

SESNA Monthly meeting - Minutes

Tue, August 25, 2020 from 7 p.m. till 8:30 p.m.

- 7 p.m. / Welcome, introductions, approval of July minutes. Minutes were approved. Participants: Bill, Arnaud, Shannon, Darrin, Jeff, Darwin, Katt Osborn with Habitat, Ray & Alicia Scott, new neighbors at 425 20th, Mayra & Victor Guerrero, new neighbors at 405 20th, Dave M, Rob Romanek, Salem Public Works Park Planner, Tom Andersen, city councilor. Our new neighbors are certainly welcomed!

- 7:10 p.m. / Neighborhood concerns
Bill was walking near Walling Pond, at 16th & McGilchrist, and noticed there was a real mess around the pond. Has a homeless camp, as well. Needs serious attention and Bill wonders if the city can acquire it. Tom knows the site and is interested in pursuing it; he'd like to get an email from us. This should be discussed by the board.

- 7:20 p.m. / Guests
Tom Andersen: City Council updates: Covid-19; Richmond park signage; State Street Corridor progress, other?
Broadway & Pine, a road diet from Hood to Pine was proposed in the past and a right turn lane at Pine is proposed. Tom proposed a road diet and no new turn lane, which was voted positively by council. Cops in schools and Cahoots – Tom has asked for a work session to discuss, would present an LUS position and have a presentation from Cahoots. On State Street, he will start some discussions about short term progress, like crosswalks. Shannon has prepared a letter with NEN and will send to Tom. On the Airport situation, he doesn't expect a favorable economic analysis or for it to move far anytime soon. Environmental impact is not being appropriately considered, yet. On Richmond school park, Tom needs a reminder of the issue we are concerned about.

Robert Romanek, Parks Planner; general parks update, follow up from Julie Warncke/Urban Trails discussion in July; future of Geer Line. 300 people responded to the Geer Park survey, a dog park was widely supported, more sports fields not so much. People like the bike park and a skate park might happen. He doesn't see much potential for a Geer Line greenway because of the mix of ownerships. Sees Simpson stretch as good for trees, maybe a few benches. It's possible the city's partnership with Friends of Trees could help. Neighborhood participation helps, too, and the project is readily done.

Bush Park is also getting a public facing plan, which seems to be the first time. Comments are being taken on the city site and there will be some walk-throughs, too.

Shannon met with the security person for schools, with Wright Security, and spoke about the signage. The person assured her that access during open hours was acceptable and to contact him if there was ever a problem. She will let us know who that person is.

- 7:45 p.m. / Old business
 - Joint SESNA/NEN letter supporting State Street Corridor project progress. Shannon has drafted a letter emphasizing the desire for the road diet that's in the plan. She will post it on Slack and email to board members.

- Letter supporting no-park striping near Rich Duncan Const./Mays Landing apts. Our letter produced a result! Kevin Hottman responded that signs have been replaced there (there were signs that were gone) and they will cut 10 feet of space off on the south side.
- Aldrich Park improvements – any progress (Kirk/Darrin)
Kirk has left messages with Jennifer Kellar and told her of our desire for a full replacement of the courts. We should pick this up with a new application next year. Her direct number may be 503-588-6284.
- 8.00 p.m. / New Business
 - Discuss annual meeting options
 - Likely to be another Zoom meeting at this point. It was moved and seconded to have our annual meeting in November on the regular date. Motion passed.
 - Other?
Bill got an email from Milan and he will be invited to our next meeting. He has also sent us a new approved list of trees that will be posted on our Google drive. .
- 8:15 p.m.: Project/committee updates
 - Beautification Com. (Prospects!) Selesté has suggested postponing awards because of the problems of getting around the neighborhood and talking with people. There are many prospects on the existing list of potentials. We discussed a Zoom format with a slideshow of the prospects and identify a people's choice award among attendees. Shannon will write up something for posting on our Facebook page.
 - Digital Assets Com. (Web, social media)
 - <https://app.slack.com/client/T9W9FHTDF/threads/thread/CAB74RJHE-1596122393.001800>
 Shannon will do a walk-through on using the Mail Chimp service. People are also needed for our Facebook page.
 - Flood Watch Com. – “The city’s hit molasses”
 - Land Use Com.
Outreach and Business Com.
 - Parks Com.
 - Liaison Capital Park Wesleyan Church – Habitat for Humanity is building!
 - Liaison Schools
 - Liaison South Salem Connect – Going strong on the homeless issue, have \$145K for support of organized camp facility, likely near Church on the Park, Cascade Gateway.

Arnaud – SEMCA testified about the state of Cascade Gateway park – in council minutes from 7/27 posted in Slack. There’s been a lot of not-completely-civil things happening there and they’d like our support. 7/28 in the Board channel. Shannon will email Ron Sterba and assess what we can do.

Also a note about WSNA vice chair and the Mayor wanting to get more control of NA’s, something that’s very unlikely to happen with the current council. We should ensure nothing nasty is said on our FB page.

Adjourned at 8:47.