State St progress. We urge NEN to do likewise. Board approved as a motion. Nancy and Shannon will confer on it.
- 8.00 p.m. / New Business
 - Letter to City Council on using public space for neighborhood restaurants (update from our outreach). We have heard nothing more after Peter Fernandez's offer for them to rent the spaces at \$75/mo. NEN also wrote a letter but have heard nothing.
 - Stormwater master plan. Slack is a primary communication means on the new plan. We should pay some attention to it, but it's not a NA thing, it's a public-at-large thing. We have until August 7th to comment on a virtual online open house of the plan. Shannon will contact John Shepard and invite Patricia Farrell to our next meeting to discuss parks. We should invite Milan at some point, too.
- 8:15 p.m. / Committee and partner updates
 - Beautification Com. – Seleste and Marcia will confer soon.
 - Digital Assets Com.
 - Flood Watch Com.
 - Land Use Com.
 - Outreach and Business Com.
 - Parks Com.
 - Liaison Capital Park Wesleyan Church – Food pantry still open on 2nd and 4th Weds, 5-7PM. Alleyway issues created a need for cameras which have now been installed. People can't shop because of Covid so food is delivered in boxes in the alley. It's not clear what's happening with Habitat property at 20th and Mill. Shannon will contact them to ask about a schedule and for them to take care of the weeds.
 - Liaison Schools
 - Liaison South Salem Connect

We adjourned at 8:25.